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NEW THIS YEAR

Changes from last season are printed in **bright blue** throughout this guide to assist you in noticing those changes. Some of the most notable are listed below.

SPECIAL DEER REGULATIONS

Special CWD Surveillance Zone regulations in place for Calloway, Fulton, Graves, Hickman and Marshall counties. See deer section for details.

BEAR HUNTING

Leslie, Perry and Pike counties are now individual bear hunting zones. Quota limits are two female bears during each season in the Leslie Zone, Perry Zone and Pike Zone.

FURBEARER HUNTING and TRAPPING

Bobcat hunting season now opens on the third Saturday in November through the last day of February. Bobcat hunters must now also carry a valid

bobcat hunting permit. Hunters and trappers may submit jaws of harvested bobcats for additional bobcat hunting bag limit incentives.

Mobility-impaired coyote hunters with correct permits may use a stationary vehicle as a hunting platform. On public land, nighttime coyote hunters may use a bow, crossbow or a shotgun loaded with a multiple-projectile shell only. On private land, nighttime coyote hunters may use a bow, crossbow or shotgun loaded with a multiple-projectile shell only, except that from December 1 - March 31 hunters may also use a rifle of 6.5mm (.264 caliber) or smaller bullet diameter; a muzzleloader of .54 caliber or less; or a shotgun shell with a single-projectile.

PUBLIC LANDS HUNTING

Ross Creek WMA and Sunny Brook WMA are now open under statewide hunting regulations.

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KNOW THE LAW! Please read this guide carefully to prevent being cited for a violation. Make sure you understand Kentucky's hunting and trapping laws before going afield. If you need help understanding a law call 1-800-858-1549, weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET. The top five most issued citations related to hunting and trapping are: 1) Hunting or trapping without a license 2) Hunting or trapping without landowner's permission 3) Illegal take of game 4) Taking more game than the bag limit and 5) Failure to tag or check game.

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ABOUT THIS GUIDE: This is a summary of the laws regarding hunting and trapping, intended solely for informational use. It is not a reprint of any referenced Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) or Kentucky Administrative Regulation (KAR) in its entirety and should not be used as such. The exact wording of Kentucky's hunting and trapping laws can be viewed online at fw.ky.gov. Click on Enforcement, then Regulations, then scroll down to Administrative Regulations.

Throughout the year, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife also produces regulation guides for fishing and boating, and spring hunting. These guides are available free wherever licenses are sold, and are posted online.

GENERAL INFORMATION

LICENSES and PERMITS

GENERAL HUNTER LICENSING

Persons who take or attempt to take game are considered hunters and therefore subject to licensing requirements. Unless license exempt, hunters and trappers must obtain and carry while in the field proof that they have met the license requirements for the kind of activity they are doing. This proof can be either a paper license or permit, or a license authorization number.

Persons who cannot show they are licensed properly while hunting risk being issued a citation.

Each hunter and trapper must have his or her own license or permit unless exempt. Paper licenses and permits must be signed before the hunter goes afield.

LICENSE-EXEMPT HUNTERS

In some cases, a resident hunter may not be required to buy a hunting license or game permits. Here are those situations:

- Children younger than 12 (resident or nonresident) are not required to purchase licenses and permits, except the elk hunt drawing application. Hunters eligible to participate in the free youth hunting and trapping week or free youth deer hunting weekend, and

Lose your license or permit?

Reprint your licenses or permits free any time in "My Profile" at fw.ky.gov.

Other laws apply!

Hunters exempt from buying licenses and permits are required to follow hunting season laws, bag limits, comply with the hunter orange clothing law, and follow hunter harvest recording, checking and tagging requirements. Kentucky landowners, their legal dependents and their tenants are subject to the usual license requirements anytime they hunt somewhere other than their own lands.

adults who accompany a youth hunter but are not hunting themselves, are not required to have a license or permit during these seasons

- Kentucky resident owners of farmlands, their spouses and dependent children hunting upon their own farmlands during an open season
- Tenants, their spouses and dependent children hunting on farmlands where they reside and work
- Kentucky residents on military leave of more than three days in this state who carry identification and papers verifying their leave status
- Members of the U.S. Armed Forces based in Kentucky engaged in sport hunting or fishing on these Kentucky National Guard properties: Hidden Valley Training Area in Powell County, and the

Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center in Muhlenberg County

SHOOTING PRESERVE LICENSE

A shooting preserve license, available online only at fw.ky.gov, is valid for one license year only, and only at the shooting preserve indicated at the time of purchase.

HIP SURVEYS

In addition to purchasing a migratory bird/waterfowl permit, or any license that includes it, hunters who intend to hunt migratory birds must go online or make a phone call and fill out the Harvest Information Program (HIP) questions before they are legal migratory bird hunters. Only those who plan to hunt migratory birds need to complete the HIP survey.

The process takes less than five minutes. On the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife webpage at fw.ky.gov, click on the "My Profile" tab. This takes you to a page that asks for some basic information to confirm your identity. After completing the HIP questions, you will receive a confirmation number that must be written on your hunting license or Kentucky migratory bird/waterfowl hunting permit.

Those without internet access may call the department at 1-800-858-1549, weekdays from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Eastern time) for assistance.

HOW TO BUY LICENSES and PERMITS

It is the hunter's responsibility to know what type of license or permit is needed.

When buying a license or permit the hunter's date of birth and Social Security number must be provided.

If you have licensing questions, call Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30

p.m. (Eastern time).

ONLINE

Licenses and permits can be purchased online at fw.ky.gov.

Hunters purchasing licenses or permits online must pay with a Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover

card, or a Kentucky Fish and Wildlife gift certificate. Gift certificates are sold online only at fw.ky.gov.

Hunters who buy licenses or permits online will not be mailed a paper license or permit but will receive an authorization number. The authorization number or a computer printout of the

license or permit and a picture ID must be carried in the field while hunting.

IN PERSON

Licenses and permits can be purchased at various locations throughout the state. A list of license agents can be viewed online at fw.ky.gov.

BY PHONE

All licenses and permits, except a

disability license, elk drawing applications, department issued quota hunts and youth licenses and permits, can be purchased by telephone 24 hours a day by calling toll-free at 1-877-598-2401. Hunters purchasing licenses and permits by phone will be charged a small convenience fee, and must pay with a Visa, MasterCard, Discover card, or an e-check. Hunters will be issued an authorization number, which serves as the

license or permit.

The authorization number and a picture ID must be carried in the field while hunting. Both the authorization number and paper license are valid for the license year.

If requested, a paper license or permit (except short-term licenses) will be mailed to the hunter. The paper license must be filled out and signed by the hunter.

WHICH LICENSE OR PERMIT DO I NEED?

The tables below provide a quick overview of current licensing requirements. See the rest of this section for

exemptions and complete residency, licensing and hunter education requirements. Licenses and permits for the

species below are not required for children younger than 12.

KENTUCKY RESIDENTS	Ages 12-15	Ages 16-64	Ages 65 and older OR Disabled
Deer	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Deer Permit*	Annual Hunting License† + Statewide Deer Permit†	Senior/Disabled License
Fall Turkey	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Turkey Permit*	Annual Hunting License† + Fall Turkey Permit†	Senior/Disabled License
Spring Turkey	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Turkey Permit*	Annual Hunting License† + Spring Turkey Permit†	Senior/Disabled License
Small Game & Furbearer	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License	Senior/Disabled License
Bobcat permit required for bobcat hunters			
Trapping	Annual Youth Trapping License	Annual or Landowner/Tenant Trapping License	Annual or Landowner/Tenant Trapping License
Migratory Birds <small>(dove, snipe, woodcock, rails, gallinules, sandhill cranes)</small>	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird/ Waterfowl Permit†	Senior/Disabled License
Waterfowl <small>(ducks, geese, coots and mergansers)</small>	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Permit† + Federal Duck Stamp	Senior/Disabled License + Federal Duck Stamp

*Included in Youth Sportsman's License

†Included in Resident Sportsman's License

NONRESIDENTS <small>(must buy nonresident licenses/permits)</small>	Ages 12-15	Ages 16 and older
Deer	Youth Hunting License + Youth Deer Permit	Annual Hunting License + Statewide Deer Permit
Fall Turkey	Youth Hunting License + Youth Turkey Permit	Annual Hunting License + Fall Turkey Permit
Spring Turkey	Youth Hunting License + Youth Turkey Permit	Annual Hunting License + Spring Turkey Permit
Small Game & Furbearer	Youth Hunting License	Annual, 1-Day or 7-Day Hunting License
Bobcat permit required for bobcat hunters		
Trapping	Annual Trapping License	Annual Trapping License
Migratory Birds <small>(dove, snipe, woodcock, rails, gallinules, sandhill cranes)</small>	Youth Hunting License	Annual, 1-Day or 7-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Permit
Waterfowl <small>(ducks, geese, coots and mergansers)</small>	Youth Hunting License	Annual, 1-Day or 7-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Permit + Federal Duck Stamp

LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES

	LICENSE / PERMIT	Resident	Nonresident
LICENSES	Annual Fishing	\$23	\$55
	Joint Married Couple Annual Fishing	\$42	Not available
	1-Day Fishing	\$7	\$15
	3-Year Fishing (available online at fw.ky.gov only)	\$55	Not available
	Nonresident 7-Day Fishing	Not available	\$35
	Trout Permit	\$10	
	Annual Hunting	\$27	\$150
	1-Day Hunting (not valid for deer, elk, turkey or bear)	\$7	\$25
	7-Day Hunting (not valid for deer, elk, turkey or bear)	Not available	\$65
	Annual Youth Hunting (ages 12-15 only)	\$6	\$10
	Shooting Area License (available online at fw.ky.gov only)	\$5	
	Annual Trapping	\$20	\$130
	Annual Landowner/Tenant Trapping	\$10	Not available
	Annual Youth (ages 12-15) Trapping	\$5	Not available
COMBOS	Annual Combination Hunting/Fishing	\$42	Not available
	Senior/Disabled Sportsman's License* (Includes same license and permits as Resident Sportsman's License, plus additional deer permits.)	\$12	Not available
	Sportsman's License* (Includes combination hunting/fishing license, state-wide deer permit, spring and fall turkey permits, state migratory game bird-waterfowl permit and trout permit.)	\$95	Not available
	Youth (ages 12-15) Sportsman's License* (Includes youth hunting license, youth deer permit and 2 youth turkey permits.)	\$30	Not available
DEER	Statewide Deer Permit (four deer)	\$35	\$185
	Youth (ages 12-15) Deer Permit (four deer)	\$10	\$15
	Additional Deer Permit (two deer)	\$15	
BIRDS	Spring Turkey Permit (statewide) (two turkeys)	\$30	\$85
	Youth (ages 12-15) Turkey Permit (one turkey, spring or fall)	\$10	\$15
	Fall Turkey Permit (statewide)(four turkeys)	\$30	\$85
	Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Permit	\$15	
	Federal Duck Stamp (available at post offices and online at www.duckstamp.com)	\$25	
	Pheasant Quota Hunt Permit (if drawn)	\$25	
	Sandhill Crane Permit (quota hunt, apply in Sept. at fw.ky.gov)	\$3	\$3
ELK	Elk Drawing Application	\$10	
	Youth Elk Drawing Application	\$10	
	Quota Bull Elk Firearm Permit (if drawn)	\$100	\$550
	Quota Cow Elk Firearm Permit (if drawn)	\$60	\$400
	Quota (either sex) Archery/Crossbow Permit (if drawn)	\$100	\$550
	Quota Youth Elk Permit (if drawn; youth drawn for other permits pay full cost)	\$30	\$200
	Out-of-Zone Elk Permit	\$30	\$400
BEAR	Bear Permit	\$30	\$250
	Youth Bear Permit	\$10	Not available
	Bear Chase Permit	\$30	Not available
	Youth Bear Chase Permit	\$10	Not available
AREAS	Ballard WMA 1-Day Waterfowl Permit	\$15	
	Peabody WMA User Permit	\$15	
	Land Between The Lakes (LBL) Hunter Use Permit (other LBL permits available online at www.landbetweenthe lakes.us)	\$25	
	Otter Creek ORA Admission Fees (per person) (available online at fw.ky.gov)	Daily: \$3, annual: \$30, children under 12: free.	
	Otter Creek ORA Special Activity Fees (per person, for use of horse trails, mountain bike trails and shooting range) (available online at fw.ky.gov)	Daily: \$7, annual: \$70	
OTHER	Bobcat Permit (required for hunters)	Free	
	Temporary Hunter Education Exemption Permit (Hunter Apprentice Opportunity; available online at fw.ky.gov only)	Free (limited time only)	
	Habitat Improvement and Public Access Donation (voluntary; available at fw.ky.gov only)	Any amount	

*Peabody, LBL and Otter Creek permits, elk drawing application, elk quota hunt permit, out-of-zone elk permit, bear permit, federal duck stamp and trapping license not included. An additional deer permit is not included with a Sportsman's License. Kentucky's license year begins March 1 and continues through the last day of February. New licenses are required annually, except for the 3-year fishing license. A 1-day or 7-day hunting license is valid only for the period shown on license. Resident and nonresident youths under the age of 12 are not required to purchase licenses or permits (except the elk drawing application).

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

RESIDENT LICENSING

A resident is any person who has established permanent domicile and legal residence, and has resided in Kentucky for 30 days prior to buying a license, full-time students enrolled in a Kentucky educational institution for at least six months, or military service personnel on

permanent assignment in Kentucky.

NONRESIDENT LICENSING

A person who does not meet the definition of a Kentucky resident is considered a nonresident and must purchase nonresident licenses and permits. Nonresident youth hunters are subject to the

same license and permit requirements as resident youth hunters. A nonresident who owns land in Kentucky must purchase nonresident licenses and permits.

YOUTH LICENSING

Resident and nonresident hunters younger than 12 are not required to

RESIDENT SENIOR OR DISABLED SPORTSMAN'S LICENSES

The following are eligible to purchase the Senior or Disabled Sportsman's License (which includes the same license and permits as the Resident Sportsman's License, plus additional deer permits):

- Kentucky residents ages 65 or older. Seniors need only show proof of age and residency to purchase this license.
- Kentucky residents certified totally and permanently disabled by the federal Social Security Administration, a state workers' compensation board, the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System or the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board.
- Kentucky resident employees of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management declared totally and permanently disabled by a recognized authority.
- Kentucky resident veterans at least 50 percent disabled as the result of a service-connected disability.

Persons with disabilities listed above must first obtain a disability authorization card from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

To obtain a disability license authorization card:

- If your disability is through the –
- **Federal Social Security Administration:** To request a Benefit Verification Letter (BEVE), you may: (1) go to www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount, (2) call 1-800-772-1213 or (3) contact your local office. To request the BEVE on the Social Security website, choose "Create an Account" or "Sign In." Next, click the "Get a Benefit Verification Letter" link. Next select "Customize your letter." The BEVE should include your name, address, date of

birth, benefit amount and indicate that you are disabled. Next, choose "Apply to letter" and then "Print." If you contact Social Security, please request all of this information to be included on the BEVE. The BEVE will only include the last four digits of your claim number(s). We ask that you write your entire Social Security Number (SSN) on the BEVE before sending it to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. The full SSN is required in order to process the Hunting/Fishing License application. The BEVE that you send to us should not be over six months old from its date of issue.

- **Veterans Affairs:** Contact your local VA office and request a letter that verifies you are at least 50 percent disabled as a result of a service-connected disability. The letter should also have your current address and your Social Security number.
- **State Workers' Compensation Board:** Request an application from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife and send the completed form to the state Workers' Compensation Board.
- **U.S. Railroad Retirement Board:** Contact the Board and request a letter stating you are permanently and totally disabled and show current address.
- **Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System:** Contact the Teachers' Retirement System and request written documentation stating you are on disability retirement and show a current address.
- **U.S. Office of Personnel Management:** Contact the federal Office of Personnel Management and obtain certification of employment, obtain certification of being 100 percent

disabled from a recognized authority, and show a current address.

To send disability paperwork to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife:

- By mail: KDFWR Disability License, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601
- By fax: (502) 564-9845

Once the proper documentation is processed, applicants will receive their authorization card by mail.

The authorization card is not a license. It must be presented to the license seller, or the authorization number entered online, at the time of license purchase.

License vendors cannot sell a disability license using an expired authorization card. The Senior or Disabled Sportsman's License is valid through the end of February each year. If you lose your card or license, you can print a copy of both online using the "My Profile" feature at fw.ky.gov.

Q: How long is a disability authorization card valid?

A: A disability authorization card is good for three years (check the expiration date). Every three years you must provide updated paperwork (following the instructions on this page) and get a new card. Those who already have a disability authorization card through Veterans Affairs, U.S. Railroad Retirement Board or U.S. Office of Personnel Management may call 1-800-310-1873 to get a new card.

purchase licenses and permits, except for the elk drawing application.

Resident and nonresident hunters ages 12-15 are eligible to purchase discounted youth licenses and permits, which are valid for the entire license year if they are purchased before the youth is 16.

Persons 15 years of age and younger who hunt turkey, elk, deer or bear with a firearm must always be accompanied by an adult. Persons under 12 years old, who have passed a hunter education course, may hunt small game, furbearers and migratory birds/waterfowl without being accompanied by an adult.

The annual youth hunting license authorizes the holder to hunt all small game species, furbearers and migratory bird species. Hunters 15 and younger are exempt from purchasing a state migratory bird/waterfowl permit, and a duck stamp.

A youth deer permit allows the hunter to take four deer. To harvest more than four deer, a youth hunter must purchase an additional deer permit. The youth turkey permit may be

Sportsman's License - Save \$67

Available to Kentucky residents only, the sportsman's license includes a combination hunting and fishing license, spring and fall turkey permits, statewide deer permit, state migratory bird/waterfowl permit and trout permit. A federal duck stamp (available at post offices and online at www.duckstamp.com) is required for waterfowl hunting.

used during any turkey season. The resident-only youth sportsman's license includes the annual youth hunting license, youth deer permit and two (2) youth turkey permits.

RECORDING, CHECKING, TAGGING and TRANSPORTING

The following regulations apply to all deer, elk, turkey, bear, bobcat and otter taken by hunters or trappers, including landowners and other license-exempt hunters.

HARVEST LOG

All successful hunters and trappers, including those who are license exempt, must fill out a harvest log as soon as the animal is harvested and prior to moving the carcass. Information that must be written on the harvest log includes the species and sex of animal taken, date and county where taken. A telecheck confirmation number must be obtained and recorded on the harvest log. A harvest log is included with any paper license or permit purchased from a license agent. A printable harvest log is accessible by clicking the "Hunt" tab on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife online homepage and choosing "Hunting Home" from the dropdown menu.

License-exempt hunters, children younger than 12 years old, and those who only have a license authorization number may create their own harvest log by writing the information on a piece of paper or index card. Hunters and trappers must have the completed harvest log in their possession whenever afield during the current season.

TELECHECK 1-800-CHK-GAME (1-800-245-4263)

All deer, turkey, elk, bobcat, river otters and sandhill cranes harvested must be telechecked through the toll-free, automated check-in system. Hunters may also check in harvested animals online at fw.ky.gov.

Entering false information is unlawful. Multiple animals may be telechecked during the same call.

Hunters who harvest a bear during any bear hunting season must telecheck the bear by 8 p.m. Eastern time the day that it was harvested, and also call 1-800-858-1549 within 24 hours of harvest to arrange for a physical check of the animal and receive a tag issued by the department. All other harvested animals must be telechecked by midnight on the day the animal is recovered and prior to processing the carcass. Bobcats and river otters must be telechecked prior to leaving Kentucky.

If the hide or head is removed from the carcass of a harvested deer or elk before the animal is telechecked, the hunt-



Telecheck is available through the "My Profile" feature at fw.ky.gov. Scan here to access it.

er must demonstrate proof of the sex of the deer or elk. See the deer and elk hunting sections in this guide for details.

Telecheck is available 24 hours a day while hunting seasons are open. Listen to each question carefully and provide the requested information using the keypad on any touch tone phone.

Callers will be asked their Social Security number and code for the county in which the animal was taken. All youth hunters must use their Social Security number when telechecking an animal.

Callers must also indicate the animal's species and sex. Deer hunters who take male fawns (button bucks) should check the deer as "male" and then choose "no visible antler" when prompted.

Next, callers will be asked about the type of equipment they used to harvest the animal, whether the land was private or public, and the type of license they used.

