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## ABOUT THIS GUIDE

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## OTHER GUIDES AVAILABLE

The KDFWR produces separate hunting regulation booklets for spring turkey and squirrel, waterfowl and other migratory bird hunting. Full season information for dove and early waterfowl hunting is available in mid-August. Regular waterfowl season laws are available November 1 from the KDFWR. Call 1-800-858-1549 weekdays, look for a copy of these regulation guides where hunting licenses are sold, or log on to [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov).

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**MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER**

Last year, I asked for your help as we began to upgrade the agency's strategic plan – a road map to guide our work. Some of you expressed concerns about Kentucky's small game populations and hunting opportunities. States throughout our country struggle with the same issues. Urban sprawl, clean farming and changing land use patterns continue to claim prime small game habitat.



Restoring habitat is far more difficult than stocking animals, as we did successfully with deer, turkey and elk. Those restoration strategies frequently fail for animals with life spans of less than a year. Success for small game restoration will take a long-term, habitat-focused effort of our agency, landowners and hunters. Here are some things you can do to help:

**Prescribed burning:** Fire can do wonders for wildlife habitat and help reduce excessive fuel loads that can contribute to catastrophic wildfire. Many states with strong small game populations have suc-

cessful prescribed fire programs in conjunction with their state forestry agency and other partners.

**Cost-share programs:** I encourage every landowner to take advantage of funds available from the Farm Bill and other sources. We have an active private lands program whose mission is to help you grow a home for wildlife. Call us at 1-800-858-1549 for details on how to get started.

**Help from hunters:** Hunters are a strong and passionate grassroots voice. We need every sportsman and sportswoman to become active in the pursuit of conservation legislation and initiatives. If we all pull together, we can make Kentucky a model for fish and wildlife conservation.

I am committed to improving small game hunting and to the future of our hunting heritage. Kentucky has more hunting opportunities now than at any time in its history. I wish you many safe and enjoyable days afield.

— Dr. Jonathan Gasset

**BASIC RULES FOR HUNTING**

1. You can NOT hunt or retrieve game on someone else's land without permission.
2. Unless you are license exempt, you must buy and carry afield the right hunting license and permits for the kind of hunting you do.
3. You can only hunt when the season is open for that species. Your hunting equipment must be legal. You can take no more game than the daily or season bag limits allow.
4. Anyone hunting where and when a gun deer or elk season is open must wear hunter orange on the head, chest and back, visible to others at all times.
5. All hunters born after January 1, 1975 must pass a hunter education course before hunting on any land besides land they own, **unless they have a valid temporary hunter education exemption permit.** Kids do not have to take the class until they are 12 years old, but must always hunt with an adult.

**All hunters should read the General Information/Telecheck section of this guide, in addition to the section for the game they are hunting, before going afield. Public land hunters should also read the Public Land Hunting section.**

**HUNTING ON PRIVATE LAND IS A PRIVILEGE.  
ALWAYS GET PERMISSION AND THANK THE LANDOWNER.**



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## WHO WE ARE

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) is an agency of the Kentucky Commerce Cabinet. Our nine-member commission is nominated by Kentucky sportsmen and sportswomen and appointed by the governor. This commission appoints the department's commissioner.

We employ about 500 people full-time, including Conservation Officers, wildlife and fisheries biologists, conservation educators, and information technology, public relations, customer service and administrative professionals.

Our Headquarters is located in Frankfort, but we work with landowners, hunters, anglers, boaters and wildlife enthusiasts statewide.

## WHAT WE DO

We conserve and enhance fish and wildlife resources and provide opportunity for hunting, fishing, trapping, boating and other wildlife-related activities.