Youths under 12, youths who check deer during the Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, or license exempt military personnel should select "statewide license."

Once the harvest information has been entered correctly, the caller will be asked to hold for several seconds while the system submits the survey information. The hunter then will be given a confirmation number, which is proof that the harvested animal was legally reported. This number must be recorded on the hunter's log and retained throughout the season.

Q: Due to a cell phone dropped call, a hunter loses a confirmation number. Should the animal be checked in again?

A: Try again until you get the confirmation number, and then contact the department at 1-800-858-1549 the next business day to report the incident.

KENTUCKY COUNTY CODE NUMBERS FOR TELECHECK

001	Adair	021	Carroll	041	Grant	061	Knox	081	Mason	101	Robertson
002	Allen	022	Carter	042	Graves	062	LaRue	082	Meade	102	Rockcastle
003	Anderson	023	Casey	043	Grayson	063	Laurel	083	Menifee	103	Rowan
004	Ballard	024	Christian	044	Green	064	Lawrence	084	Mercer	104	Russell
005	Barren	025	Clark	045	Greenup	065	Lee	085	Metcalfe	105	Scott
006	Bath	026	Clay	046	Hancock	066	Leslie	086	Monroe	106	Shelby
007	Bell	027	Clinton	047	Hardin	067	Letcher	087	Montgomery	107	Simpson
008	Boone	028	Crittenden	048	Harlan	068	Lewis	088	Morgan	108	Spencer
009	Bourbon	029	Cumberland	049	Harrison	069	Lincoln	089	Muhlenberg	109	Taylor
010	Boyd	030	Daviess	050	Hart	070	Livingston	090	Nelson	110	Todd
011	Boyle	031	Edmonson	051	Henderson	071	Logan	091	Nicholas	111	Trigg
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015	Bullitt	035	Fleming	055	Jackson	075	McLean	095	Owsley	115	Washington
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017	Caldwell	037	Franklin	057	Jessamine	077	Magoffin	097	Perry	117	Webster
018	Calloway	038	Fulton	058	Johnson	078	Marion	098	Pike	118	Whitley
019	Campbell	039	Gallatin	059	Kenton	079	Marshall	099	Powell	119	Wolfe
020	Carlisle	040	Garrard	060	Knott	080	Martin	100	Pulaski	120	Woodford

CARCASS TAG

A hunter shall attach a handmade tag to the carcass of any harvested deer, elk, turkey, bear, bobcat, or otter if transferring possession of the harvested animal to another person.

For example, a carcass tag is required if the hunter gives the animal to another person, drops it off to be processed, or takes the head and cape to a taxidermist.

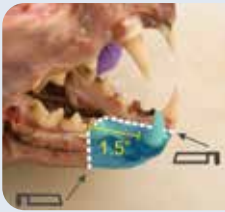
A harvested animal in a hunter's possession is assumed theirs, unless the carcass tag states otherwise.

The carcass tag must include the hunter's name, phone number and telecheck confirmation number.

Hunters who harvest a bear during any bear season must attach a department-issued carcass tag after having the bear inspected by department personnel. Call 1-800-858-1549 within 24 hours of harvest to arrange for the bear carcass to be inspected and the carcass tag to be issued.

CITES TAG

A Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) tag, issued by Kentucky Fish and Wild-



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Kentucky Fish & Wildlife is collecting lower jaws from harvested bobcats and river otters for a population study. Please contact the department at 1-800-858-1549 to request a sample packet and instructions.

life, must be attached immediately upon receipt to the raw fur, pelt or unskinned carcass of any bobcat or river otter taken in Kentucky if the hunter or trapper intends to sell it or export it internationally.

To request a CITES tag, log on to "My Profile" at fw.ky.gov.

CITES tags must immediately be attached to the animal or pelt per the instructions included with the mailed tag and remain attached until it is processed or exported outside the United States. Possession of an unused CITES tag is prohibited.

TRANSPORTING HARVESTED ANIMALS

Hunters bringing any deer or elk, or parts of deer or elk, into Kentucky shall

have proof that the animal was legally harvested elsewhere and shall do so in compliance with the carcass importation law (see page 11).

An unchecked animal taken in Kentucky may not be transported out of Kentucky.

Furs and hides may only be sold to a licensed fur buyer, fur processor or taxidermist.

Butchers, meat processors, and licensed taxidermists shall dispose of any unused cervid carcass material or waste product by proper burial, removal by a duly licensed rendering establishment, or deposit into a contained landfill approved pursuant to KRS Chapter 224 (KRS 150.722).

GENERAL HUNTING REGULATIONS

LANDOWNER PERMISSION

A person shall not enter upon the lands of another to shoot, hunt, trap and fish or for other wildlife-related recre-

ational purposes without the verbal or written permission of the landowner, tenant, or person who has authority to grant permission. Those who fail to obtain per-

mission are subject to arrest and prosecution. Railroad tracks and rights-of-way are privately owned property and permission to hunt, trap or fish must be obtained

prior to entry. Landowners are under no obligation to allow hunters to retrieve game or hunting dogs from their property.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Persons born on or after Jan. 1, 1975 must carry a valid hunter education card or hunter education exemption permit while hunting. Persons not required to have licenses or permits are exempt from hunter education certification. Hunter education courses are available online and held throughout the state. Pre-registration must be done online at fw.ky.gov. More information about the registration process is available on the website or by calling Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. Children must be at least 9 years old to take the hunter education test. People who complete the course are issued an orange certification card. Hunter education cards issued by other states are valid in Kentucky. Children younger than 12 years old are exempt from hunter education certification, but must be accompanied by an adult who meets the hunter education requirement. The adult must be in a position to take immediate control of the bow or firearm at all times while hunting. One adult cannot accompany more than two hunters younger than 12 years old at the same time.

APPRENTICE HUNTING OPPORTUNITY

Persons new to hunting who have not taken the hunter education course may obtain a one-time temporary hunter education exemption permit online for free (limited time only) at fw.ky.gov.

This apprentice hunting opportunity allows new hunters in Kentucky to hunt for up to one year (from date of purchase) without a hunter education card. The permit must be carried while hunting and requires its holder to hunt with a licensed, adult hunter (at least 18 years old) who meets the hunter education requirement. The adult shall be in a position to take immediate control of the exempted hunter's bow or firearm at all times while hunting. This law applies even if the exemption permit holder is an adult.

After the hunter education exemption permit expires, the hunter is no longer exempt and must successfully complete a hunter education course.

The temporary hunter education

exemption permit is valid only in Kentucky. It is not accepted at Blue Grass Army Depot or Fort Campbell.

Resident landowners, spouses and dependent children, tenants, their spouses and their dependent children are only hunter education exempt on property they own, or the property where they reside and work. When hunting elsewhere, they must comply with Kentucky's hunter education law.

REPLACEMENT HUNTER EDUCATION CARDS

Free replacement hunter education cards can be printed online at fw.ky.gov. On the homepage, click on the "Education" tab and select "Hunter Education" from the drop down menu.

HUNTER ORANGE CLOTHING LAW

All hunters, and persons accompanying them, must wear outer garments of hunter orange color visible from all sides on the head, back and chest when hunting during daylight hours for any species during modern gun, muzzle-loader and youth firearm deer seasons, or a firearm elk or firearm bear season.

Waterfowl and dove hunters are exempt from this requirement.

Hunter orange garments can be of mesh type material, as long as openings in the mesh weave are no wider than one-quarter inch by any measurement. Garments may display a small portion of another color.

The following are common examples of violations related to hunter orange clothing:

- Wearing camouflage-patterned hunter orange garments without additional solid hunter orange clothing on the head, back and chest.
- Wearing hunter orange clothing while walking to a stand and taking it off when you get there.
- Hunting squirrel, rabbit or quail when and where a firearm deer or elk season also is open without wearing hunter orange clothing.

Hunters using archery or crossbow equipment during deer firearms seasons must wear hunter orange clothing.

Whenever gun deer hunting is allowed on a wildlife management area, state park or Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area, a person who will be hunting from inside a ground blind must first

attach a hat or vest made of solid, unbroken hunter orange material to the blind so it is visible from all sides. Hunter orange clothing requirements still apply for anyone inside the blind.

Hunters are not required to wear hunter orange clothing or display hunter orange on ground blinds during a firearms season on a state owned or managed WMA where firearms hunting for deer, elk or bear is prohibited.

SHOOTING HOURS

Shooting hours for all species listed in this guide, except raccoons, opossums, coyotes, turtles, and frogs, are during daylight hours only – 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. However, hunters may be in the field or stands before and after shooting hours.

Raccoons and opossums may be taken day or night, except during modern gun deer season when raccoon and opossum hunting is permitted only at night.

Exceptions also apply for coyotes. See the Furbearer Hunting & Trapping section.

HUNTING METHOD EXEMPTIONS

The department grants exemptions to hunters with certain physical disabilities to hunt with a crossbow during archery-only seasons, or to use a stationary vehicle as a hunting platform. However, persons with qualifying physical disabilities must first have an exemption form completed and signed by a licensed physician certifying why the exemption is necessary.

Forms are available online or by calling the department. A completed exemption form serves as the hunter's exemption permit. It should not be returned to the department. Persons who obtain an exemption are still required to have the appropriate hunting license and permits, and must carry the signed exemption form with their hunting license and permits while in the field.

PROHIBITED HUNTING METHODS

- No person shall discharge any firearm, bow and arrow, crossbow or other similar device, upon, over, or across any public roadway.
- No person shall take or attempt to take any wildlife, protected or unprotected, from an automobile, or other vehicle, except as prescribed by regulation. Hunting from boats is permitted

for small game and furbearers.

- A person shall not pursue, chase or take a deer, elk or turkey (during the spring turkey season) with the aid of dogs; while on horseback; or when a deer, elk or bear is swimming. Dogs may be used to locate and flush turkeys during the fall turkey seasons only.
- It is illegal to feed bears directly or indirectly for any reason.
- No person shall take wildlife with the aid of fire, explosives, smoke or gas.
- Baiting is prohibited on all WMAs, Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Daniel Boone National Forest, Jefferson National Forest, Land Between The Lakes and state parks open to hunting.
- Deer and elk hunters shall not use electronic decoys or calls.
- No person shall take a turkey when the turkey is roosting. A roost is the place, typically a tree, where a turkey spends the night.
- A person hunting wild turkeys shall not use live turkeys as decoys.
- Wild turkey or bears shall not be hunted by the aid of bait, nor shall areas be hunted where bait is present. This includes private lands baited for deer. An area is considered baited for 30 days after all bait has been removed.
- A baited area is any place where feed, grains or other substances capable of luring game animals have been placed. An area where grains or other feeds exist as the result of a bona fide agricultural practice or manipulation of a crop (food plot) for wildlife management purposes is legal for hunting.

CONCEALED CARRY DEADLY WEAPONS

Anyone who may legally possess firearms may carry any legal firearms while hunting, but only legal methods may be used to take game.

CONVICTED FELONS

A person convicted of a felony is prohibited from possessing or hunting with a firearm in Kentucky. Breech and muzzle-loading rifles, shotguns and handguns are all considered firearms. The prohibition on handguns applies to those convicted after Jan. 1, 1975. The prohibition on other firearms applies to those convicted after July 15, 1994. See KRS 527.040 for more details, or contact your County Attorney.

SPOTLIGHTING

No person may deliberately cast the rays of a spotlight or other artificial light into any field, pasture, woodlands or forest, whether public or private, where wildlife or domestic livestock may reasonably be expected to be located. Shining artificial lights into private residences or other structures also is prohibited.

This does not apply to: headlights of vehicles engaged in a normal course of travel; lights being used in legitimate agricultural activities; anyone involved in activities legitimate to his or her business or occupation; circumstances including lawful hunting activities; or any landowner, his or her immediate family, or any paid employee while working on his or her land at that time.

No person shall take wildlife, except raccoons, opossums, frogs and fish, using lights or other means designed to blind wildlife or make wildlife visible at night. Exceptions also apply for coyotes. See the Furbearer Hunting & Trapping section.

GAME CALLING DEVICES and RESTRICTIONS

- Hand or mouth-operated calls may be used in hunting all species.
- A hunter may use electronic calls or attracting devices for furbearers during the furbearer season.
- Mechanical or electronic calls may be used to take crows during crow season.
- Deer, turkey and elk hunters shall not use or possess electronic calling devices.

TRANSPORTATION and HOLDING OF LIVE NATIVE WILDLIFE

A person may not take or possess live wildlife without first obtaining a permit when prescribed by regulation.

A person shall not hold live native wildlife in captivity that was not legally taken or possessed. A person shall not buy or sell, offer to buy or sell, trade, or barter native wildlife or parts thereof obtained from the wild. Wildlife acquired prior to obtaining the proper permits may be confiscated and the holder fined.

Orphaned wildlife may only be possessed by a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Persons transporting live deer or other types of cervids (members of the deer family) without proper documentation or permits, or holding live deer captive in unpermitted facilities or pens, are subject to fines and may have their animals confiscated or destroyed.

DOG TRAINING and HUNTING WITH DOGS

Hunters may run or train dogs for rabbits, foxes, coyotes, raccoons and opossums year-round but game may only be harvested during an open hunting season.

Some WMAs have special restrictions on using dogs, so check ahead of time. All members of the party must have a valid hunting license (unless license-exempt) to pursue rabbits or furbearers, even when training dogs without taking game.

Dogs may not be used to chase, molest or hunt deer and elk. Dogs may be used to chase or hunt bears if a legal season is open.

Dogs are permitted for locating and flushing turkeys during the fall turkey season only, and dogs on leash are permitted for tracking and locating wounded deer, elk and bear. Except during the hunting season, raccoon and opossum hunters shall not use any device to force a raccoon or opossum from trees or dens. Raccoon squallers may be used year-round.

BOBWHITE SHOOT-TO-TRAIN SEASON

For the purpose of bird dog training on private lands only, pen-reared bobwhite quail may be harvested Aug. 15 through May 15 (excluding bobwhite hunting season), provided that prior to shooting a person must:

- Submit a completed application to the department
- Possess a valid hunting license, or be license-exempt
- Possess proof of the sale/ownership of the birds
- Possess a captive wildlife permit for pen-reared bobwhite if more than 100 birds are in possession, or if kept for more than 10 days
- Make sure that the training area is free of wild quail
- Band pen-reared birds before release with No. 7 leg bands or department-supplied bands.

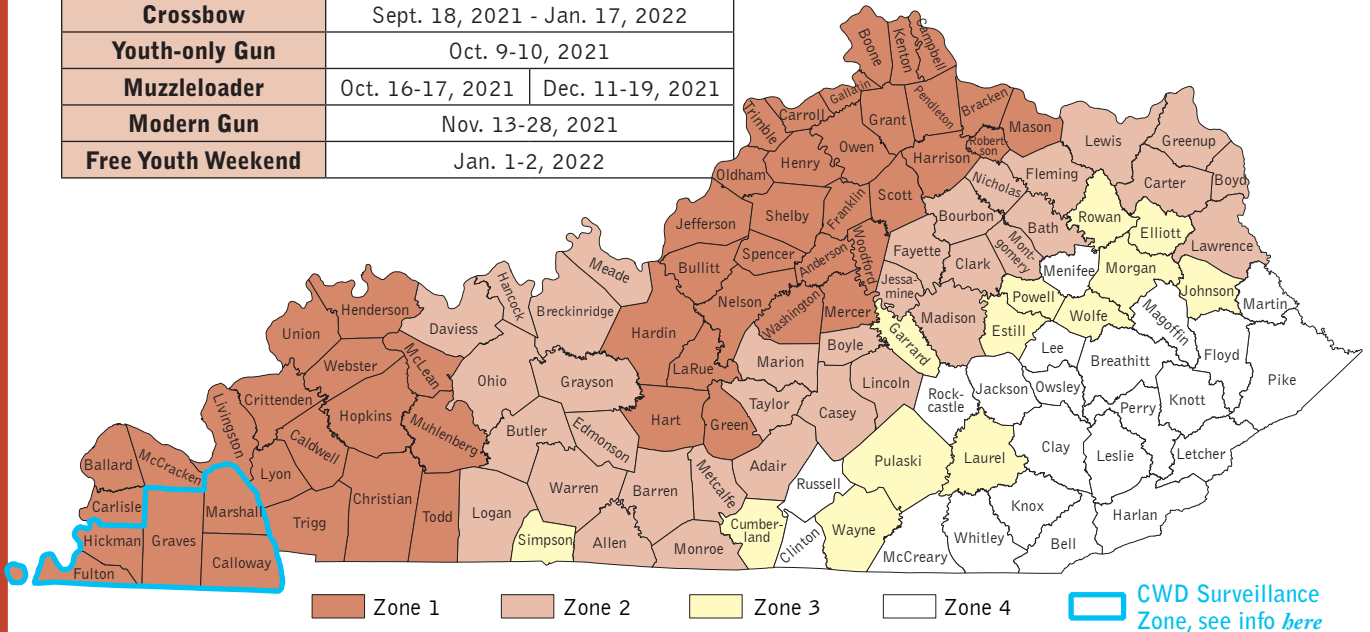
HUNTING WITH A SUPPRESSOR

A person authorized through state and federal law to own a firearm noise suppressor (silencer) is permitted to use it to hunt legal game animals. A valid hunting license is required.

DEER HUNTING

2021-22 DEER HUNTING ZONES and SEASONS

DEER	Early Season	Late Season
Archery	Sept. 4, 2021 - Jan. 17, 2022	
Youth/Senior Crossbow	Sept. 4, 2021 - Jan. 17, 2022	
Crossbow	Sept. 18, 2021 - Jan. 17, 2022	
Youth-only Gun	Oct. 9-10, 2021	
Muzzleloader	Oct. 16-17, 2021	Dec. 11-19, 2021
Modern Gun	Nov. 13-28, 2021	
Free Youth Weekend	Jan. 1-2, 2022	



DEER BAG LIMITS	
Only one antlered deer may be harvested statewide, regardless of zone or method.	
ZONE 1	A hunter may harvest an unlimited number of antlerless deer in Zone 1 using the statewide deer permit and additional deer permits.
ZONE 2	A hunter may harvest no more than four deer in Zone 2.
ZONE 3	A hunter may harvest no more than four deer in Zone 3. A firearm or air gun cannot be used to take more than one antlerless deer.
ZONE 4	A hunter may harvest no more than two deer in Zone 4. Only one can be antlerless. Antlerless deer cannot be harvested during the modern gun season, the early muzzleloader season or the first six days of the late muzzleloader season. The statewide bag limit of one antlered deer still applies.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The statewide deer permit and youth deer permit allow for the harvest of up to four deer. Hunters may take up to one antlered deer and three antlerless deer, or four antlerless deer using the statewide deer permit.
- The statewide season limit for antlered deer is one per hunter.
- A hunter may take as many deer as allowed for each zone. In order to take more than four deer statewide, an additional deer permit must be purchased.
- An additional deer permit allows a hunter to take up to two additional deer beyond the four deer allowed by the statewide or youth deer permits. Zone bag limits apply. Hunters who did not harvest an antlered deer using their statewide or youth deer permits can take one antlered deer and up to one antlerless deer, or up to two antlerless deer with the additional deer permit.
- Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

BAG LIMITS

Bag limits and harvest restrictions apply to all hunters. There is no daily bag limit on deer. A person may take no more than one (1) deer with visible antlers, excluding male fawns (button bucks). However, on some federally controlled areas, including Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge, Fort Campbell and Fort Knox military reservations and Blue Grass Army Depot, a bonus antlered deer may be taken, as determined by the governing agency for each area.

CHECKING and TAGGING

All deer must be telechecked. Hunters must call 1-800-245-4263 or complete the online check-in process at fw.ky.gov. See the “Recording, Checking, Tagging and Transporting” portion of this guide’s “General Information” section for full details.

If the hide or head is removed before the harvested deer is checked in – to quarter the animal, for example – it is necessary to demonstrate proof of sex by retaining the head or keeping the genitalia attached to the carcass. In such cases, it is still necessary to fill out the harvest log immediately after harvest and telecheck the animal before midnight on the day the deer is harvested or recovered.

A carcass tag is required if a harvested deer leaves the hunter’s possession for any reason.

STATEWIDE DEER PERMIT

All deer hunters ages 16 and older, unless license exempt, must first buy

Carry proof

Hunters who buy their license or permit by phone or internet must carry while hunting: a picture ID and proof of purchase (an authorization number, paper license or computer print out). Paper licenses/permits must be signed and all information completed before hunting.

and carry proof of purchasing an annual hunting license and a statewide deer permit while deer hunting. The permit allows a hunter to take four deer: one antlered and three antlerless, or four antlerless. It does not matter if the antlered or antlerless deer is taken first.

ADDITIONAL DEER PERMIT

To take more than four deer, an additional deer permit must be purchased. The additional deer permit is valid for deer of either sex. The additional deer permit allows a hunter to take up to two additional deer beyond those allowed by the statewide permit in the following combinations: one antlered and one antlerless, or two antlerless. Regardless of what permit a deer hunter carries, the statewide season limit for antlered deer is one per hunter. The additional deer permit is not valid unless the hunter has first purchased an annual hunting license and statewide deer permit and is able to show proof of that in the field. A statewide or additional deer permit may be used on public and private land, and during some quota hunts.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

If you hunt big game outside of Kentucky, you may not bring any member of the deer (Cervidae) family, which includes deer, caribou, moose and elk, back into Kentucky unless the brain and spinal column have been removed.

Allowed parts from other states and provinces include: quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached, boned-out meat, antlers, antlers attached to a clean skull plate, a clean skull, clean teeth, hides and finished taxidermy products.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has not been detected in Kentucky.

Donations sought for testing

The department seeks donations of deer heads from hunter harvested animals for CWD testing. This will allow Kentucky Fish and Wildlife to better manage an outbreak should CWD be detected. Bucks or does are needed. Hunters should cut off the head a couple inches below the base of skull, then freeze the head. Contact your local biologist to arrange for submission. Online: fw.ky.gov/disease

Up-to-date news regarding CWD can be found online at cwd-info.org.

HUNTING EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

MODERN GUN SEASON

During modern gun deer season, hunters may hunt with any centerfire rifle or pistol, including air guns of .35 caliber or larger charged by an external tank, muzzleloaders, and archery and crossbow equipment, and must follow season restrictions, zone guidelines and other hunting requirements.

All hunters, including archery and crossbow hunters, and persons accompa-

nying hunters, must wear hunter orange clothing during modern gun season.

Persons ages 15 and younger hunting deer with a firearm must be accompanied by an adult who shall be in a position to take immediate control of the youth’s firearm at all times.

ARCHERY SEASON

Hunters using archery equipment during a deer, elk or bear firearms sea-

Antler traps

Devices designed to entangle or trap the antlers of a deer cannot be used.

son must follow all firearms deer season restrictions, zone guidelines and other hunting requirements, and must wear hunter orange clothing. The only exception is on state-owned or managed WMAs where firearms hunting for deer or elk is prohibited.

CROSSBOW SEASON

Hunters using crossbows during a deer, elk or bear firearms season must

follow all firearms deer season restrictions, zone guidelines and other hunting requirements, and must wear hunter orange clothing. The only exception is on state-owned or managed WMAs where firearms hunting for deer or elk is prohibited. A legal resident hunter age 65 years or older and a youth hunter age 15 or younger may hunt deer with a crossbow from the first Saturday in September through the third Monday in January.

MUZZLELOADER SEASON

Muzzleloaders, archery and crossbow equipment may be used during this season. All hunters must comply with the hunter orange clothing law. Youths ages 15 and younger hunting deer with a muzzleloader must be accompanied by an adult who shall remain able and in a position to take immediate control of the youth's muzzleloader at all times.

TREE STANDS

Construction and use of tree stands on private lands is regulated by landowners.

Hunter orange required!

Hunters and people accompanying them must wear solid, unbrotten hunter orange color visible from all sides on the head, back and chest when hunting for any species during modern gun, muzzleloader and youth gun deer seasons, or a firearm elk or firearm bear season. However, hunter orange is not required when hunting waterfowl or doves during a gun deer, elk or bear season, or when hunting furbearers at night during a legal furbearer season.

Q: Can a hunter take a deer for someone else?

A: No. Hunters must claim any deer they take as their own. They must use their own license/permit and harvest log, and telecheck the deer using their own Social Security number.

LEGAL DEER HUNTING EQUIPMENT

Scopes are allowed on all hunting equipment (used for statewide seasons).

MODERN GUN EQUIPMENT

- Any caliber centerfire rifle or centerfire handgun.
- Rifle, handgun or shotgun magazines may not be capable of holding more than 10 rounds.
- Rifles or handguns may not be fully automatic (capable of firing more than one round with one trigger pull).
- Full metal jacketed or tracer bullet ammunition is prohibited.
- Shotguns, no larger than 10-gauge, shooting slug ammunition only (includes sabot bullets).
- Muzzle-loading rifles, handguns, or shotguns shooting round balls, conical bullets, or sabot bullets.
- Air guns of .35 caliber or larger charged by an external tank, shooting single projectile ammunition designed to expand upon impact.

ARCHERY EQUIPMENT

- Longbows, recurves and compound bows of any draw weight (no minimum).

- Wood, carbon or metal arrows, but arrows may not be chemically treated.
- Fixed blade or mechanical broadheads at least 7/8" wide (when blades extended), but broadheads may not be chemically treated.

CROSSBOW EQUIPMENT

- Crossbows of any draw weight (no minimum), with a working safety.
- Wood, carbon or metal arrows (bolts), but arrows (bolts) may not be chemically treated.
- Fixed blade or mechanical broadheads at least 7/8" (when blades extended), but broadheads may not be chemically treated.

MUZZLELOADING EQUIPMENT

- Muzzle-loading rifles or handguns of any caliber, shooting round balls, conical bullets or sabot bullets.
- Muzzle-loading firearms equipped with open sights or telescopic sights (scopes).
- Muzzle-loading shotguns no larger than 10-gauge, shooting round balls, conical bullets or sabot bullets.

YOUTH DEER HUNTING

YOUTH DEER HUNTING

Youths may hunt deer during any open season, including two special deer seasons for resident and nonresident hunters who have not reached their 16th birthday.

Adults accompanying youth deer hunters during either of these hunts may not use firearms to take deer.

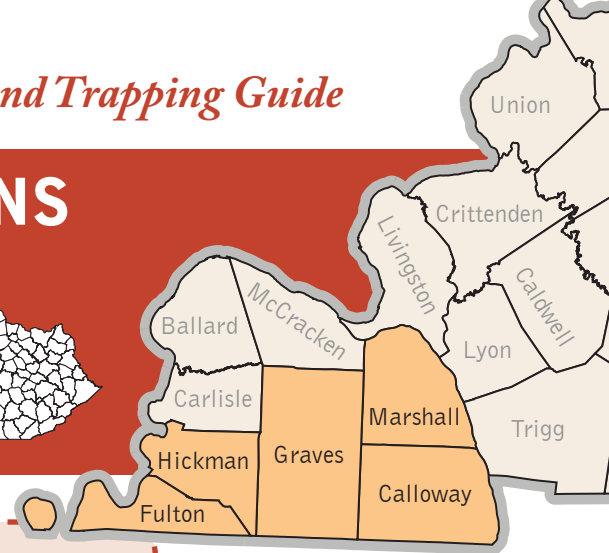
Adults accompanying youth hunters are not required to possess a hunting license or deer permit if the adult is not deer hunting, but by law, the hunter and the accompanying adults must wear hunter orange clothing.

YOUTH-ONLY GUN SEASON/ FREE YOUTH DEER HUNTING WEEKEND

The first special youth deer season is on the second weekend of October.

Youth hunters may take deer with firearms, or any other legal method, statewide. During the October youth-only firearms season, the appropriate hunting license and deer permits are required for hunters ages 12-15. Youth hunters younger than age 12 are not required to have a hunting license or deer permit. On the first weekend following Christmas, resident and nonresident youth 15 years of age and younger, who are accompanied by an adult, are eligible to participate in the free youth weekend. Youth hunters may hunt deer with firearms, or any other legal method, statewide without a hunting license or deer permit. All bag limits, zone restrictions and deer hunting requirements apply during the special youth deer seasons.

SPECIAL DEER REGULATIONS affecting Calloway, Fulton, Graves, Hickman and Marshall counties



Due to the discovery of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in a female white-tailed deer in Tennessee within 8 miles of the Kentucky state line, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has activated its CWD Response Plan. This plan includes several special regulations designed to look for the presence of CWD and contain any potential spread to Kentucky.

Chronic wasting disease, is an always fatal disease of deer and elk. It has not been found in Kentucky. To date, there have been no reported cases of CWD infection in people, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

SPECIAL REGULATIONS INCLUDE:

- Establish a CWD Surveillance Zone in Calloway, Fulton, Graves, Hickman and Marshall counties
- No baiting or feeding of deer within CWD Surveillance Zone
- Mandatory, in-person CWD deer check stations during modern gun and muzzleloader seasons
- Carcass tags required to move any deer or elk carcass through the CWD Surveillance Zone
- Whole deer carcasses and high-risk parts including intact heads containing brain material cannot be moved out of the zone
- No rehabilitation of deer in these counties
- Injured or orphaned deer currently being rehabilitated can only be released in the county in which they were rehabilitated

Hunters harvest approximately 7,000 deer from these five counties each year. Last season, hunters in Kentucky harvested nearly 142,000 deer overall.

Voluntary Deer Sample Collection Stations also will be available to hunters who would like to get their animal tested during times when the mandatory check stations are not active; collection stations are available statewide. Location maps are available online at fw.ky.gov/CWD.

CWD SURVEILLANCE ZONE SPECIAL REGULATIONS

NO DEER BAITING OR WILDLIFE FEEDING

Grain, mineral blocks and salt blocks cannot be put out to attract deer. Wildlife feeders and blocks must be removed immediately. Bird feeders are allowable in yards. Normal agricultural practices, such as putting out hay or mineral blocks for cattle, are allowable. Food plots for wildlife are a normal agricultural practice and can remain. Hunters can continue to use products that are not ingested by deer, such as scent attractors and deer urine-based products.

MANDATORY DEER CWD CHECK STATIONS

All deer harvested in the five-county CWD surveillance zone during modern

gun or muzzleloader seasons must be taken to an in-person CWD check station, regardless of method of take. Hunters harvesting deer on these dates must take it to a check station: Oct. 16-17, 2021 (early muzzleloader season), Nov. 13-28, 2021 (modern gun season) and Dec. 11-19, 2021

CWD check station dates:

Oct. 16-17 (early muzzleloader)
Nov. 13-28 (modern gun)
Dec. 11-19 (late muzzleloader)

Open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Central) during these dates, and 8 a.m. to noon on Oct. 18, Nov. 29 and Dec. 20.

(late muzzleloader season). Biologists will take samples at CWD check stations to monitor for the presence of the disease.

All hunters harvesting deer in these counties, including license-exempt hunters such as landowners hunting on their own property, also must take their deer to a CWD check station during these seasons. Deer given to others by a hunter during these seasons must be physically checked as well.

Hunters should follow standard telecheck requirements, reporting their harvest online or by phone by midnight on the day the animal is recovered and prior to processing the carcass. To reduce wait times at the in-person CWD check stations, hunters are encouraged to telecheck their deer

before arriving to the CWD check station.

Each county in the CWD surveillance zone will have multiple CWD check stations; location maps are available at fw.ky.gov/CWD. CWD check stations will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Central). Additionally, CWD check stations will be open until noon (Central) on the Monday following the last day of each season requiring a mandatory check. Hunters will receive a card at each CWD check station verifying their visit to the check station. Cards will contain information about how to view test results for their deer.

CWD check stations will only operate during the muzzleloader and modern gun seasons. They are not a requirement outside of these seasons. Those who are hunting in the CWD surveillance zone outside of the muzzleloader and modern gun seasons may still have their deer tested for the disease. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife has set up a number of deer sample collection stations throughout the state, where hunters can leave the head of their harvested deer or elk in a freezer. Hunters are encouraged to participate in this program. Collection station locations are available online at fw.ky.gov/CWD. Voluntary deer sample collection stations will not be available during muzzleloader or modern gun seasons for deer.

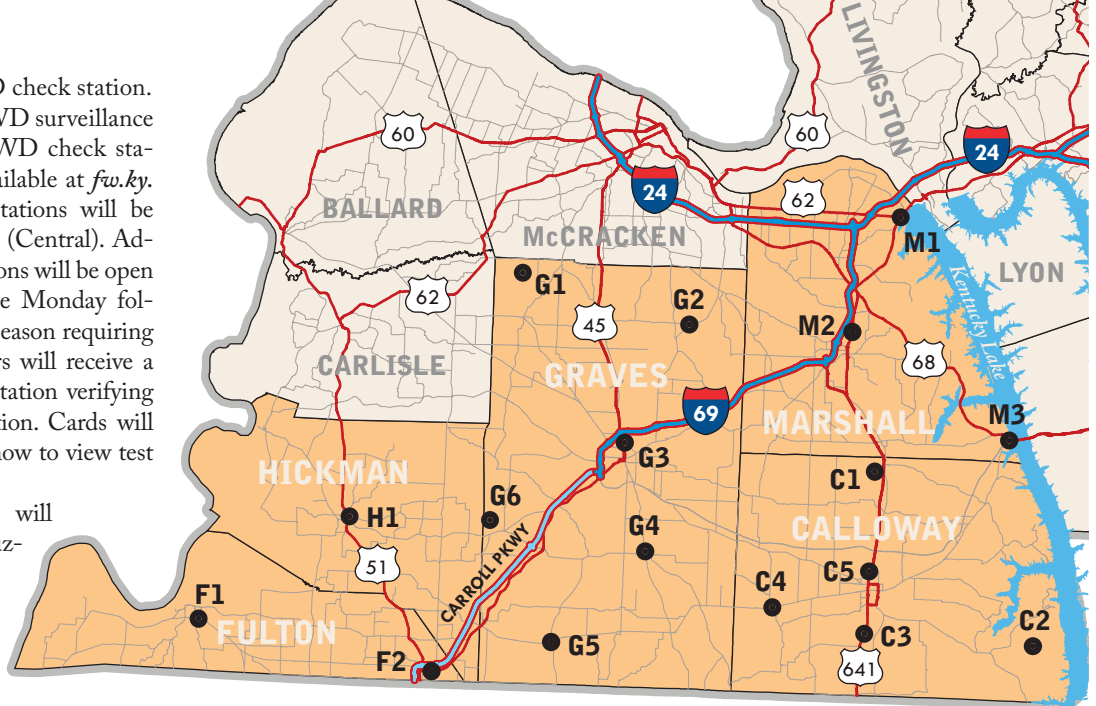
CARCASS TAGS REQUIRED

Any deer, elk, moose or caribou carcass being moved through the five-county CWD surveillance zone must have a carcass tag attached to it, regardless of where it was harvested. This includes de-boned meat; the carcass tag must be visible from the outside of a cooler or bag used to store the meat. Hunters may make their own tag or download one at fw.ky.gov/CWD.

The carcass tag does not suffice as a

CARCASS TAGS MUST INCLUDE:

- Name of hunter or person in possession of deer
- Telephone number with area code
- Species and sex of animal
- County and state where harvested
- Date harvested/obtained
- How carcass was obtained



CWD CHECK STATION LOCATIONS

C1	Calloway	Hart Farms Meat Processing, 835 Charlie Miller Rd.	Almo
C2	Calloway	Duncan Deer Processing, 1939 Buffalo Rd.	New Concord
C3	Calloway	Outback Taxidermy, 3237 U.S. 641 S	Murray
C4	Calloway	Lynn Grove Checkstation, Jct. 893/94	Lynn Grove
C5	Calloway	First Choice Firearms, 1205 Stadium View Dr.	Murray
F1	Fulton	Fulton County Extension Office, 2114 7th Street	Hickman
F2	Fulton	Fulton City Fire/Rec Area, Browder Ct.	Fulton
G1	Graves	Burnetts Deer Processing, 1580 Penny Corner Rd.	Melber
G2	Graves	Goodman Lumber, 8574 KY 131	Hickory
G3	Graves	Patriot Ag, 400 Crittendon Ln.	Mayfield
G4	Graves	Sedalia Fire Dept., 5414 KY 97	Sedalia
G5	Graves	Southern Reds BBQ, 5085 KY 94 West	Water Valley
G6	Graves	Dowdy's Taxidermy, 1461 Baltimore Church Rd.	Mayfield
H1	Hickman	Hickman Co. Extension Office, 329 James H Phillips Dr.	Clinton
M1	Marshall	Ky. Dam Village State Park Beach Access, U.S. 641	
M2	Marshall	Clarks River NWR, 91 U.S. 641 N	Benton
M3	Marshall	Kenlake Tennis Center, 100 Tennis Court Rd.	Hardin

hunter log. Hunters must complete a harvest log as soon as the deer is harvested and prior to moving the carcass.

For deer harvested in the CWD surveillance zone: hunters should follow standard telecheck requirements, reporting their harvest online or by phone by midnight on the day the animal is recovered and prior to processing the carcass, and are encouraged to telecheck their deer before visiting an in-person CWD check station. For deer harvested outside the CWD surveillance zone: standard telecheck requirements apply.

Hunters are reminded that whole carcasses or high-risk parts, including the head with any brain material, of any deer, elk, moose or caribou harvested in another state

cannot be brought back into Kentucky.

CARCASS TRANSPORTATION RESTRICTIONS

Carcasses or high-risk parts of deer harvested within the five-county surveillance zone may not be taken outside of the CWD Surveillance Zone, unless in transit to a Kentucky Fish and Wildlife-authorized CWD check station. Only de-boned meat, antlers, antlers attached to a clean skull plate, a clean skull, clean teeth, hides and finished taxidermy products may be taken out of the CWD Surveillance Zone. Carcasses of deer or elk taken elsewhere in the state may be brought into the surveillance zone, but must have a carcass tag attached.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

About CWD Surveillance Zone

Special Regulations

WHAT IS A CWD SURVEILLANCE ZONE?

A CWD Surveillance Zone includes special regulations and extra testing of deer carcasses, whether taken by hunters or road-killed. There are no changes to season lengths or the number of deer a hunter can harvest in the five-county CWD Surveillance Zone.

WHY STOP BAITING and FEEDING?

Concentrating deer at one location can speed up the spread of disease. Deer cannot be vaccinated against CWD, so adding a vaccine to bait is not an option or solution.

Infected deer can spread the prions that cause CWD throughout the landscape. Prions trigger abnormal reactions in brain cells of members of the cervid species, including deer, elk, moose and caribou. Prions are extremely resistant to destruction and can only be inactivated by temperatures exceeding 1,832 degrees or through chemical inactivation with specific agents. The best way to stop the spread of prions is keeping infected deer contained.

Baiting includes putting out grains, minerals and salts. Scents and deer urine-based products used in hunting would still be allowed in the surveillance zone.

WHY CAN'T HUNTERS MOVE WHOLE CARCASSES?

Hunters can still de-bone the meat of their deer and take it outside of the surveillance zone. Hunters also may transport out of the zone: antlers, antlers attached to a clean skull plate, a clean skull, clean teeth, hides and finished taxidermy mounts.

Prions, the protein which causes chronic wasting disease, concentrate in brain and spinal tissue. Prions are not living organisms and do not die when the deer dies. Infected carcass parts deposited elsewhere will likely contaminate that area and continue the spread of the disease.

WHY HAVE CWD CHECK STATIONS?

A CWD check station is a location

where hunters take their harvested deer so biologists can obtain samples to test for the presence of CWD. Maps of locations and operating hours are available online at fw.ky.gov/CWD. If the prions that cause CWD are found in the state through sampling, the department can focus on containing the disease in that area.

WHAT ARE THE DATES and TIMES FOR MANDATORY CWD CHECK STATIONS?

CWD check stations will operate only during muzzleloader or modern gun seasons for deer. This is because the majority of deer are harvested during these firearms seasons. Check stations will operate during these seasons and dates:

- Early muzzleloader season: Oct. 16-17
- Modern gun season: Nov. 13-28
- Late muzzleloader season: Dec. 11-19

CWD check stations will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Central). Additionally, CWD check stations will be open until noon (Central) on the Monday following the last day of each season requiring a mandatory check.

Deer harvested with bows and crossbows during the muzzleloader or modern gun seasons also must be taken to CWD check stations.

WHY RESTRICT REHABILITATED DEER RELEASE?