Every year, we:

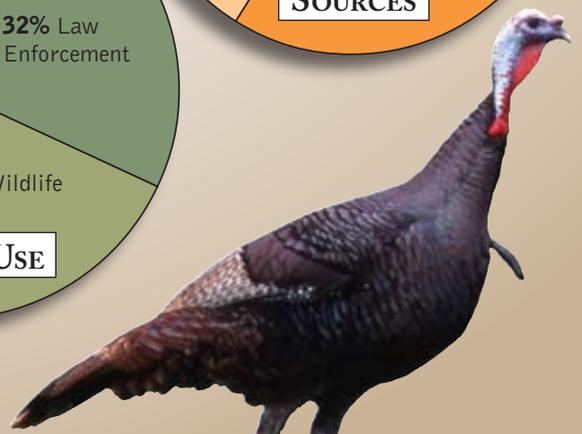
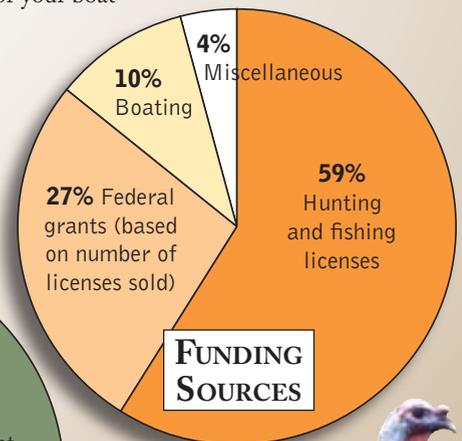
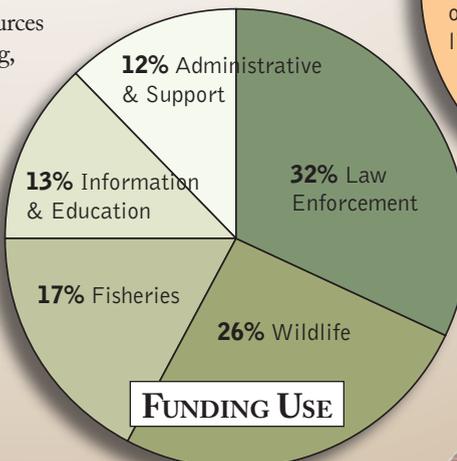
- Enforce hunting, fishing and boating laws across Kentucky for resource protection and public safety.
- Manage about 1 million acres of public land and water for the benefit of all fish and wildlife species.
- Stock more than 4 million fish in public waters.
- Build and maintain public boat ramps, shooting ranges and bank fishing access areas.
- Assist more than 2,000 private landowners with fish and wildlife habitat improvement.
- Inform and educate more than 400,000 kids and adults through education and outreach programs.

## HOW YOU HELP

The KDFWR receives no money from the state's General Fund.

You provide our agency's funding every time you:

- Buy a hunting or fishing license
- Buy a firearm, ammunition, or archery equipment
- Pay your boat registration fee
- Buy fuel for your boat





# GENERAL INFORMATION / TELECHECK

## NEW THIS YEAR

The items highlighted here are a quick overview of the changes to this year's hunting seasons. Changes from last season are printed in red in complete detail throughout this guide to assist you in noticing those changes.

This guide is effective through the end of February, 2008. See the 2008 Turkey & Squirrel Hunting Guide, available in January, for all spring hunting regulations.

### HUNTER EDUCATION

Kids aren't required to take a hunter education course until they turn 12; must be at least 9 years old before they can take the test.

One-time \$5 temporary hunter education exemption permit available online at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov). Allows hunters normally required to have hunter education to hunt for one year from date of purchase without completion of a hunter education course, when accompanied by

an adult hunter who meets the hunter education requirement.

### NEW PUBLIC LAND

Four new Wildlife Management Areas: Doug Travis WMA (formerly MeadWestvaco WMA), Howard WMA, Knobs State Forest and WMA, and Martins Fork WMA and State Natural Area.

### ELK

Elk permit number increases to 300. Changes to archery and crossbow season dates.

Hunters must telecheck their elk before removing the hide or head.

Department-issued hangtags required in vehicle windows for quota elk hunters.

New Out-of-Zone permit required for elk hunting outside restoration zone; statewide bag limit is 1 elk, regardless of permit type.