Brain tissue is needed in order to test for CWD. Approved testing cannot be done on live animals. Releasing animals from a surveillance zone outside of that area carries the risk of releasing an unknowingly infected animal. Releasing a deer back into the county in which it was rehabilitated contains the risk. Only licensed rehabilitators may accept injured or orphaned deer.

DOES CWD AFFECT PEOPLE?

To date, there have been no reported cases of CWD infection in people, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). However, some animal studies suggest CWD poses a risk to

RECOMMENDED PRECAUTIONS FOR DEER and ELK HUNTERS INCLUDE:

- Report any deer or elk acting strangely or appearing ill.
- When field dressing and processing an animal, bone-out all meat and avoid severing bones.
- Don't split the backbone.
- Avoid or minimize handling of brain, spinal cord, tonsils and lymph glands.
- Do not consume brain, spinal cord or lymph glands.
- Thoroughly wash your hands and sanitize your tools when finished processing game.
- The CDC recommends not eating meat from an animal that tests positive for CWD.
- Hunters submitting deer samples at CWD check stations or through the voluntary Deer Sample Collection Station program will receive CWD test results.

certain types of non-human primates, like monkeys, that eat meat from CWD-infected animals or come in contact with brain or body fluids from infected deer or elk. These studies raise concerns that there may also be a risk to people.

Need more information?

Go online to fw.ky.gov/CWD for more details and information, call the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Information Center at 1-800-858-1549 from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Eastern) weekdays, or send an email at any time to info.center@ky.gov.

HUNTER ASSISTANCE NEEDED



WHITE-TAILED DEER

Heads from hunter harvested deer sought for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) testing. CWD has not been detected in Kentucky. However, robust testing is essential for early detection and limiting the spread of this always fatal disease of deer. Hunters should cut the head of a harvested buck or doe off a couple inches below the base of the skull and freeze.

Submitting deer samples

Kentucky Fish & Wildlife has several collection stations hunters can use to donate deer heads for testing. To find the station nearest you, go online to fw.ky.gov/cwd for maps and collection times. You may also contact a biologist using this online site to arrange a sample submittal.

RABBITS

Report the location of any site with multiple dead rabbits to a local biologist. The department is monitoring for Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease, which has been found in the Southwestern United States, but not in Kentucky. Humans are not at risk for this disease. However, people should not handle rabbit carcasses which are not hunter-harvested, as other diseases transmissible to humans may be present.



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The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources needs samples from game animals to assist its wildlife disease monitoring program. This will allow the department to better manage any potential disease outbreak.

Your assistance could include freezing portions of a carcass until it can be

picked up, or reporting deceased wild animals. To find out more or to locate your local biologist, go online to fw.ky.gov/disease or call **1-800-858-1549**

TAKE PRECAUTIONS

Wear gloves, keep your knife clean and wash your hands when processing wild game. If you harvest an animal and find something abnormal in the body or meat and you have concerns, take pictures and freeze a sample. Then contact a local biologist for guidance. Finally, don't eat an animal that appeared sick before its harvest.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

**has not been detected in Kentucky,
but it's on our doorstep**



Go online to learn more about the disease fatal to deer and elk:
FW.KY.GOV/CWD

KENTUCKY'S TROPHY BUCKS

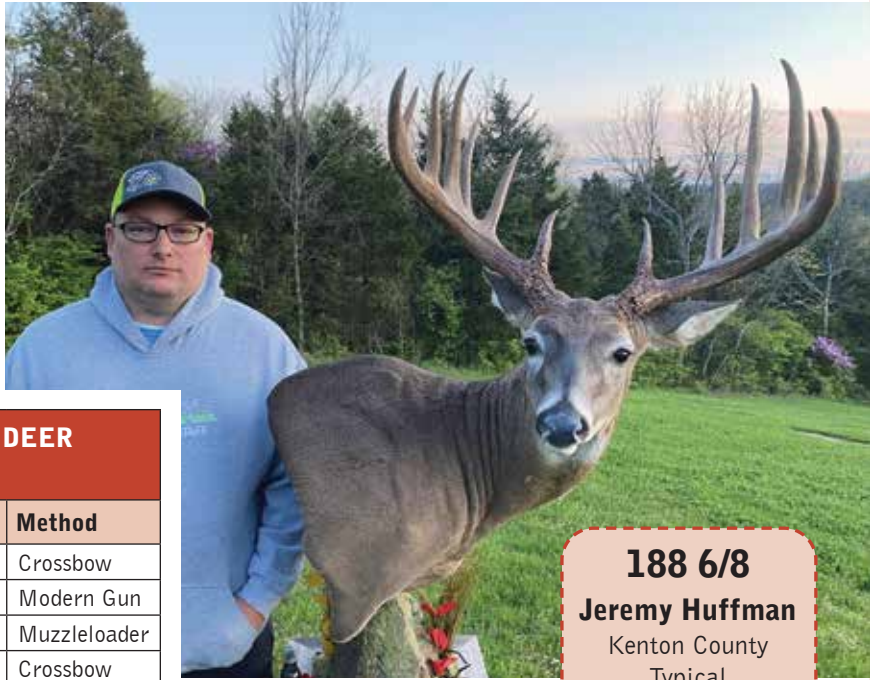


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188 6/8
Jeremy Huffman
 Kenton County
 Typical
 Crossbow

BOONE & CROCKETT TROPHY DEER 2020 SEASON - TYPICAL

SCORE	Hunter	County	Method
188 6/8	Jeremy Huffman	Kenton	Crossbow
181 5/8	Kent Walters	Johnson	Modern Gun
180 2/8	Gerhardt Otto	Kenton	Muzzleloader
177 6/8	Christian Cummins	Fayette	Crossbow
177 0/8	Frank Morrow	Wayne	Archery
176 7/8	Robin Gassett	Harrison	Modern Gun
174 7/8	Brandon Bullock	Pulaski	Archery
173 6/8	Samuel Woosley	Hardin	Modern Gun
172 2/8	Charles Barr	Jefferson	Crossbow
172 1/8	Steven Conover	Adair	Modern Gun
170 2/8	Chris Rogers	Shelby	Archery
170 1/8	Chris Jones	Rowan	Modern Gun
170 0/8	Gavin Bryce Ratliff	Pike	Modern Gun
169 3/8	Tommy Cromer	Rockcastle	Modern Gun
167 1/8	Shaun Collins	Bell	Archery
165 5/8	Steven T. Thompson	Owsley	Archery
164 6/8	Scott Cowles	Edmonson	Modern Gun
164 2/8	Zach Bush	Hart	Archery
163 4/8	William Abernathy	Bourbon	Archery
162 2/8	Dan Babij	Todd	Modern Gun
162 1/8	Roy Clark	Bourbon	Modern Gun
161 6/8	David Lawson II	Whitley	Modern Gun
161 6/8	Keith Humphrey	Barren	Modern Gun
161 2/8	Chris Burton	Pulaski	Modern Gun
161 0/8	Chase Higdon	Grayson	Modern Gun
160 7/8	Kirt Scott	McLean	Muzzleloader
160 6/8	Stephen Martin	Trigg	Modern Gun
160 2/8	Joshua Wright	Letcher	Modern Gun
160 1/8	Garrett Buerkley	Mason	Archery

BOONE & CROCKETT TROPHY DEER 2020 SEASON - NON-TYPICAL

SCORE	Hunter	County	Method
228 1/8	Justin Candido	Pulaski	Archery
208 1/8	Claire Flood	Breckinridge	Modern Gun
207 6/8	Jakob Begley	Fayette	Modern Gun
202 1/8 (velvet)	Joey Craver	Bath	Archery
197 0/8	Pat Smith	Cumberland	Crossbow
195 1/8	Brian Davenport	Muhlenberg	Archery
195 1/8	Jarrold Sanders	Edmonson	Archery
194 4/8	Clinton Connor	Daviess	Crossbow
194 1/8	Adam Wood	Monroe	Modern Gun
192 7/8	Josh Johnson	Madison	Modern Gun
191 5/8	Adam Engnes	Bracken	Archery
187 6/8	Anthony Osbourne II	Washington	Archery
186 4/8	Jeff Osborne	Owen	Archery
186 3/8	Kevin Hughes	Todd	Muzzleloader
185 6/8	Damon Belding	Casey	Muzzleloader

This list includes deer scored and reported to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. It is possible that unreported bucks taken last year in Kentucky may have scored 160 typical or 185 non-typical or higher.

HOW TO GET ON NEXT YEAR'S TROPHY LIST

To be eligible for next year's trophy list a hunter must take a white-tailed deer in Kentucky this season that officially net scores 160 or higher typical, or net scores 185 or higher non-typical, as determined by the Boone and Crockett scoring system.

No later than May 1, send the completed and signed score sheet with a photo to Kentucky Hunting & Trapping Guide, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601. Include the county in which the deer was taken, and the equipment used to harvest the deer. Please send a copy as score sheets and photos will not be returned. Emailed submissions to info.center@ky.gov also will be accepted. To get a list of official Boone and Crockett Club scorers in Kentucky visit: www.boone-crockett.org.

BEAR HUNTING

SEASON DATES and RESTRICTIONS

BEAR	McCreary Zone	Wayne Zone	Bell Zone	Harlan Zone	Letcher Zone	Pike Zone	Perry Zone	Leslie Zone	West Zone 2	East Zone 2	Zone 3
Chase-Only*	Closed	June 1 - Aug. 31 and Sept. 9-30, 2021									
Quota Hunt with Dogs**	Closed	Oct. 18-31, 2021									
Archery/Crossbow	Oct. 23-29, 2021										Closed
Firearm	Dec. 11-17, 2021										

*Bear chase only is not permitted on WMAs until the third Saturday in August (Aug. 21, 2021). However, Hensley-Pine Mountain WMA is closed to bear chase and all bear hunting seasons.

**Any legal equipment may be used during the Quota Hunt with Dogs.

Note: Chase-Only season continues after quota is met.

HARVEST QUOTAS (FEMALE BEARS)	McCreary Zone	Wayne Zone	Bell Zone	Harlan Zone	Letcher Zone	Pike Zone	Perry Zone	Leslie Zone	West Zone 2	East Zone 2	Zone 3
Quota Hunt with Dogs	Closed	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1
Archery/Crossbow	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	Closed
Firearm	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2

No quota limit on male bears, but once the female quota is met in a zone, the season closes in that zone.

CHASE-ONLY SEASON WITH DOGS

Participants must purchase and possess proof of a valid bear chase permit or youth bear chase permit in addition to fulfilling annual hunting license requirements.

Chase-only and quota hunt with dogs seasons are closed in McCreary County, the Daniel Boone National Forest, Beaver Creek WMA, Cane Creek WMA, Hensley-Pine Mountain WMA, Mill Creek WMA, Miller-Welch Central Kentucky WMA, Pioneer Weapons WMA, Redbird WMA, Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, and Cumberland Gap National Historical Park.

Bears can be chased during legal daylight hours only. Hunters cannot chase bears from a baited area while bait is present or for 30 days after the bait has been removed.

The bear quota hunt with dogs season also is open as a chase-only season for any person with a valid bear chase permit, even if the quota for the bear quota hunt with dogs season has been met.

LEGAL BEAR HUNTING EQUIPMENT

- A modern rifle of .270 caliber or larger, with a magazine capable of holding no more than 10 rounds
- A muzzle-loading rifle of .50 caliber or larger
- A muzzle-loading or breech-loading shotgun no larger than 10-gauge, and no smaller than 20-gauge, firing a single projectile (slug, round ball, conical bullet or sabot bullet) only
- A handgun loaded with centerfire cartridges with a case length of 1.285 inches or larger, firing bullets of .270 caliber or larger designed to expand upon impact
- Firearms may not be fully automatic (capable of firing more than one round with one trigger pull)
- Full metal jacketed or tracer bullet ammunition is prohibited
- Archery and crossbow equipment that is legal for deer hunting
- During Quota Hunt with Dogs season, hunters may only harvest a bear using a legal weapon assisted by dogs that are actively pursuing, chasing, baying or treeing a bear prior to harvest. Dogs must be included on the department-approved breed list for bear season, found online at fw.ky.gov.

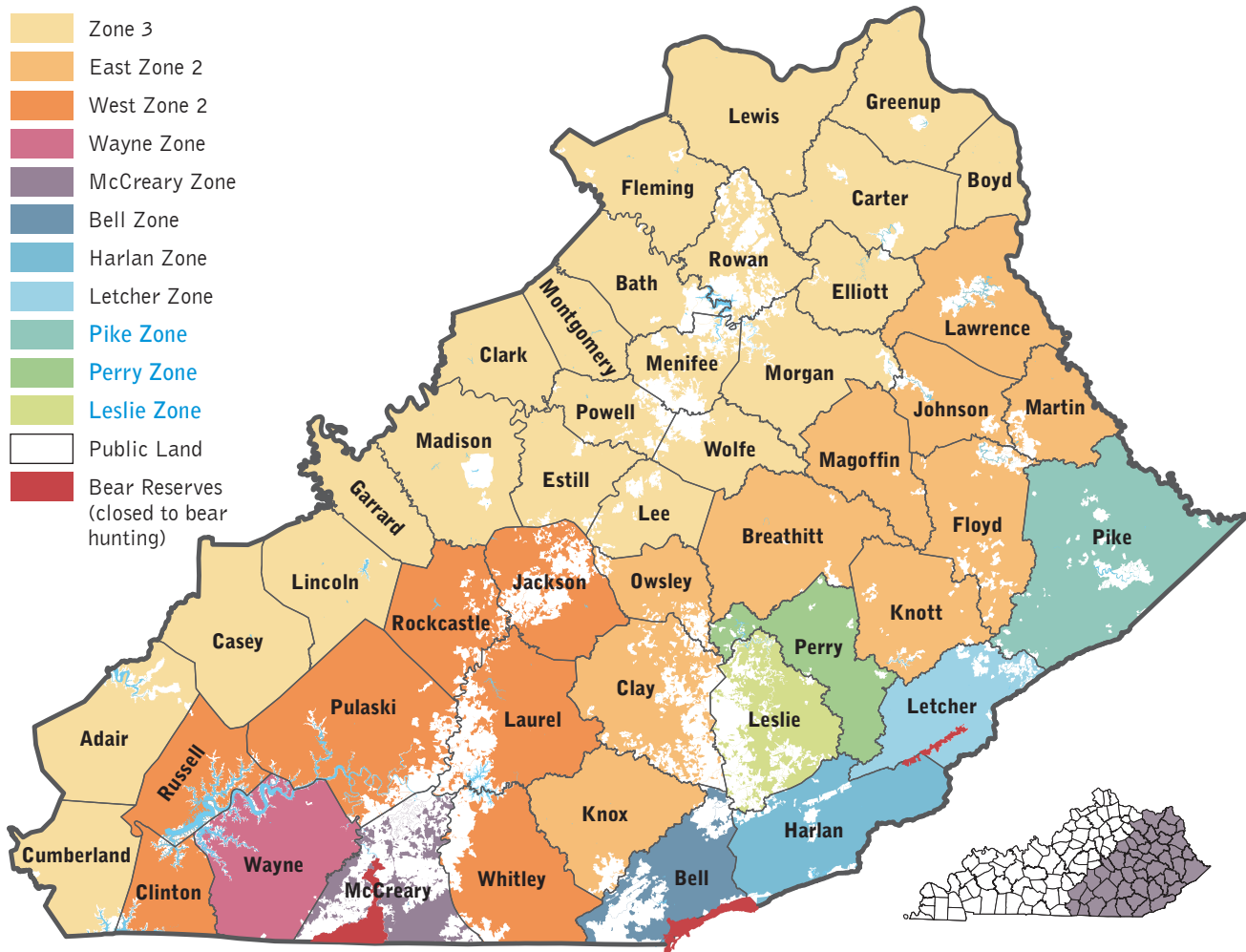
HUNTING SEASONS

All bear hunters must purchase and possess proof of the appropriate valid bear permit(s) in addition to fulfilling annual hunting license requirements.

Hunters who harvest a bear during any bear hunting season must telecheck

it by 8 p.m. Eastern time, and also call 1-800-858-1549 within 24 hours of harvest to arrange for a physical check of the animal and receive a tag issued by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. Bears physically checked during any hunting season must include a carcass or an

BEAR HUNTING ZONES



intact hide that contains the skull and proof of sex (i.e. intact hide or genitalia attached to removed hide).

Hunters must call 1-800-858-1549 after 9 p.m. (Eastern) on each day of a bear hunting season to check if the quota for that season has been reached. If the quota has not been reached, the season will continue through the next day.

If a harvest quota limit is reached, the season will close 30 minutes after sunset that day.

Bear hunters may harvest bear with archery/crossbow and muzzleloader equipment during bear firearm season.

Q: Is it legal to shoot a bear that is feeding at a trash can or dumpster?

A: No. Garbage is considered bait.

HUNTER RESTRICTIONS

- The bag limit is one bear per person per license year, regardless of season.
- Hunters and houndsmen may not disturb or take bears from dens.
- Bear hunting and bear chase is prohibited in the following areas within the bear zone: Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, Kingdom Come State Park, and the Hensley-Pine Mountain WMA.
- The chase-only and bear quota hunt with dogs seasons are closed in McCreary County, the Daniel Boone National Forest, Miller-Welch Central Kentucky WMA, Beaver Creek WMA, Cane Creek WMA, Mill Creek WMA, Pioneer Weapons WMA and Redbird WMA.
- Hunters may not take female bears with cubs, or any bear weighing less than 75 pounds.

- Hunters may not use bait or other substances capable of luring black bears.
- Dogs may not be used to hunt bears during the archery/crossbow or modern gun seasons, but leashed tracking dogs may be used to recover wounded bears.
- Hunters 15 years old and younger who use a firearm must be accompanied by an adult, who shall remain in a position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm.

HUNTER ORANGE REQUIREMENT

Bear hunters and those who accompany them, or any other person hunting on public or private lands in the bear hunting zones during a firearm season for bears, must comply with the hunter orange clothing law. This requirement also applies to any person chasing bears during the bear quota hunt with dogs season.

MIGRATORY BIRDS and WATERFOWL

HUNTING SEASONS

MIGRATORY BIRDS (WEBLESS)	Season Dates	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26, Nov. 25 - Dec. 5, 2021 and Dec. 18, 2021 - Jan. 9, 2022	15	45
Virginia & Sora Rail	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9, 2021	25 singly or combined	75
Woodcock	Oct. 23 - Nov. 12 and Nov. 15 - Dec. 8, 2021	3	9
Snipe	Sept. 15 - Oct. 24, 2021 and Nov. 25, 2021 - Jan. 30, 2022	8	24
Common & Purple Gallinule	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9, 2021	3 singly or combined	9
Sandhill Crane	Dec. 7, 2021 - Jan. 31, 2022	2	3

Find the latest information on public dove fields online at fw.ky.gov. Always check before hunting, as fields are subject to change due to weather conditions or crop failures.

Sandhill Crane permits available only through quota hunt drawing in September at fw.ky.gov.

WATERFOWL	Season Dates	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
Early Teal & Wood Duck	Sept. 18-22, 2021	6; may include no more than 2 wood ducks	18; may include no more than 6 wood ducks
Teal Only	Sept. 23-26, 2021	6	18
September Canada Goose (all zones)	Sept. 16-30, 2021	5	15
Duck	Nov. 25-28 and Dec. 7, 2021 - Jan. 31, 2022	6; may include no more than 4 mallards (only 2 of which may be hens), 3 wood ducks, 2 red-heads, 1 pintail, 2 black ducks, and 2 canvasback. 1 scaup Nov. 25-28 and Dec. 7-17; and 2 scaup Dec. 18 - Jan. 31.	Triple the daily bag limit
Coot		15	45
Merganser		5; only 2 may be hooded	Triple the daily bag limit
Canada/Cackling Goose, White-Fronted Goose & Brant	Nov. 25, 2021 - Feb. 15, 2022	5 combined; 3 Canada geese, 2 white-fronted geese and 1 brant	Triple the daily bag limit
Snow Goose (including Ross' Goose)		20	none
Youth Waterfowl	Eastern Zone: Nov. 6-7, 2021 Western Zone: Feb. 5-6, 2022	Same as regular season	
Falconry (ducks, coots & mergansers)	Nov. 30 - Dec. 6, 2021 and Feb. 1-15, 2022	3	9
Falconry (geese)	Same as regular season	Same as regular season	
Snow Goose Conservation Order	Feb. 16 - Mar. 31, 2022	none	none

Notes: The Northeast Goose Zone now mirrors the rest of the state. The Cave Run Lake refuge area remains closed to goose hunting. See the "Quota Hunts" section in this guide for waterfowl hunting information pertaining to public lands and blind drawings.

DAILY BAG and POSSESSION LIMITS

Daily limit refers to the number of birds which may be taken during a one-day period. Possession limit applies to transporting birds after two or more days of hunting but does not permit a

double daily bag limit in the field.

MORE DETAILS ONLINE

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has migrated much of its waterfowl and migratory bird hunting information to its website.

Find information not covered in this printed guide in the hunting guide for dove and early waterfowl, which is posted online at fw.ky.gov. This page covers basic information.

SHOOTING HOURS (MIGRATORY BIRDS)	
Dove, private land	Sept. 1 only: 11 a.m. to sunset. Remainder of dove season: one-half hour before sunrise to sunset
Dove, public land (WMAs, leased fields)	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26: 11 a.m. to sunset. Second and third segments of dove season: one-half hour before sunrise to sunset
Sandhill crane	Sunrise to sunset (quota hunt only)
All other species	One-half hour before sunrise to sunset

Note: Dove and waterfowl hunters must complete the HIP migratory bird harvest survey before hunting each year. Visit fw.ky.gov (see "My Profile") for details.

SHOOTING HOURS (WATERFOWL)	
Regular	One-half hour before sunrise to sunset
Exceptions:	
Snow Goose Conservation Order	One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset
Wildlife Management Areas	One half-hour before sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise noted in the Waterfowl Hunting Guide, available in fall online at fw.ky.gov .

ELK HUNTING

DATES, RESTRICTIONS and HOW TO APPLY

QUOTA ELK	Bull (antlered)	Cow (antlerless)
Firearms	Week 1: Sept. 25-29, 2021 Week 2: Oct. 2-6, 2021	Week 1: Nov. 27 - Dec. 1, 2021 Week 2: Dec. 25-29, 2021
Archery / Crossbow (either sex)	Sept. 11-24 and Dec. 4-10, 2021	
Youth-only Quota (either sex)	All seasons as noted above	

Note: Hunters must follow deer season regulations and use only the legal elk hunting equipment described on this page to take elk from any county not included in the 16-county elk zone (out-of-zone), and must have an Out-of-Zone Elk Permit.

HOW THE QUOTA HUNTS WORK

- Applications go on sale January 1 for the upcoming season's Kentucky elk quota hunts. Hunters must buy their elk quota hunt applications before midnight Eastern time on April 30.
- Elk quota hunt applications can be purchased online at fw.ky.gov or anywhere licenses are sold. A person who does not have access to the department's website to apply for any quota hunt may contact the department toll free at 1-800-858-1549 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) for assistance.
- Residents and nonresidents are eligible to apply for each of the three permit types (bull firearm, cow firearm or either sex archery/crossbow) but can only be drawn for one.
- Each application costs \$10. Only individuals may purchase elk applications, not a party of hunters together.
- Hunters 15 years of age and younger may apply for a youth-only quota hunt during the same application period as for the regular elk quota hunt drawing.
- Applicants for the youth-only hunt may also purchase elk applications for the regular elk quota hunts. A youth may not be drawn for the youth-only quota hunt and the regular quota hunt for elk in the same year, and if drawn for the youth-only hunt, will be permanently blocked from applying for the youth-only hunt again.
- If an applicant is drawn for a youth-only permit, they will purchase the reduced price youth-specific elk permit. If a youth applicant is drawn for the

LEGAL ELK HUNTING EQUIPMENT

- A modern rifle of .270 caliber or larger with a magazine capable of holding no more than 10 rounds
- A muzzle-loading rifle of .50 caliber or larger
- A muzzle-loading or breech-loading shotgun no smaller than 20-gauge, firing a single projectile (slug, round ball, conical bullet or sabot bullet) only
- A handgun loaded with centerfire cartridges with a case length of 1.285 inches or larger, firing bullets of .270 caliber or larger designed to expand upon impact
- Firearms may not be fully-automatic (capable of firing more than one round with one trigger pull)
- Full metal jacketed or tracer bullet ammunition is prohibited
- Crossbows or archery equipment (long bows, recurves or compound bow) loaded with a fixed blade or mechanical broadheads at least 7/8" wide (when blades extended), but broadheads may not be chemically treated. Crossbows must have a working safety.
- Note: Hunters may use archery or crossbows during the bull or cow firearms hunts.

regular quota hunts, the youth will be required to purchase the full price antlered or antlerless elk permit.

- A random computer drawing is held in May to select the drawn hunters. Applicants may check to see if they were drawn on fw.ky.gov.
- It is the hunter's responsibility to find a place to hunt in the unit they are assigned to hunt. Hunters must get landowner permission to hunt on private land.
- There is no limit to the number of assistants an elk hunter may take into the field, but only the permit holder is allowed to hunt.
- Fishtrap Lake WMA in Pike County and Paul Van Booven WMA in Breathitt County are designated as a viewing areas and are off limits to elk hunting.
- Quota elk permits must be purchased from the department's website (fw.ky.gov) or through any license vendor prior to hunting.
- Unless license exempt, hunters drawn for a quota elk permit are required to buy an annual hunting license. All elk hunters must purchase a quota elk permit.
- Hunters awarded an elk permit will be blocked from reapplying for three years.
- Up to three drawn hunters may apply for their unit choices as a party. Those applying for a regulated area must do so individually, not as a party.

QUOTA HUNTS WITHIN THE ELK ZONE

The elk zone includes the following 16 counties: Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Floyd, Harlan, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Perry, Pike and Whitley. Inside this 4.1 million-acre zone, elk may only be

taken by hunters drawn for a quota hunt as previously described. All elk hunters must display a department-issued hang tag in their vehicles while hunting.

BAITING

Elk hunters may not use bait on public or private land within the elk zone. However, it is legal to hunt elk over bait outside the elk zone where baiting is permitted.

CALLING

A person shall not mimic the sound of an elk on public land open to elk hunting from Sept. 1 until the opening of the elk archery/crossbow season.

SHOOTING HOURS

Elk may only be hunted during daylight hours, from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

BAG LIMIT/HUNTER ORANGE

The season bag limit on elk is one per hunter per season, regardless of permit type. Hunters may not take an elk during a quota elk hunt and also take an elk out-of-zone during the same season. Elk hunters and those who accompany them, or any other person hunting public or private lands in the elk zone during firearm elk seasons, must comply with the hunter orange clothing law.

ELK HUNTING OUTSIDE THE ELK ZONE

Elk may be taken from any county outside the zone by hunters who possess an annual Kentucky hunting license and an Out-of-Zone Elk Permit. These hunters must follow deer season regulations and use only the legal elk hunting equip-

ment outlined above, but are not required to possess a Statewide Deer Permit.

CHECKING and TAGGING

All elk must be telechecked. Hunters must call 1-800-245-4263 and report the harvest. See the "General Information" section for details.

Once an elk is harvested, a hunter may remove the head of the animal to facilitate its removal from the field prior to the elk being telechecked. It is still necessary to fill out the harvest log immediately after harvest and telecheck the animal before midnight on the day the elk is harvested or recovered. If the hide or head of the elk is removed in the field – to quarter the animal, for example – it is necessary to demonstrate proof of sex by retaining the head or keeping the genitalia attached to the carcass.

A carcass tag is required if a harvested elk leaves the hunter's possession for any reason.

VOUCHER COOPERATOR ELK PERMIT PROGRAM

An access program by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has created additional elk hunting opportunity for drawn elk hunters.

The Voucher Cooperator Elk Permit Program links people who own or lease elk hunting land with hunters who have drawn an elk tag. Hunter access is accomplished by offering landowners/lessees an elk tag when they accumulate 10 points (harvested bull = 1 point, harvested cow = 1 point). Interested landowners and lessees may contact Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549 to learn more about the Voucher Cooperator Elk Permit Program.

ELK RESTORATION PERMIT

Landowners or lessees who allow Kentucky Fish and Wildlife to capture elk on their property for restoration and restocking purposes are eligible to earn an Elk Restoration Permit (ERP).

The landowner or lessee accrues one point for each captured elk. Upon accruing 10 total points, the landowner or lessee will receive one either-sex elk permit from the department that must be used

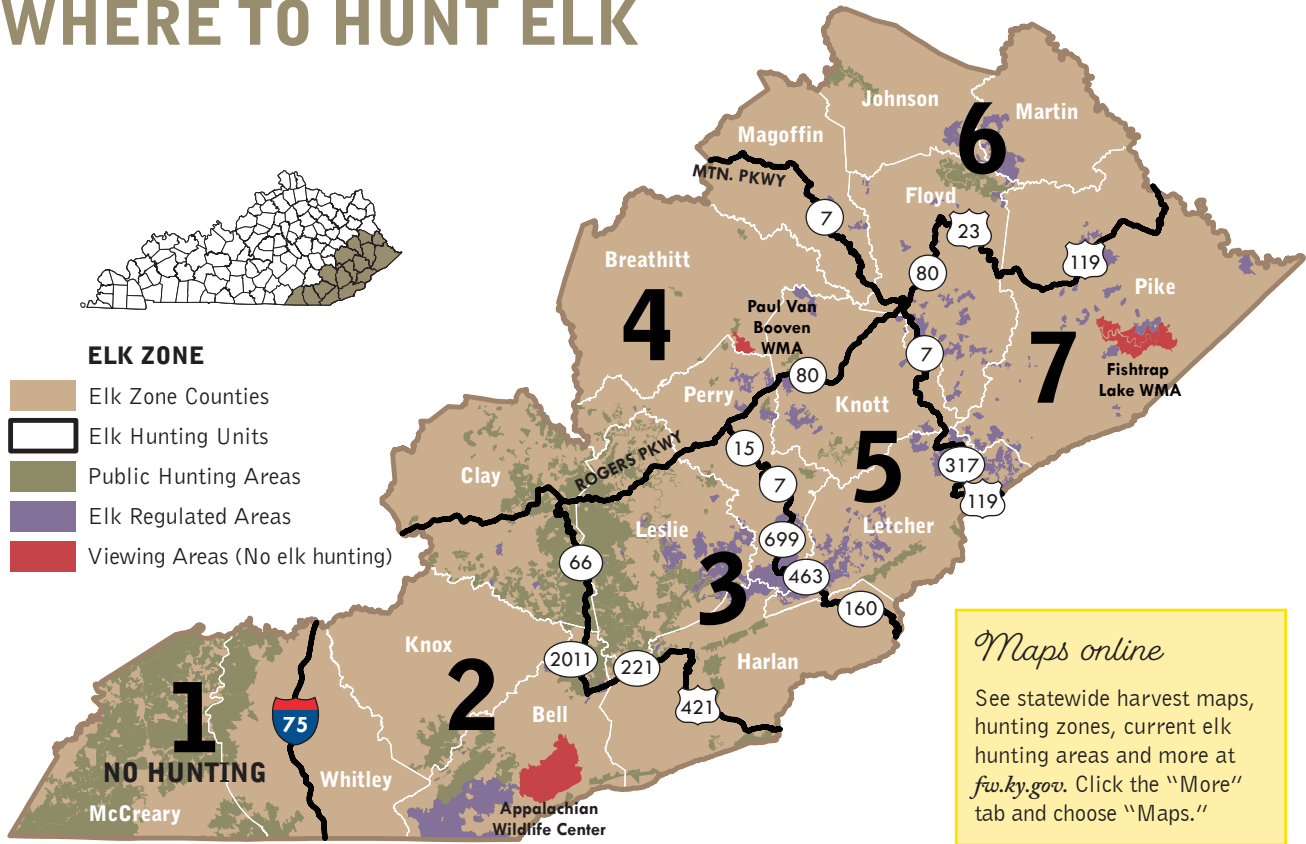
the following hunting season. The ERP can be used only on property the recipient owns or leases. The recipient can transfer the permit to any person eligible to hunt in Kentucky. The ERP recipient must provide the hunter's name, address, phone number and Social Security number.

POST-SEASON ELK HUNTING SURVEY

All elk hunters (including any ap-

plicant selected for a permit in the drawing) must complete and submit a post-season elk hunting survey no later than the last day of February. The post-season survey will be accessible to elk hunters through the "My Profile" feature on the department's website. Any elk hunter who fails to complete and submit the post-season survey will be ineligible to apply for any quota hunt or no-hunt option the following year.

WHERE TO HUNT ELK



KENTUCKY'S TROPHY BULLS

SCORE	Hunter	County	Method	Season
*416 5/8	Lisa Parsley	Martin	Found	2016
*392 0/8	Sam Billiter	Pike	Modern Gun	2016
*377 5/8	David Giles	Knott	Modern Gun	2015
*373 4/8	Anthony Brown	Letcher	Archery	2015
*372 6/8	Terrell Royalty	Knott	Modern Gun	2009
371 0/8	Greg Neff	Bell	Modern Gun	2007
* 369 5/8	Bryan Barton	Bell	Modern Gun	2016
368 4/8	Jeff Cornett	Pike	Modern Gun	2017
368 4/8	Bill Krider	Knott	Modern Gun	2015
*367 7/8	Kelvin Jackson	Harlan	Modern Gun	2008

* Non-typical

This list includes the 10 largest bull elk scored and reported to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. The department is compiling a list of the top 100 elk taken in Kentucky. Please send copies of official (signed) score sheets to: Kentucky Trophy Elk List, KDFWR, 1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, Ky 40601. Emailed submissions to info.center@ky.gov also will be accepted.

FALL TURKEY HUNTING

SEASON DATES and RESTRICTIONS

FALL TURKEY	Shotgun	Archery	Crossbow
	Oct. 23-29 and Dec. 4-10, 2021	Sept. 4, 2021 - Jan. 17, 2022	Oct. 1-17 and Nov. 13 - Dec. 31, 2021

BAG LIMITS

- Four birds total, no more than two (2) of which may be taken with a shotgun.
- No more than one (1) bird may have a beard length of three (3) inches or longer.
- No more than one (1) bird may be taken per day.

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Adult hunters: Unless exempt, all fall turkey hunters ages 16 and older must carry with them in the field proof of purchase of a valid Kentucky hunting license and a valid fall turkey permit. Short-term (1- or 7-day) hunting licenses are not valid for turkey hunting. The fall turkey permit is valid for the fall

archery, crossbow and shotgun turkey seasons and allows a hunter to harvest up to the fall season bag limit of turkeys.

Youth hunters: Youths younger than 12 are exempt from license and turkey permit requirements. Youths ages 12-15 are eligible to purchase a youth turkey permit, which is valid during any turkey season for one turkey. Youth hunters must abide by season bag limits and harvest restrictions but can use the youth permit throughout the license year. The youth sportsman's license includes two (2) youth turkey permits. Anyone may call turkeys, or assist in the hunt. Callers and assistants are not required to possess a hunting license or turkey permit, and may carry equipment while in the field.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS

Hunters may not use bait or any substance capable of luring wild turkeys. Turkey hunters may not use firearms to take turkeys during archery or crossbow-only seasons. On some WMAs, special equipment restrictions may apply.

YOUTH SUPERVISION

Firearm turkey hunters 15 years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult, who shall remain in a position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm at all times.

HARVEST RECORDING and TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

The process and requirements for recording, checking and tagging harvested

LEGAL FALL TURKEY HUNTING EQUIPMENT

- Breech-loading or muzzle-loading shotguns no larger than 10 gauge and no smaller than .410.
- Breech-loading shotguns must be plugged to hold a maximum of three shells (two in magazine and one in chamber)
- Lead or non-toxic shot no larger than No. 4
- Longbows, recurve bows and compound bows of any draw weight (no minimum).
- Crossbows of any draw weight (no minimum) with a working safety device.
- Non-barbed broadheads with a minimum cutting diameter of 7/8-inch, whether expandable or non-expandable.

ATTENTION TURKEY HUNTERS!



You can help the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' efforts to manage the wild turkey resource by participating in the **Summer Brood Survey**. In July and August, record all observations of turkeys, including broods (hens and poults) and gobblers.

Visit the department's website at fw.ky.gov for more details about this survey, which will help Kentucky Fish and Wildlife better track trends in turkey populations. Enter "Turkey Brood Survey" in the search box on the department's homepage. Only summarized results will be reported.

turkeys are the same as for deer and elk. See the “Recording, Checking, Tagging and Transporting” guidelines in the “General Information” section of this guide.

POSSESSION/RELEASE OF LIVE TURKEYS

Because of potential disease problems and genetic pollution, it is illegal to

possess live wild turkeys. For the same reasons, domestic or pen-raised turkeys should not be released into the wild.

FURBEARER HUNTING and TRAPPING

SEASON DATES and RESTRICTIONS

FURBEARERS	Hunting	Trapping
Raccoon & Opossum	Oct. 1, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022, day* or night (exceptions apply)	One-half hour before sunrise on Nov. 15, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022
Coyote	Year-round, day or night (exceptions apply)	
Bobcat	One-half hour before sunrise Nov. 20, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022	
River Otter, Muskrat, Mink, Beaver, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Weasel & Striped Skunk	One-half hour before sunrise Nov. 15, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022	
Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week	Jan. 1-7, 2022	

FURBEARER BAG LIMITS	
Raccoon & Opossum	No limit
Coyote	No limit
Bobcat	5; no more than 3 of which shall be taken with a gun*
River Otter	10; only 6 of which can be taken from Otter Zone 2
Muskrat, Mink, Beaver, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Weasel & Striped Skunk	No limit

Bobcat permit required for bobcat hunters

*See exception in Special Hunting Restrictions

minutes before sunrise on Saturday, Nov. 13, which is when shooting hours open for modern gun deer season.

A hunter shall not use a light from a boat to take raccoon or opossum.

A person shall not use the following while chasing raccoon or opossum from noon on March 1 through September 30: a firearm, a slingshot, tree climber or any device to kill, injure, or force a raccoon or opossum from a tree or den.

Coyotes may be hunted year-round, day or night, with no bag limit. Hunters may only use artificial light or other means designed to make wildlife visible at night from Dec. 1 – May 31. Artificial light or other means designed to make wildlife visible at night cannot be connected to or cast from a mechanized vehicle. **Coyote hunters with valid Mobility-Impaired Access Permits or Hunting Methods Exemption Vehicle Permits may use a stationary vehicle as a hunting platform, and may use lights or other means designed to make wild-**

life visible at night so long as the means used are not connected to the vehicle.

On public land after daylight hours, a person shall not use any equipment other than a bow, crossbow, or shotgun loaded with a multiple-projectile shell. On private land after daylight hours, coyote hunters may not use any equipment other than a bow, crossbow, or shotgun loaded with a multiple-projectile shell, except that from Dec. 1 – March 31 hunters may also use a rifle of 6.5mm (.264 caliber) or smaller bullet diameter; a muzzle-loader of .54 caliber or less; or a shotgun shell with a single-projectile.

Night hunting shall not be allowed in a county or area where a deer or elk firearm or muzzleloader season is open.

Night hunting for coyotes is prohibited on Kentucky lands managed by Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Daniel Boone National Forest, George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, Land Between The

SPECIAL HUNTING RESTRICTIONS

(Daylight hours are defined as 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.)

During modern gun deer season, raccoon and opossum hunters may not hunt during daylight hours. Night hunting on Friday, Nov. 12, 2021 shall conclude by 30

RIVER OTTER ZONES

ZONE 1: Anderson, Ballard, Bath, Boone, Bourbon, Bracken, Breckinridge, Bullitt, Caldwell, Calloway, Campbell, Carlisle, Carroll, Christian, Crittenden, Daviess, Fayette, Fleming, Franklin, Fulton, Gallatin, Grant, Graves, Grayson, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Henderson, Henry, Hickman, Hopkins, Jefferson, Kenton, LaRue, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, Mason, Meade, McCracken, McLean, Muhlenberg, Nelson, Nicholas, Ohio, Oldham, Owen, Pendleton, Robertson, Rowan, Scott, Shelby, Spencer, Trigg, Trimble, Union, Webster and Woodford. **ZONE 2:** All other counties.