### DEER & TURKEY

Martin, Jackson and Rockcastle counties are now Zone 4 counties for deer

hunting. Hardin County is now Zone 1.

Hunters must telecheck their deer before removing the hide or head.

Electronic calls and decoys are illegal for deer hunting.

New fall turkey permit available for both shotgun and archery/crossbow hunting. Permit good for 4 turkeys total; equipment restrictions and fall bag limits remain the same.

### SMALL GAME & FURBEARERS

Grouse season now opens Nov. 1. Changes to legal methods of take for small game.

Bobcat hunting season now opens the third Saturday in November. The season bag limit is now 5 bobcats; only 3 can be taken with a gun.

### NEW FOR KIDS

Beginning with the 2008-09 license year, kids under 12 will be license and permit exempt (except Elk Lottery Application, Elk Quota Hunt Permit and Out-of-Zone Elk Permit).

## 2007-08 KENTUCKY HUNTING SEASONS

ELK	Zone At-Large Quota Hunts		Limited Entry Area Quota Hunts	
	Antlered	Antlerless	Antlered	Antlerless
Firearms	Oct. 6-12, 2007	Dec. 8-21, 2007	Oct. 6-12, 2007	Dec. 8-14, 2007
Archery	Oct. 6, 2007 - Jan. 21, 2008	Oct. 13, 2007 - Jan. 21, 2008		
Crossbow	Oct. 6-21 and Nov. 10 - Dec. 31, 2007	Oct. 13-21 and Nov. 10 - Dec. 31, 2007		

Hunters must follow deer season and equipment regulations to take elk from any county NOT included in the 16-county elk restoration zone (Out of Zone), and must have an Out-of-Zone Elk Permit.

DEER	Statewide	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
Modern Gun		Nov. 10-25, 2007 (either sex)	Nov. 10-25, 2007 (either sex)	Nov. 10-19, 2007 (either sex)	Nov. 10-19, 2007 (antlered only)
Archery	Sept. 1, 2007 - Jan. 21, 2008 (either sex)				
Crossbow	Oct. 1-21 and Nov. 10 - Dec. 31, 2007 (either sex)				
Muzzleloader		Oct. 20-21 and Dec. 8-16, 2007 (either sex)	Oct. 20-21 and Dec. 8-16, 2007 (either sex)	Oct. 20-21 and Dec. 8-16, 2007 (either sex)	Oct. 20-21 (antlered only) and Dec. 8-16, 2007 (either sex)
Youth-only Firearms	Oct. 13-14, 2007 (either sex)				
Free Youth Weekend*	Dec. 29-30, 2007 (either sex)				

\*During the Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend ONLY, hunters ages 15 and under may hunt deer with a firearm without a license or deer permit, if accompanied by an adult. (See pages 20-21 for county zones, harvest restrictions and hunter requirements for each zone.)

FALL TURKEY	Shotgun	Archery	Crossbow
	Oct. 27 - Nov. 2 and Dec. 1-7, 2007	Sept. 1, 2007 - Jan. 21, 2008	Oct. 1-21 and Nov. 10 - Dec. 31, 2007

SMALL GAME & FURBEARERS	All seasons are statewide unless otherwise indicated.	
	Hunting	Trapping
Squirrel	Aug. 18 - Nov. 9, Nov. 12, 2007 - Feb. 29, 2008 and June 7 - 20, 2008	
Crow	Sept. 1 - Nov. 7, 2007 and Jan. 4 - Feb. 29, 2008	
Wild Hog & Groundhog	year-round	
Bullfrog	Noon May 18 - Oct. 31, 2007 Noon May 16 - Oct. 31, 2008	
Falconry	Sept. 1, 2007 - Mar. 30, 2008	
Coyote	year-round	Noon Nov. 12, 2007 - noon Feb. 29, 2008
Bobcat	Noon Nov. 17, 2007 - Jan. 31, 2008	Noon Nov. 12, 2007 - Jan. 31, 2008
Raccoon & Opossum	Nov. 1, 2007 - noon Feb. 29, 2008; hunting only at night during Modern Gun Deer Season.	Noon Nov. 12, 2007 - noon Feb. 29, 2008
Otter	Noon Nov. 12, 2007 - noon Feb. 29, 2008	
Muskrat, Mink, Beaver, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Weasel & Striped Skunk	Noon Nov. 12, 2007 - noon Feb. 29, 2008	
Free Youth Small Game Hunting & Trapping Week	Dec. 29, 2007 - Jan. 4, 2008	