LEGAL METHODS and EQUIPMENT FOR HUNTING FURBEARERS

(see Special Hunting Restrictions section for exceptions)

- Centerfire or rimfire gun
- Muzzle-loading rifle or handgun
- Muzzle-loading or breech-loading shotguns no larger than 10 gauge. Breech-loading shotguns must be plugged to hold a maximum of three shells (two in magazine and one in chamber). There is no limit on shot size. Shotguns must be shoulder fired
- Shot shells with a single projectile may only be used during daylight hours
- Bow and arrow or crossbow
- Air guns with pellets that are at least .22 caliber in size
- Hand or mouth operated calls, electronic calls, or attracting devices
- Falconry

Lakes National Recreation Area, Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge and Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge, including Beaver Creek, Cane Creek, Mill Creek, Pioneer Weapons and Redbird wildlife management areas (WMAs).

Hand or mouth-operated calls and electronic calls that imitate wounded prey or coyote calls are legal. It is legal to hunt coyotes over animal carcasses. Animal carcasses are considered bait. A hunter shall not place or distribute bait or otherwise participate in baiting wildlife on all WMAs, Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Daniel Boone National Forest, Jefferson National Forest, Land Between The Lakes and state parks open to hunting.

Bobcat hunters must carry a valid hunting license (unless license exempt) and a valid bobcat hunting permit while hunting. Bobcat permits are free. Permits are available online at fw.ky.gov in the license purchase section. Hunters and trappers are asked to submit jaws of all harvested bobcats for population studies. Bobcat age will be provided to the harvester. A hunter or trapper who submits lower jaws from all their harvested bobcats in a single season

LEGAL METHODS and EQUIPMENT FOR TRAPPING FURBEARERS

Trappers may use lights from boats or vehicles to check traps.

Traps may not be placed in trails or paths commonly used by people or domestic animals.

There are no restrictions on the size or type of trap used as a water set, except that any body-gripping trap greater than 20 inches wide must be placed so the trap is completely submerged under water. A water set is a trap placed in the water of a river, stream, pond, lake, wetland or other body of water so that a portion of the trap body is underwater.

The following equipment is permitted for dry land sets. A dry land set is a trap placed so that no portion of the trap touches the water of a river, stream, pond, lake, wetland or other water course.

- Deadfall
- Wire cage or box trap
- Foothold traps with a maximum inside jaw spread of 6 inches measured perpendicular to the hinges
- On private land, a body-gripping trap with a maximum inside jaw

spread of 7½ inches measured parallel with the trigger

- On wildlife management and outdoor recreation areas, a body-gripping trap with a maximum inside jaw spread of 5¼ inches
- Snare. A snare means a wire, cable, or string with a knot, loop, or a single piece closing device, the deployment of which is or is not spring-assisted, but any spring-assisted device is not for the purpose of applying tension to the closing device

On wildlife management and outdoor recreation areas, dry land sets may not be placed closer than 10 feet apart.

On private land, dry land sets may not be placed closer than 10 feet apart unless the person trapping has written permission from the landowner or the landowner's designee, except there shall not be more than three traps placed within any 10-foot spacing. The trap spacing requirement does not apply to wire cage or box traps or on properties of 5 acres or less.

to the department may receive one (1) additional bobcat to the bag limit for the following season for every two animals harvested. Jaw samples from all harvested bobcats must be received by the department by March 15 per instructions provided to qualify for the increased bag limit. Increased bag limits are non-transferable. Hunters and trappers must confirm an increased bag limit for the following season through MyProfile at fw.ky.gov.

SPECIAL TRAPPING RESTRICTIONS

- All traps must bear a metal tag giving either the name and address of the trapper, or a wildlife identification number for trap tags issued

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1-800-25ALERT
NAME
ADDRESS

Sample trap tags

by the department as well as the 1-800-25-ALERT phone number.

- Any trap found without a tag can be immediately confiscated by the department without a court order.
- All traps must be visited at least once every twenty-four (24) hours and all animals removed.
- Coyotes can only be trapped during furbearer trapping seasons.
- Trappers must harvest furbearers upon capture, unless they possess a captive wildlife permit from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.
- Spotted skunks are protected year round and may not be taken or possessed. Report incidental trappings to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.
- It is illegal to intentionally obstruct or disrupt the right of a person to lawfully take wildlife by trapping.

TELECHECK and CITES TAGGING

Harvested bobcats and otters must be telechecked by calling 1-800-245-4263 by midnight on the day the ani-

mal is recovered, before processing the carcass and before transporting the raw fur, pelt or unskinned carcass out of Kentucky. A hunter or trapper who wants to have a bobcat or otter mounted shall provide his or her name, telephone number and telecheck confirmation number to the taxidermist. Taxidermists cannot legally accept an unchecked otter or bobcat for mounting.

A Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) tag, issued by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, must be attached to the raw fur, pelt or unskinned carcass of any bobcat or river otter taken in Kentucky if the hunter or trapper intends to sell or export internationally.

To request a CITES tag, log on to

“My Profile” online at fw.ky.gov.

A CITES tag must be attached to the raw fur, pelt or unskinned carcass of any bobcat or river otter taken in Kentucky immediately upon receipt of the tag from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife per the instructions provided by the department and remain attached until it is processed or exported outside the United States.

Possession of an unused bobcat or otter CITES tag is prohibited.

A person who transfers, but does not sell, a river otter or bobcat to another person or taxidermist, is not required to request a CITES tag. But, this person must attach a handmade carcass tag to the animal that contains the telecheck confirmation number and the hunt-

er or trapper’s name and phone number.

BUYING and SELLING HIDES

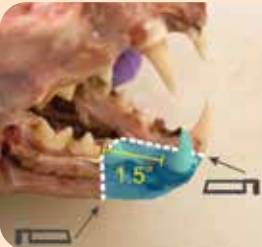
There is no time restriction on the holding of raw furs of furbearers by a trapper or hunter after the close of furbearer season. Raw furs may be sold only to licensed taxidermists, licensed fur buyers or licensed fur processors.

FREE YOUTH WEEK

Resident and nonresident youth hunters and trappers ages 15 and younger may hunt and trap applicable game and furbearers, and hunt migratory birds in season without a hunting or trapping license for seven consecutive days starting the Saturday after Christmas.

Please refer to the hunter orange clothing law section (page 8) for guidelines.

Youth hunters must comply with all equipment regulations and bag limits for furbearers when hunting or trapping. Hunter education is not required for license-exempt hunters. Adults accompanying youth hunters/trappers during the free youth hunting and trapping week do not need a license if they are not hunting/trapping.



FURBEARER HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Kentucky Fish & Wildlife is collecting lower jaws from harvested bobcats and river otters for a population study. Please contact the department at 1-800-858-1549 to request a sample packet and instructions. Thank you for your contribution to furbearer management.

SMALL GAME HUNTING and TRAPPING

SEASON DATES and RESTRICTIONS

SMALL GAME		Hunting	Trapping
Squirrel		Aug. 21 - Nov. 12 and Nov. 15, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022	One-half hour before sunrise Nov. 15, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022
Rabbit	Eastern Zone	Nov. 1-12 and Nov. 15, 2021 - Jan. 31, 2022	One-half hour before sunrise on Nov. 15, 2021 - Jan. 31, 2022
	Western Zone	Nov. 15, 2021 - Feb. 10, 2022	One-half hour before sunrise on Nov. 15, 2021 - Feb. 10, 2022
Quail	Eastern Zone	Nov. 1-12 and Nov. 15, 2021 - Jan. 31, 2022	No trapping
	Western Zone	Nov. 15, 2021 - Feb. 10, 2022	
Grouse*		Nov. 1-12 and Nov. 15, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022	
Falconry		Sept. 1, 2021 - March 30, 2022	
Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week		Jan. 1-7, 2022	

* In Grouse Hunting Zone only. Information about grouse hunting on public areas is available online at fw.ky.gov.

SMALL GAME

The following animals are considered small game: squirrels, rabbits,

northern bobwhite (quail) and grouse.

Only rabbits and squirrels may be trapped. Quail and grouse may not

be trapped. Hunting bag limits apply. Trapping equipment and restrictions are the same as those listed in the fur-

OTHER SPECIES

SEASON DATES and RESTRICTIONS

OTHER SPECIES	Hunting
Crow	One-half hour before sunrise Sept. 1 - Nov. 7, 2021 and Jan. 4 - Feb. 28, 2022, daylight hours only
Bullfrog	Noon May 21 - Midnight Oct. 31, 2021
Groundhog	Year-round
Turtles*	Year-round, day or night

* Alligator snapping turtles may not be harvested.

CROW SEASON

A hunting license is required unless the hunter is license exempt. A Migratory Bird/Waterfowl permit or completion of the HIP survey is not required.

Electronic or mechanical calling devices may be used during the open seasons. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset.

There is no daily or possession limit on crows.

BULLFROG SEASON

The daily limit (noon to noon) is 15. The possession limit is 30. If bullfrogs are taken by gun or bow and arrow, a hunting license is required. If taken by pole and line, a fishing license is required. If frogs are taken by gig or by hand, either a hunting or fishing license is valid.

It is illegal to possess a gig on a stream or lake, or in a boat, from Nov. 1 through Jan. 31.

TURTLES

Snapping turtles (except alligator snapping turtles) and soft shell turtles may be taken year-round with no bag limit but may not be harvested for commercial purposes.

A hunting license is required if turtles are taken by gun or bow and arrow. Consult the Kentucky Fishing & Boating Guide for information on other legal means of harvest.

WILD PIGS

Wild pigs are not considered game species in Kentucky. They are an exotic, invasive species that pose serious threats to wildlife, wildlife habitat, natural areas, agriculture and Kentucky hunting traditions. Hunting fails as an eradication tool for wild pigs due to their high reproductive rate and intelligence. Disturbances associated with human activity, especially hunting pressure, cause wild pigs to leave the area and become nocturnal, limiting other more effective eradication methods.

In an effort to stop the spread of wild pigs, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources discourages wild pig hunting and asks the public to report sightings and damage. The department, in partnership with USDA Wildlife Services, offers free professional trapping services to anyone experiencing damage from wild pigs. Trapping wild pigs is the most efficient method of eradication. You can help by reporting wild pig sightings, damage or the illegal possession, sale or release of wild pigs to the department by calling 1-800-858-1549 or visiting www.fw.ky.gov/wild-pigs.

GROUNDHOGS

Groundhogs may be hunted statewide, year-round, with no bag limit. A hunting license is required unless the hunter is license exempt. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

Report game violations

Anonymous tips about suspected illegal activity related to fish, wildlife or boating can be submitted through the KFWLaw smartphone app. For non-smartphones with texting capability, text the keyword "KFWLAW" along with your tip to 847411 (tip411).

BIRDS

- English sparrows and starlings may be hunted year-round, with no bag limit, but a hunting license is required, unless license exempt.
- Pheasants released during quota hunts are not open to year-round hunting on Green River Lake WMA, Yellowbank WMA and Clay WMA.
- All birds of prey and native songbirds are protected under state and federal laws and may not be taken.

HOOFED STOCK (OTHER THAN WHITE-TAILED DEER and ELK)

- Exotic, non-native hooved stock may be hunted year-round.
- No license required.
- No bag limit or checking requirement.
- Fallow deer are not legal to hunt on Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area.

MAMMALS and OTHER WILDLIFE

- The spotted skunk, a rare species found in eastern Kentucky, is protected and may not be taken.
- All federally threatened or endangered species are protected under state and federal laws and may not be harvested.

PUBLIC LANDS HUNTING

OVERVIEW

The Wildlife Management Area & Public Lands Search feature on fw.ky.gov is a go-to source for information about where to hunt, fish, hike and more in Kentucky.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife owns, leases or manages more than 85 wildlife management areas (WMAs) for public use. On some areas, a user permit is required. It also has agreements to provide public access on certain privately owned lands, known as Hunting Access Areas. Many public-use areas have special regulations and hunting season dates that are different from statewide seasons. On some public-use areas, a user permit is required. Please refer to specific area listings for that information. The rest are open to hunting free of additional charge.

The information here applies to users of all WMAs owned or managed by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. If you intend to hunt (or otherwise visit) public lands listed under “Wildlife Management Areas,” you must comply with the following guidelines.

1. For game listed in this guide, hunting seasons on the WMAs listed on the following pages are open only as stated.
2. County zone deer bag limits apply to all WMAs unless otherwise noted under the area listing.
3. Quota deer hunters may take up to two (2) deer on a quota hunt in Zones 2, 3 and 4, only one of which may be antlered, unless otherwise noted under the area listing. See the deer quota hunt listings on page 37 for more details.
4. Squirrel, rabbit, quail, grouse and furbearer hunting is closed the first two days of modern gun deer season on WMAs, if gun deer hunting

is permitted.

5. Unless otherwise noted, persons shall not allow unleashed dogs from March 1 until the third Saturday in August, except during department-authorized field trials, or when training a retriever or other water dog if the activity is authorized by a sign at the body of water. The dog must remain leashed except while training, or within 100 feet of the water, or as stated under the area listing or posted on the WMA.
6. Quota hunts for pheasant, deer, waterfowl and elk hunts require advance application. (Refer to “Quota Hunts” and “Elk Hunting” sections.) Advance application is not required for other listed hunts.
7. Camping is permitted only in designated areas. Check WMA maps online at fw.ky.gov or call the WMA office for camping availability through Kentucky Fish and Wildlife or other campgrounds. Parking must be confined to designated parking areas if such areas exist. If no parking area is designated, parking is generally allowed alongside maintained roads in such a manner that does not block a road or gate or prevent access to a portion of the area. Unless otherwise authorized by the department, mechanized vehicles (excluding wheelchairs) are permitted only on maintained roads open to public use. It is unlawful to cut trees or fences, dump trash or litter, or damage any property or habitat in any fashion.
8. Before trapping on a WMA or Outdoor Recreation Area, a Public Area Trapping Registration Form must be completed. The form is available at department offices and online at fw.ky.gov. Click the “Hunt” tab on the homepage and choose “Trapping” from the dropdown menu.
9. Hunters shall not enter or hunt in areas that have been designated closed by signs.

During quota hunts...

During a WMA deer quota hunt, and the open firearm deer hunts at Grayson Lake and West Kentucky WMAs, only participating hunters and accompanying non-hunting assistants (limit one per hunter) are allowed to be on those WMAs, except waterfowl hunters in some areas that may be open, or if a part of the WMA is otherwise open as noted in the following area listings. Non-hunting assistants must check in and check out with the quota hunter that they are accompanying and abide by hunter orange requirements.

10. A person shall not discharge a firearm within 100 yards of a residence or occupied building located on or off the area.
11. A person shall not distribute or place bait, hunt over bait or otherwise participate in baiting wildlife on a WMA.
12. A group of ten (10) or more people who gather for any event or organized activity on a WMA shall apply to the department at least 30 days before the date of the event. Groups shall apply on a form provided by the department. The department shall retain the authority to deny events, or otherwise restrict, institute additional requirements for, or direct the rescheduling of, any event to avoid user conflicts or for other legitimate reasons. Permit requests for events that do not meet WMA user guidelines shall be denied, and events may be canceled in progress if participants fail to comply with user guidelines or create hazards or disruption for others.
13. Horseback riding is permitted on some WMAs during certain times of the year and under certain restric-

tions. Unless hunting, horses shall only be ridden on designated horse riding trails or a maintained public road open to vehicular traffic. Horses may not be ridden on WMAs during firearms seasons for turkey, deer, bear or elk unless participating or assisting in a legal elk hunt.

14. On all WMAs, Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area and Daniel Boone National Forest, a person shall not use a nail, spike, screw-in device, wire, or tree climber for attaching a tree stand or climbing a tree. A portable stand or climbing device that does not injure a tree may be used. Stands must be marked with the hunter's name and address, placed no more than two (2) weeks before the opening of the season and removed within one (1) week following the last day of each hunting period. A person shall not use an existing permanent tree stand.
15. Whenever gun deer hunting is allowed on a wildlife management area, state park or Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area, a person who will be hunting from inside a ground blind must first attach a hat or vest made of solid, unbroken hunter orange material to the blind so it is visible from all sides. Hunter orange clothing requirements still apply for anyone inside the blind.
16. Hunters are not required to wear hunter orange clothing or display hunter orange on ground blinds during a firearms season on a state owned or managed WMA where firearms hunting for deer, elk or bear is prohibited.
17. For information about migratory bird and waterfowl hunting on public lands, please visit fw.ky.gov.

MOBILITY-IMPAIRED HUNTER ACCESS TO WMAs

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife offers special exceptions to hunting and fishing regulations for persons who are mobility-impaired and want to hunt and fish on select WMAs. (Eligibility requirements appear in the Quota Hunts section.) Persons interested in applying for a mobility-impaired access permit should contact the department for an application or print one from the agency's website at fw.ky.gov.

Applicants for a mobility-impaired

access permit shall fill out the required information on the application and obtain the attestation and signature from a licensed physician describing the mobility impairment. A mobility-impaired individual shall have a completed mobility-impaired access permit application on his or her person at all times while participating in such activities, along with the appropriate hunting licenses and permits. Mobility-impaired access areas have been designated on portions of the following WMAs: Barren River (Goose Island Unit), Fishtrap Lake, Green River Lake, Griffith Woods, Kentucky River, Lake Cumberland, Mill Creek, Miller Welch-Central Kentucky, Mullins, Peabody (Sinclair Unit), Redbird, Taylorsville Lake, West Kentucky, Yatesville Lake and Yellowbank WMAs. The mobility-impaired access permit allows the following activities by a mobility-impaired individual:

- Discharge of a firearm or other legal hunting device from a motor vehicle when the vehicle is motionless and has its engine turned off. The motor vehicle shall be used as a place to wait or watch for game and shall not be used to chase, pursue, or drive game.
- May operate electric wheelchairs, ATVs, and other passenger vehicles on or off gated, ungated or open-gated roads otherwise closed to vehicular traffic, but only on designated tracts of designated WMAs.
- Roads may be accessed March 1 through the third Friday in August.
- Tracts designated as mobility-impaired access areas shall be posted with signs.
- Vehicular access shall not be permitted on fields, openings, roads, paths, or trails planted with annual grains or agricultural crops.
- It shall be permissible to access areas which are not roads the third Saturday of August until the end of February.
- ATV users shall adhere to manufacturer recommendations including wearing a helmet, wearing safety glasses, and restricting riding to one (1) person, while using ATVs on WMAs.

A person with a mobility-impaired access permit may designate one (1) qualified assistant. The assistant may:

- Track and dispatch a wounded animal, retrieve an animal, or render other assistance in accordance with all other Kentucky Fish and Wildlife and WMA laws and regulations.

A qualified assistant shall not:

- Operate his or her own ATV; or hunt or shoot from an ATV.

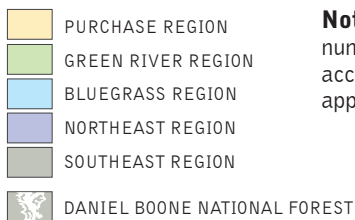
STATE PARK and OTHER OPEN DEER HUNTS

Open deer hunts are offered on the following state parks on the following dates. Contact the host state park for complete details, including the number of available slots, equipment restrictions, bag limits and check-in and check-out procedures.

- **Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park (859-289-5507):** Archery and crossbow only starting the first Thursday in November for four consecutive days; Modern gun starting the second Saturday in January for two consecutive days.
- **Lake Barkley State Resort Park (270-924-1131):** Archery and crossbow only the first Monday in November for five consecutive days; Modern gun starting the first Tuesday in January for two consecutive days.
- **Taylorsville Lake State Park (502-477-8713):** Archery and crossbow only the first Thursday in November for four consecutive days; Modern gun the first Saturday in December for two consecutive days; Muzzleloader the second Saturday in January for two consecutive days.
- **Yatesville Lake State Park and Lawrence County Recreation Area (606-673-1492):** Muzzleloader starting the second Monday of December for three consecutive days.

Other open deer hunts

- **Jenny Wiley State Resort Park (1-800-325-0142):** Open the second Saturday of January for two consecutive days, limit two deer, only one of which may be antlered. Limited to the first 15 mobility-impaired hunters who check in at the park the day before the hunt. Hunters must meet the mobility-impaired eligibility requirements outlined on page 36. (Mobility-impaired access permit required at check-in.) Hunters must also check in and out on hunt days, and must tele-check deer taken. Hunters may be accompanied by another person, but that person will not be permitted to hunt.
- An open youth hunt is held at **Grayson Lake WMA** on the first Saturday in November for two consecutive days and is limited to youths ages 15 and younger. See page 32 for details.



Note: Area listings are numbered or lettered according to how they appear on region pages.

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8. Knobs State Forest & WMA
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10. Mullins WMA
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12. Taylorsville Lake WMA
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9. Pike Elkhorn Hunting Access
10. Pioneer Weapons WMA
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14. Betterment Wildlife Hunting Access
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16. Elk Horn Coal Hunting Access
17. Old Trace Creek WMA
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19. Sunny Brook WMA
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- A. Daniel Boone National Forest
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2. Beaver Creek WMA

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6. Dennis-Gray WMA
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8. Green River Lake WMA
9. Hensley-Pine Mountain WMA
10. Hidden Valley Training Area
11. Lake Cumberland WMA
12. Mill Creek WMA
13. Mud Camp Creek WMA
14. Paul Van Booven WMA
15. Pike Elkhorn Hunting Access
16. Ping-Sinking Valley WMA
17. R. F. Tarter WMA
18. Redbird WMA
19. Robinson Forest WMA
20. Rockcastle River WMA
21. RH Group Hunting Access
22. Ashland WMA
23. Betterment Wildlife Hunting Access
24. Boone Forestlands WMA
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26. Buckhorn Lake WMA
27. Burchell-Beech Creek WMA
28. Carr Creek Lake WMA
29. C.F. Ataya WMA
30. Cranks Creek WMA
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32. Elk Forest WMA
33. Elk Horn Coal Hunting Access
34. Fortner-Davis WMA
35. Jefferson National Forest
36. Kentenia State Forest
37. Kentucky Ridge Forest WMA/
Kentucky Ridge State Forest
38. Martins Fork Lake WMA
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40. Meadow Creek WMA
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42. Shillalah Creek WMA
43. Stone Mountain WMA & SNA
44. Wells Hunting Access
- A. Daniel Boone National Forest

PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS QUICK REFERENCE

The charts in this section should be used as a quick reference only. WMAs and other public lands may be open to hunting and trapping during statewide seasons or

have different dates and regulations, as determined by the managing agency. For all the details on these public lands visit fw.ky.gov. Also note that some of these public

lands may have areas that are off-limits to hunting or trapping, as noted by signs, and that units within these areas may have different season dates or regulations.

PURCHASE REGION PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS			Deer - Archery/ Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Modern Gun	Deer - Youth Gun	Squirrel	Rabbit	Grouse	Quail	Turkey	Furbearer	Bear	Elk Quota	Other
MAP # and AREA NAME	PHONE														
1 Ballard WMA* Main Unit	(270) 224-2244		1			3	2								
2 Boatwright WMA* Swan Lake Unit	(270) 224-2244		1			3	2								
3 Coil Estate WMA*	(270) 224-2244														
4 Doug Travis WMA*	(270) 488-3233														
5 Lake Barkley WMA* Duck Island Refuge	(270) 753-6913		1	4		3	2				1				
6 Livingston County WMA & SNA	(270) 753-6913				5										
7 Ohio River Islands WMA* Stewart Island Unit	(270) 753-6913		1	4		3	2				1				
8 Pennyriple State Forest	(270) 797-3241														
9 Tradewater WMA	(270) 753-6913														
10 West Kentucky WMA*	(270) 488-3233				6	7		8		8					

OPEN UNDER STATEWIDE REGULATIONS FOR ALL SPECIES in accordance with the county in which they are located: **11.** Beechy Creek WMA (270-753-6913); **12.** Jones-Keeney WMA (270-753-6913); **13.** Kaler Bottoms WMA (270-753-6913); **14.** Kentucky Lake WMA (270-753-6913); **15.** Obion Creek WMA (270-210-9774) and **16.** Winford WMA (270-224-2244). **CALL FOR DETAILS: A.** Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge (270-527-5770); **B.** Fort Campbell Military Reservation (270-798-9824); **C.** Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area (270-924-2065); **D.** Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge (731-538-2481).

EXCEPTIONS:

- Open under statewide archery/crossbow seasons through Oct. 14 only.
- Open Aug. 21 - Oct. 14, 2021.
- Open during the youth-only gun season; closed for free youth weekend.
- Open for October muzzleloader season only.
- Any weapon other than a modern gun that is legal to take deer may be used during the modern gun season.
- Open shotgun/muzzleloader deer hunt from Jan. 15-17, 2022; Limited to 140 hunters; Check in and check out required.
- Open only for youth-mentor quota hunt on "A" tracts. Closed for all other youth firearm seasons.
- Tracts 1, 4, 5 and "A" tracts open Jan. 1-10 except if harvest limits are reached before Jan. 10; Tracts 2, 3, 6 and 7 open with statewide seasons and close Dec. 31.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

- * Ballard WMA:** The main unit is closed to unauthorized public access Oct. 15 - March 15; The area west of Hwy 473 within the two-mile driving loop is closed to all hunting as marked by signs; The 400-acre tract located south of Sallie Crice/Terrell Landing Road is open under statewide regulations for hunting and trapping seasons.
- * Boatwright WMA:** Olmsted, Peal and all other units open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, except some portions may be closed to public access as marked by signs.
- * Coil Estate WMA:** Eastern portion open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons; Western portion closed to all hunting and trapping as marked by signs.
- * Doug Travis WMA:** Some areas closed to public access as marked by signs

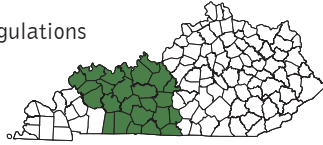
Nov. 1 - March 15.

- * Lake Barkley WMA:** North Island Refuge is closed Nov. 1 - Feb. 15; Duck Island Refuge is closed Oct. 15 - March 15, with the exception of the October muzzleloader deer season; All non-refuge tracts open under statewide regulations.
- * Ohio River Islands WMA:** Remainder of WMA (Pryor, Rondeau and Sisters islands) open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.
- * West Kentucky WMA:** Check-in required before entering any area marked with an "A"; Only shotguns may be used for small game or furbearer hunting; Hunters may not use centerfire rifles or handguns to take deer.

NOTE: Before trapping on a WMA or Outdoor Recreation Area, a Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Public Area Trapping Registration Form must be completed. See page 26 for details.

GREEN RIVER REGION PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

- Open under statewide regulations
- Closed
- Quota hunt
- # Open with exception(s)



MAP # and AREA NAME		PHONE	Deer - Archery/ Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Modern Gun	Deer - Youth Gun	Squirrel	Rabbit	Grouse	Quail	Turkey	Furbearer	Bear	Elk Quota	Other
1	Barren River Lake WMA*	(270) 646-5167						1		1	2				
2	Big Rivers WMA & State Forest	(270) 374-3025	3												
3	Higginson-Henry WMA	(270) 389-3580	3					4		4	5				
4	Marrowbone State Forest & WMA	(270) 646-5167											12		
5	Nolin River Lake WMA	(270) 646-5167						1		1					
6	Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area*	(502) 942-9171						6							
7	Peabody WMA*	(270) 476-1889			7					8					
8	Sloughs WMA - Sauerheber Unit*	(270) 827-2673	9	9		9	9				9				
9	Yellowbank WMA	(270) 547-6856		10				1		1					11

OPEN UNDER STATEWIDE REGULATIONS FOR ALL SPECIES in accordance with the county in which they are located: **10.** Clear Creek WMA (270-476-1889); **11.** Green River State Forest (270-797-3241); **12.** L.B. Davison WMA (270-476-1889); **13.** Lee K. Nelson WMA (270-389-3580); **14.** Rough River Lake WMA (270-646-5167).
CALL FOR DETAILS: A. Fort Knox Military Reservation (502-624-7311 or 502-624-2712).

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Rabbit and quail hunting seasons open Nov. 1 - Dec. 31. At Yellowbank WMA, no small game hunting allowed on designated pheasant quota hunt units during pheasant quota hunt period.
2. On the Peninsula Unit, including Narrows, Goose and Grass islands, hunters may use a muzzle-loading shotgun or crossbow during the fall firearm season and may use a crossbow during the fall archery season.
3. During quota hunts, all deer hunting seasons on this WMA are closed, except to drawn hunters. Archery/crossbow quota hunt from the third Monday in October through Nov. 30, except when closed during the quota hunt that starts the first Saturday in November.
4. Rabbit and quail hunting seasons open Nov. 15 - Dec. 31.
5. Wild turkeys may not be harvested with a firearm (archery/crossbow only).
6. Open Dec. 1-31, except during deer quota hunts.
7. Open under statewide regulations for 10 consecutive days starting the second Saturday in November.
8. On the Sinclair Unit, quail hunting allowed between 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Thursdays and Sundays; On the Ken Unit, quail hunting allowed between 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Wednesdays and

Saturdays. On either unit, the daily bag limit for quail is four.

9. On the Sauerheber Unit, all hunting is open under statewide regulations through Oct. 31. The unit is closed to all public access Nov. 1, 2021 - March 15, 2022, as designated by signs, except for waterfowl quota hunt permittees.
10. Open for December muzzleloader season only.
11. Pheasant quota hunts, either sex, limit two, Dec. 3, 4 and 5; Open Dec. 6 only to drawn pheasant quota hunters, either sex, limit three; Open Dec. 7-31, either sex, daily limit three.
12. Open only in bear zone.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

- * **Barren River Lake WMA:** On the Peninsula Unit, including Narrows, Goose and Grass islands, hunters shall not use a modern firearm to take game.
- * **Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area:** User permit required. A person shall not enter the area during the deer quota hunt without a valid quota hunt confirmation number. All small game and turkey seasons closed during the quota deer hunt. Hunters may not use rifles or ball or slug ammunition to take furbearers and may not use a rimfire gun to take small game unless participating in the deer quota hunt.

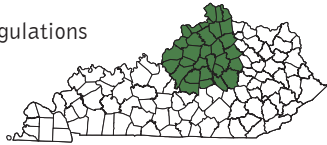
Trapping season open Jan. 1 through the last day in February.

- * **Peabody WMA:** Any person ages 16 and older entering the area must obtain and carry a Peabody WMA user permit. Individual permits may be obtained through any license vendor. An event permit is available from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife to any organization to use the area for any allowable activity. Permits are nontransferable. Rabbit and quail hunters on the Sinclair and Ken units must check in and check out at a self-service kiosk and clearly display a department-provided vehicle hang-tag in a vehicle. Hang-tags available in advance through the department's website.
- * **Sloughs WMA:** Ash Flats, Grassy Pond, Powells Lake, Jenny Hole, Highland Creek, and Cape Hills units are open for all hunting and trapping seasons.

NOTE: Before trapping on a WMA or Outdoor Recreation Area, a Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Public Area Trapping Registration Form must be completed. See page 26 for details.

BLUEGRASS REGION PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

- Open under statewide regulations
- Closed
- Quota hunt
- # Open with exception(s)



MAP # and AREA NAME	PHONE	Deer - Archery/ Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Modern Gun	Deer - Youth Gun	Squirrel	Rabbit	Grouse	Quail	Turkey	Furbearer	Bear	Elk Quota	Other
1 Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA*	(859) 428-2262	1	2				2		2					
2 Dr. James R. Rich WMA	(502) 535-6335	1	5											
3 Dr. Norman & Martha Adair WMA	(859) 428-2262													
4 Griffith Woods WMA	(859) 428-2262	1												
5 John A. Kleber WMA	(502) 535-6335	1	5				2		2					
6 John C. Williams WMA	(502) 477-9024	1												
7 Kentucky River WMA	(502) 535-6335	1	5											
8 Knobs State Forest & WMA	(502) 477-9024	1												
9 Miller Welch-Central Kentucky WMA*	(859) 986-4130	3									4			
10 Mullins WMA	(859) 428-2262	1					2		2					
11 T. N. Sullivan WMA	(502) 535-6335	1												
12 Taylorsville Lake WMA	(502) 477-9024	1	5				2		2					
13 Twin Eagle WMA	(502) 535-6335	1												
14 Veterans Memorial WMA*	(859) 428-2262	1	5											

OPEN UNDER STATEWIDE REGULATIONS FOR ALL SPECIES in accordance with the county in which they are located:

15. Marion County WMA & State Forest (502-477-9024); **16.** Rolling Fork WMA (502-477-9024); **17.** Stephens Creek WMA (859-428-2262). **CALL FOR DETAILS: A.** Bluegrass Army Depot (859-779-6651).

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Open for December muzzleloader season only.
2. Open Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.
3. Open archery hunt, either sex, Monday through Thursday only, from the first Saturday in September through Dec. 17 and daily from Dec. 18 through the third Monday in January; Open cross-bow hunt, either sex, Monday through Thursday only, Sept. 21 through December 17 and daily from Dec. 18 through third Monday in January; Closed during scheduled field trials as posted on bulletin board at WMA office.
4. Open for furbearer trapping; Closed for furbearer hunting.

5. Check-in, check-out required at John A. Kleber WMA office.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS

* **Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA:** Unleashed dogs are prohibited April 1 until the third Saturday in August, except during department-authorized field trials and the spring squirrel season.

* **Miller Welch-Central Kentucky WMA:** Unleashed dogs are prohibited April 1 until the third Saturday in August, except during department-authorized field trials and the spring squirrel season. At other times of the year, unleashed dogs are permitted on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

* **Veterans Memorial WMA:** Access within the WMA may be restricted due to construction.

NOTE: Before trapping on a WMA or Outdoor Recreation Area, a Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Public Area Trapping Registration Form must be completed. See page 26 for details.

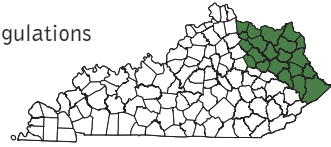
See statewide harvest maps, hunting zones and more at fw.ky.gov. Click the "More" tab and choose "Maps," or scan this code.



Public shooting ranges are available on Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA, Higginson-Henry WMA, John A. Kleber WMA, Jones-Keeney WMA, Miller Welch-Central Kentucky WMA, Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area, Peabody WMA, Taylorsville Lake WMA and West Kentucky WMA. The ranges are self-serve and all users must comply with the rules posted by sign. Shooting ranges are closed on Mondays and during deer quota hunts at applicable WMAs. Ranges can be reserved for special events by contacting the WMA manager 30 days in advance of the event. For more information, visit www.arcgis.com and type "Kentucky Shooting Ranges on Public Hunting Areas" in the search box. Public shooting ranges also are available on Daniel Boone National Forest. Details are available online at www.fs.usda.gov/dbnf by clicking on "Recreation" and then "Other Activities."

NORTHEAST REGION PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

- Open under statewide regulations
- Closed
- Quota hunt
- # Open with exception(s)



MAP # and AREA NAME		PHONE	Deer - Archery/ Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Modern Gun	Deer - Youth Gun	Squirrel	Rabbit	Grouse	Quail	Turkey	Furbearer	Bear	Elk Quota	Other
1	Clay WMA*	(859) 289-8564	2					3	4	4			21		5/6
2	Czar Hunting Access*	(606) 780-0854	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	
3	Dewey Lake WMA	(606) 783-8634		15/20	15	15							15	15	
4	Fishtrap Lake WMA	(606) 783-8634		20											
5	Fleming WMA	(859) 289-8564						7	8	7					
6	Grayson Lake WMA*	(606) 474-8535	9	20		10									
7	Legacy-LLC Hunting Access	(606) 783-8634												16	
8	Paintsville Lake WMA	(606) 783-8634		11/20	11	11							11	11	
9	Pike Elkhorn Hunting Access	(606) 783-8634												16	
10	Pioneer Weapons WMA	(606) 784-6428	17	12	12	12	19	19	19	19	17	19			
11	South Shore WMA*	(606) 474-8535		18	13	13									
12	Yatesville Lake WMA	(606) 686-3312			14										
13	RH Group Hunting Access*	(606) 783-8634												22	
A	Daniel Boone National Forest	(859) 745-3100												16	

OPEN UNDER STATEWIDE REGULATIONS for all species in accordance with the county in which they are located: **14.** Betterment Wildlife Hunting Access (606-783-8634); **15.** Ed Mabry-Laurel Gorge WMA (606-474-8535); **16.** Elk Horn Coal Hunting Access* (606-783-8634); **17.** Old Trace Creek WMA (606) 780-0854; **18.** Simon Kenton WMA (859-289-8564); **19.** Sunny Brook WMA* (606-780-0854); **20.** Tygarts State Forest (502-564-4496).
CALL FOR DETAILS: B. Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge (304-375-2923).

EXCEPTIONS

1. Only the Beech Fork Tract is open to hunting under statewide rules and regulations. Portions open during elk quota hunts to permit holders.
2. Archery and crossbow hunting prohibited on main tract during the quota fox hunting field trials.
3. Open Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, except closed Nov. 6-7 for the deer quota hunt and in the pheasant quota hunt units during pheasant quota hunts Dec. 3-7.
4. Open until 3 p.m. (local time) on Tuesdays and Saturdays from Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, except closed Nov. 7-8 for the deer quota hunt and in the pheasant quota hunt units during pheasant quota hunts Dec. 4-7. Daily bag limit is four quail and two grouse.
5. Pheasant quota hunts, either sex, limit two, Dec. 3, 4 and 5; Open Dec. 6 only to drawn pheasant quota hunters, either sex, limit three; Open Dec. 7-31, either sex, daily limit three.
6. The Upper and Lower Units of the management area are closed to public use Sept. 8-11, Sept. 22-25 and Feb. 23-26 except for those registered to participate in quota fox hunting field trials on those days.
7. Open Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.
8. Open Oct. 1 - Dec. 31.
9. Crossbows legal during entire archery season, except closed during the November open youth hunt.
10. Youth gun seasons open. An open youth hunt is held on the first Saturday in November for two consecutive days and is limited to youths ages 15 and under. Check in and check out required, **but any deer harvested must also be telechecked.** Limit of two deer, only one of which may be antlered. Closed to all other hunting during the two-day event.
11. Deer, bear, and elk hunting is archery/crossbow only (firearms prohibited) on three areas near the dam: 1) the area extending eastward from the drainage of Glade Branch along the lake to the state park boundary line at Rocky Knob, 2) the two islands visible from the state park boat ramp at the end of KY 2275, and 3) the entire hollow surrounding the Shoal Branch cove of the lake west of the dam beginning where the Paintsville Utilities Water Treatment Plant building is visible on the lake edge.
12. Hunters cannot use a modern gun or in-line muzzleloading gun. Hunters shall use only open or iron sights on any weapon.
13. Centerfire rifles and handguns may not be used to take deer.
14. Open under statewide regulations for 10 consecutive days starting the second Saturday in November.
15. Deer, bear, and elk hunting is archery/crossbow only (firearms prohibited) on two areas near the dam: 1) on the east side of the dam, the area extending southward from the dam to old Shoreline Campground No. 1, and 2) on the west side of the dam, the area extending westward from the dam along Ky 302 to Terry Boat Ramp.
16. Portions open during quota elk hunts to persons who possess the appropriate elk hunting permit.
17. Hunters may use a crossbow during the archery season but shall use only open or iron sights on any weapon.

18. Open for October muzzleloader season only.
19. Hunters shall not use any type of breech-loading firearm.
20. Open for December muzzleloader season only.
21. Open only in bear zone.
22. Portions open during the archery/crossbow quota elk hunts only to persons who possess the appropriate elk hunting permit.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS

- * **Clay WMA:** During the pheasant quota hunt period, pheasant quota hunt units close to small game hunting for four consecutive days starting the first Friday in December. Rabbit, quail and grouse hunters must check in and check out at a self-service kiosk and clearly display a department-provided vehicle hang-tag in a vehicle. Hang-tags available in advance through the department’s website. Portions of this WMA in Fleming and Bath counties are Zone 3 for bear.
- * **Czar Hunting Access:** Beech Fork Tract: Open to hunting under statewide

and countywide rules and regulations. Bow Tract: Open during elk quota hunts to those who possess the appropriate elk hunting permit. Closed to all other hunting. Czar Tract and Area 3 Tract: Open during elk quota hunts to those who possess the appropriate elk hunting permit. Quota hunt for rabbit and spring turkey. Closed to all other hunting. Applicants must contact Mintha Jenkins via email (mintha.jenkins@boothenergy.com) for further requirements before accessing the area or to apply for the quota hunts.

- * **Grayson Lake WMA:** Camp Webb is closed to all hunting.
- * **South Shore WMA:** Closed to all hunting and public access November 15 - January 15, except open for waterfowl and dove hunting when statewide seasons are open.
- * **Elk Horn Coal Hunting Access:** Camping, ATV use, horseback riding, baiting, livestock production and the use of screw-in steps or tree stands that have screws and spikes, which may injure trees, are not permitted on

the property.

- * **RH Group Hunting Access:** Commercial guiding, camping, ATV use, horseback riding, fishing, night hunting, baiting, livestock production and the use of screw-in steps or tree stands that have screws and spikes which may injure trees are not permitted on the property. Waiver required to access property. Go online to fw.ky.gov and search under RH Group for more information.
- * **Sunny Brook WMA:** Area may periodically close to public access due to future stream restoration construction. Closures will be marked through signage.

NOTE: Before trapping on a WMA or Outdoor Recreation Area, a Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Public Area Trapping Registration Form must be completed. See page 26 for details.



Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry (KHFH) is a nonprofit, volunteer organization that encourages hunters to harvest and donate deer each season for distribution to homeless shelters and food banks throughout the state.

Hunters in Zone 1 counties have a unique opportunity to help. They may take an unlimited number of antlerless deer so long as they have purchased the appropriate additional deer permits.

You can also donate \$2 when renewing your car or truck’s registration and help pay the cost of turning venison into a nutritious meal for the less fortunate in communities across Kentucky.

Approved processors are located in the following counties: Adair, Anderson, Boone, Boyd, Bracken, Campbell, Casey, Christian, Clark, Clay, Crittenden, Garrard, Grant, Graves, Grayson, Jefferson, Kenton, Lewis, Lincoln, Marion, Marshall, McCreary, Meade, Menifee, Mercer, Oldham, Owen, Pulaski, Scott, Shelby, Spencer, Webster, Warren, Wayne and Wolfe. Contact the processor in advance to confirm shop hours and which seasons the processor will be accepting deer. Every processing shop is independently owned and operated and not under control of Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry.

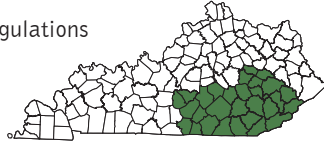
Kentucky Whitetail Access is a new KHFH program that pairs landowners who need assistance controlling depredating deer with hunters who can help. Visit the KHFH website for more information about this program and application forms.

Detailed instructions about how to donate your deer and a list of participating processors are available online at

kyhuntersforthehungry.info

SOUTHEAST REGION PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

- Open under statewide regulations
- Closed
- Quota hunt
- # Open with exception(s)



MAP # and AREA NAME	PHONE	Deer - Archery/ Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Modern Gun	Deer - Youth Gun	Squirrel	Rabbit	Grouse	Quail	Turkey	Furbearer	Bear	Elk Quota	Other
1 Asher Hunting Access	(606) 654-2533												8	
2 Beaver Creek WMA	(606) 376-8083		■	■			1	2	1				8	
3 Big South Fork NRRRA*	(606) 376-5073						1	2	1			■	8	
4 Cane Creek WMA	(606) 376-8083						1	2	1					
5 Cedar Creek Lake WMA	(270) 465-5039		■	■	■		1	■	■		6			
6 Dennis-Gray WMA	(270) 465-5039		■	■			1	■	1					
7 Dix River WMA	(270) 465-5039			■			1	2	1					
8 Green River Lake WMA*	(270) 465-5039		■	■			1	■	1					5
9 Hensley-Pine Mountain WMA	(606) 654-2533											■	8	
10 Hidden Valley Training Area*	(606) 878-9595		■	■	■	7				■	■	■		
11 Lake Cumberland WMA	(606) 376-8083						1	2	1				8	
12 Mill Creek WMA	(606) 878-9595		■	3			1		1					
13 Mud Camp Creek WMA	(270) 465-5039			■										
14 Paul Van Booven WMA	(606) 435-6229		■	■	■								■	
15 Pike Elkhorn Hunting Access*	(606) 654-2533												8	
16 Ping-Sinking Valley WMA	(606) 376-8083		4	■										
17 R. F. Tarter WMA	(270) 465-5039			■										
18 Redbird WMA	(606) 878-9595		■	3									8	
19 Robinson Forest WMA*	(606) 435-6229												8	
20 Rockcastle River WMA*	(606) 677-1098		■	3			1	9	9					
21 RH Group Hunting Access*	(606) 677-1098		■	■	■								10	
A Daniel Boone National Forest	(859) 745-3100												8	

OPEN UNDER STATEWIDE REGULATIONS for all species in accordance with the county in which they are located: **22.** Ashland WMA (606-878-9595); **23.** Betterment Wildlife Hunting Access, Knott & Letcher portions: (606-654-2533), Leslie & Perry portions: (606-877-8409); **24.** Boone Forestlands WMA (606-654-2533); **25.** Buck Creek WMA (606-677-1098); **26.** Buckhorn Lake WMA (606-435-6229); **27.** Burchell-Beech Creek WMA (606-677-1098); **28.** Carr Creek Lake WMA (606-654-2533); **29.** C.F. Ataya WMA (606-654-2533); **30.** Cranks Creek WMA (606-654-2533); **31.** Dale Hollow Lake WMA (270-465-5039); **32.** Elk Forest WMA (606-654-2533); **33.** Elk Horn Coal Hunting Access* (606-654-2533); **34.** Fortner-Davis WMA (606-654-2533); **35.** Jefferson National Forest (888-265-0019); **36.** Kentenia State Forest (502-564-4496); **37.** Kentucky Ridge Forest WMA (606-654-2533)/Kentucky Ridge State Forest (502-564-4496); **38.** Martins Fork Lake WMA (606-654-2533); **39.** Martins Fork WMA & State Natural Area (606-654-2533); **40.** Meadow Creek WMA (606-376-8083); **41.** Ross Creek WMA (606-677-1098); **42.** Shillalah Creek WMA (606-654-2533); **43.** Stone Mountain WMA & State Natural Area (606-654-2533); **44.** Wells Hunting Access (606-435-6229).

EXCEPTIONS

1. Open Nov. 1 – Dec. 31.
2. Open Oct. 1 – Dec. 31.
3. Open under statewide regulations for two consecutive days starting the second Saturday in November.
4. Open for December muzzleloader season only.
5. Pheasant quota hunts, either sex, limit two, Nov. 19, 20, 21; Open Nov. 22 to drawn pheasant quota hunters, either sex, limit three; Open Nov. 23 - Dec. 31, either sex, daily limit three.

6. Furbearer trapping open with permission; Closed for furbearer hunting.
7. Open from Sept. 1 through the last day of February.
8. Portions open during quota elk hunts to persons who possess the appropriate elk hunting permit.
9. Open until 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays from Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, except when closed during the modern gun deer season. Daily bag limit is four quail and two grouse.
10. Portions open during the archery/

crossbow quota elk hunts only to persons who possess the appropriate elk hunting permit.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS

* **Big South Fork NRRRA:** Open for wild pigs from the first Saturday in September through the end of February, but a Big South Fork hog hunting permit is required at times. Call for specific dates and details. Permits may be purchased at park visitor centers or online at www.nps.gov/biso/planyour-

visit/hunting.btm.

- * **Green River Lake WMA:** During the pheasant quota hunt period, pheasant quota hunt units closed to small game hunting for four consecutive days starting the third Friday in November. A person shall not hunt sandhill cranes within 100 yards of the normal summer pool level of 675 feet, east of the Hwy. 551 Bridge in the following embayments: Green River to the Snake Creek Boat Ramp; and Casey Creek to the Hwy. 76 bridge.
- * **Hidden Valley Training Area:** Area closes periodically for training exercises. Call (606) 878-9595 for more information about training dates.
- * **Robinson Forest WMA:** The main block of this area is closed to all hunt-

ing. The remainder of this WMA is open under statewide requirements.

- * **Rockcastle River WMA:** Rabbit, quail and grouse hunters must check in and check out at a self-service kiosk and clearly display a department-provided vehicle hang-tag in their vehicle. Hang-tags available in advance through the department's website.
- * **Elk Horn Coal Hunting Access:** Camping, ATV use, horseback riding, baiting, livestock production and the use of screw-in steps or tree stands that have screws and spikes, which may injure trees, are not permitted on the property.
- * **RH Group Hunting Access:** Commercial guiding, camping, ATV use, horseback riding, fishing, night hunt-

ing, baiting, livestock production and the use of screw-in steps or tree stands that have screws and spikes which may injure trees are not permitted on the property. Waiver required to access property. Go online to fw.ky.gov and search under RH Group for more information.

- * **Pike Elkhorn Hunting Access:** Access to the Letcher County property via Wright's Fork Road of US 23 is not permitted.

NOTE: Before trapping on a WMA or Outdoor Recreation Area, a Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Public Area Trapping Registration Form must be completed. See page 26 for details.

QUOTA HUNTS

OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife conducts quota hunts for deer, pheasant and migratory birds (waterfowl and mourning doves).

Some hunts are mentored hunts for youth and accompanying adults. Some hunts are open to mobility-impaired hunters only.

Any resident or nonresident may apply for quota hunts. Only the person(s) successfully drawn for quota hunts may hunt. Substitutions are not allowed.

Applicants drawn for quota hunts must purchase applicable licenses and permits to legally hunt during the quota hunts.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for quota hunts: Go online to fw.ky.gov. The non-refundable fee is \$3 per hunter to apply.

The application period is September 1-30 only. Hunters may apply for multiple quota hunts for different species at the same time.

Applicants will receive a confirmation number. When the drawing is com-

Complete details for all quota hunts are available online. Click the "Hunt" tab on fw.ky.gov, choose "Quota Hunts" from the dropdown menu and scroll to the appropriate hunt.

pleted, results will be posted online at fw.ky.gov.

Applicants may also call Kentucky Fish and Wildlife weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern time) at 1-800-858-1549 and provide either their confirmation number or order number to find out if they were selected.

QUOTA DEER HUNTS

Deer quota hunts are held on 16 WMAs, five state parks (Dale Hollow Lake, Greenbo Lake, Green River Lake, Kenlake, Kincaid Lake), and Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area. Additionally there are quota deer hunts for mobility-impaired hunters on Green River Lake WMA, Taylorsville Lake WMA and Zilpo-Twin Knobs Campgrounds (on Cave Run Lake).

Follow the rules!

Hunters who do not comply with quota hunt requirements are ineligible to apply for any quota hunt the following year (including deer, pheasant and waterfowl), and will lose any accumulated preference points.

If applying for a deer quota hunt as a group, each applicant's preference points will be used to calculate an average point total for the group. A group with a higher preference point average will be randomly selected before a group with a lower preference point average.

A maximum of 10 percent nonresidents can be drawn in each deer quota hunt pool.

Drawn quota hunters may bring one non-hunting person along on their hunt. The non-hunting person is not required to have applied for the quota hunt but must check in and check out with the drawn quota hunter. Participants must abide by hunter orange requirements.

Ground blinds used during gun

quota hunts for deer must have a hat or vest made of solid, unbroken hunter orange material attached to the blind so that it is visible from all sides. Hunter orange clothing requirements still apply for any persons inside the blind.

PHEASANT QUOTA HUNTS

Pheasant quota hunts are held on Yellowbank WMA, Green River Lake WMA and Clay WMA. See the "Public Hunting Areas Quick Reference" charts for dates. All drawn pheasant hunters must buy (regardless of attendance) and carry while hunting a pheasant quota hunt permit, which is \$25 and may be purchased online or from license vendors anytime before the hunt. Permits are not transferrable.

DOVE MENTORED HUNTS

Youth hunters and an accompanying adult may participate in mentored dove hunts on a limited number of public fields.

Locations of mentored hunts are published in the hunting guide for dove and early waterfowl. This guide is available for download from the department's website, or by calling 1-800-858-1549 in early August.

MOBILITY-IMPAIRED QUOTA HUNTS

Persons with one of the following physical conditions are eligible to apply for a mobility-impaired quota hunt. At check in, drawn hunters must show a WMA Mobility-Impaired Access Permit, available in advance of the hunt date from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

- Has permanent paralysis of at least one (1) leg;
- Has at least one (1) foot amputated;
- Is permanently confined to a wheelchair or must use crutches, or a walker as a means of support to pursue daily activities;
- Is restricted by a lung disease to such an extent that the person's forced respiratory expiratory volume for one (1) second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one (1) liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty (60) mm/hg on room air at rest;
- Requires portable oxygen;
- Has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class 3 or Class 4 according to standards set by the American Heart Association; or
- Has a diagnosed disease which creates a severe mobility impairment.

WATERFOWL QUOTA HUNTS

WATERFOWL/MIGRATORY BIRD QUOTA HUNTS

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is migrating much of its waterfowl and migratory bird hunting information to its website. Find information not covered in this printed guide online at fw.ky.gov, including a form downloadable to smartphones. This page covers basic information.

Season-long blind drawings are available at Barkley Lake, Barren River Lake, Buckhorn Lake, Doug Travis, Green River Lake, Nolin River Lake, Rough River Lake and Sloughs WMA. Drawings are typically held from August through October. These are separate from general quota hunt drawings held in September. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife announces dates and locations for these waterfowl blind drawings in August. Check online at fw.ky.gov for more information.

PUBLIC LAND HUNTING

Ballard WMA (Ballard County)

Hunters are not required to hunt from blinds maintained by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. Hunters will be drawn for one of 14 hunting units. The party who draws that unit can hunt anywhere within the unit.

- Hunts available through quota draw

for individual dates only.

- Apply for quota hunts Sept. 1-30 online at fw.ky.gov.

Sloughs WMA - Sauerheber Unit (Union and Henderson counties)

Hunters are not required to hunt from blinds maintained by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. Successfully drawn hunters will be assigned one of 12 hunting units. The hunter who draws that unit can hunt anywhere within the unit.

- Hunts available through quota draw for individual dates only.
- Apply for quota hunts Sept. 1-30 online at fw.ky.gov.
- Hunters must check-in the Sunday prior to the hunt.

Sloughs WMA - Jenny Hole Unit (Henderson County)

Unit is a quota hunt-only area.

- Hunting spots (9) assigned by weekly drawings held Monday evenings at Sloughs WMA office. Only one member of a hunting party needs to be present at the drawing.
- One spot available through quota draw for individual dates only.
- Apply for quota hunts Sept. 1-30 online at fw.ky.gov.
- Access is limited to drawn hunters only, and only on quota hunt days, with no access after 2 p.m. (local time).

MENTOR/MOBILITY-IMPAIRED HATCHERY HUNTS

Minor Clark and Pfeiffer Fish Hatcheries (Rowan and Franklin counties)

- Open to mobility-impaired hunters with access permit, and youths under the age of 16 accompanied by an adult mentor. A mentor may hunt.
- Hunters must apply online between Nov. 1-15.
- Hunt dates available Jan. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30 (2022).
- Mentor/youth hunt groups limited to four hunters, with no more than two hunting adults.

Doug Travis WMA Mobility-impaired Hunt (Carlisle and Hickman counties)

- Two blinds available.
- Applications accepted by mail, Sept. 1-30.

SANDHILL CRANES

- Quota hunt application period is during the month of September.
- Hunters may be drawn for up to three permits a season.
- Portions of Green River Lake and Barren River Lake are refugee areas and closed to crane hunting.
- Hunters must pass a migratory bird identification test before receiving their sandhill crane permit.

2021-22 DEER QUOTA HUNT CHOICES

WMA - Outdoor Recreation Area choices		Dates	# of slots	Min. # pref. pts. of 2020 participants	Hunt Remarks (Quota hunts are for either sex deer unless otherwise noted)
1	Ballard	Nov. 6-7	100	3	Hunters awarded one preference point for each female deer harvested, up to four. Scouting permitted through Oct. 14.
2	Beaver Creek	Nov. 6-7	330	0	Antlered deer only.
3	Big Rivers WMA & State Forest #1	Oct. 18- Nov. 30	130	0.25	Archery and crossbow only. Closed during the two-day quota hunt that starts the first Saturday in November. Department issued hang tags required. Must telecheck harvested deer.
4	Big Rivers WMA & State Forest #2	Nov. 6-7	100	0.8	
5	Clay	Nov. 6-7	225	0.8	Limit four, only one of which may be antlered, during quota hunt. Hunters awarded one preference point for each female deer harvested, up to four.
6	Dewey Lake	Nov. 6-7	150	0	Limit one during quota hunt.
7	Fishtrap Lake	Nov. 20-21	200	0	Limit one during quota hunt.
8	Green River Lake & Dennis-Gray	Nov. 6-7	400	0	
9	Green River Lake & Dennis-Gray Mobility-Impaired*	Nov. 6-7	15	0	Open only to mobility-impaired persons.
10	Higginson - Henry WMA #1	Oct. 18- Nov. 30	60	0.6	Archery and crossbow only. Closed during the two-day quota hunt that starts the first Saturday in November. Department issued hang tags required. Must telecheck harvested deer.
11	Higginson - Henry WMA #2	Nov. 6-7	45	0.8	
12	Kentucky River	Nov. 6-7	65	0.6	
13	Kleber and Rich #1	Nov. 6-7	200	0	
14	Kleber and Rich #2	Dec. 4-5	200	0	
15	Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area	Dec. 11-12	30	0	User permit required.
16	Paintsville Lake	Nov. 6-7	200	0	
17	Pennyrile State Forest/Tradewater WMA	Nov. 6-7	300	0	
18	Taylorsville Lake #1	Nov. 6-7	268	0.6	Hunters awarded one preference point for each female deer harvested, up to four.
19	Taylorsville Lake Mobility-Impaired* #1	Nov. 6-7	7	0	Open only to mobility-impaired persons. Hunters awarded one preference point for each female deer harvested, up to four.
20	Taylorsville Lake #2	Dec. 4-5	268	0	Hunters awarded one preference point for each female deer harvested, up to four.
21	Taylorsville Lake Mobility-Impaired* #2	Dec. 4-5	7	0	Open only to mobility-impaired persons. Hunters awarded one preference point for each female deer harvested, up to four.
22	Veterans Memorial #1	Nov. 6-7	75	0.6	
23	Veterans Memorial #2	Dec. 4-5	100	0	Antlerless deer only. Hunters awarded one preference point for each female deer harvested, up to four.
24	West Kentucky	Nov. 20-23	160	0	Shotgun and muzzleloader only.
25	West Kentucky youth mentor	Nov. 20-23	10	0	Shotgun only, youth mentor hunt on "A" tracts. Only youth hunters apply. No more than two youth hunters may accompany an adult mentor. No more than one adult can mentor a youth hunter. An adult mentor may take a deer during the hunt.

– CHART CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE –

*Only hunters who are mobility-impaired as described on page 27 can apply and be drawn for this hunt.

Antlered deer taken during quota hunts count against the statewide limit of one antlered deer per hunter, per season.

- DEER QUOTA HUNT CHOICES 2021-22, CONTINUED -

State park, other public lands choices		Dates	# of slots	Min. # pref. pts. of 2020 participants	Hunt Remarks (Quota hunts are for either sex deer unless otherwise noted)
26	Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park #1	Nov. 1-5	60	0	Archery and crossbow only. Must telecheck harvested deer.
27	Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park #2	Dec. 11-12	40	0	Youth only. Must telecheck harvested deer.
28	Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park #3	Jan. 8-9	50	0	Must telecheck harvested deer.
29	Greenbo Lake State Resort Park #1	Nov. 5-7	40	0	Archery and crossbow only. Must telecheck harvested deer.
30	Greenbo Lake State Resort Park #2	Nov. 12-14	40	0	Archery and crossbow only. Must telecheck harvested deer.
31	Greenbo Lake State Resort Park #3	Jan. 4-5	20	0	Must telecheck harvested deer.
32	Green River Lake State Park #1	Dec. 9-12	55	0	Archery and crossbow only. No check in or out. Must telecheck harvested deer.
33	Green River Lake State Park #2	Dec. 16-19	55	0	Archery and crossbow only. No check in or out. Must telecheck harvested deer.
34	Kenlake State Resort Park #1	Nov. 11-14	20	0	Archery and crossbow only. Must telecheck harvested deer.
35	Kenlake State Resort Park #2	Jan. 8-9	20	0	Archery and crossbow only. Must telecheck harvested deer.
36	Kincaid Lake State Park #1	Dec. 2-5	10	1	Must telecheck harvested deer.
37	Kincaid Lake State Park #2	Dec. 9-12	10	0.75	Must telecheck harvested deer.
38	Twin Knobs Mobility-Impaired*	Dec. 11	12	0	Open only to mobility-impaired persons.



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