Rabbit & Quail
Nov. 12, 2007 - Feb. 10, 2008, in the following counties: Allen, Ballard, Butler, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Daviess, Fulton, Graves, Hancock, Henderson, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Logan, Lyon, Marshall, McLean, McCracken, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Simpson, Todd, Trigg, Union, Warren and Webster.
Nov. 1-9 and Nov. 12, 2007 - Jan. 31, 2008 in all other counties.
Grouse
Nov. 1-9 and Nov. 12, 2007 - Feb. 29, 2008 in the following counties only: Adair, Bath, Bell, Boyd, Bracken, Breathitt, Campbell, Carter, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Floyd, Garrard, Greenup, Harlan, Harrison, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Lincoln, Madison, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, McCreary, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Owsley, Pendleton, Perry, Pike, Powell, Pulaski, Robertson, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Wayne, Whitley and Wolfe.

NOTE: Seasons on Wildlife Management Areas and other public hunting lands not managed by the KDFWR may be different from those above. Please check individual area listings, beginning on page 48.

# LICENSES AND PERMITS

## WHO NEEDS HUNTING LICENSES AND PERMITS IN KENTUCKY?

If you take or attempt to take game, you are considered a hunter and therefore subject to licensing requirements unless specifically exempted by law. (See page 58 for the complete definition of 'take'.)

Unless you fall into one of the categories listed below, you must obtain and carry while in the field, proof that you've met the license requirements for the kind of hunting you're doing. This proof can be either a paper license/permit, or a license authorization number (if you purchased a license by phone and have not yet received your paper license/permit in the mail.) If you can't show you're licensed properly while you're hunting, you risk being issued a citation.

Each hunter must have his or her own license or permit. Paper licenses and permits must be signed and the hunter information portion (signature, address, eye and hair color, sex, height and weight) completed before going afield.

### Phoning it in?

Hunters who purchase licenses and permits on the phone or internet must read the requirements listed on page 9.

## WHO DOESN'T NEED A HUNTING LICENSE OR PERMIT?

In some cases, a resident hunter may not be required to buy a hunting license, permits to hunt deer or turkey, or a state waterfowl permit. Here are those situations:

- 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**; and
- Kentucky residents on military furlough of more than three days in this state who carry identification and papers that verify their furlough status.

Hunters eligible to participate in the Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week or Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, and adults who accompany a youth hunter but are not hunting themselves, are not required to have a license or permit during these seasons.

**Beginning with the 2008-09 license year, all resident and nonresident kids under the age of 12 will no longer have to buy licenses or permits (except the Elk Lottery Application, Elk Quota Hunt Permit and Out-of-Zone Elk Permit).**

### Other laws still apply!

Residents 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, as described above, ARE subject to the usual license requirements anytime they hunt somewhere other than their own lands.

## WHAT TYPE OF LICENSE OR PERMIT DO I NEED?

### Deer, elk and turkey

Both an **annual** hunting license and an additional permit are required. (See the Deer, Elk and Fall Turkey sections for details).

### Waterfowl and other migratory birds

In addition to a Kentucky hunting license (annual or short-term), permits are required **for ages 16 and older** as follows:

- **Kentucky Migratory Bird Permit:** required to hunt doves, snipe, woodcock, moorhens, rails and gallinules.
- **Kentucky Waterfowl Permit:** required to hunt ducks, geese, coots and mergansers. This permit **also covers** the species permitted by the Kentucky Migratory Bird Permit.
- **Federal Migratory Bird "Duck" Stamp:** required in addition to the Kentucky Waterfowl Permit to hunt ducks, geese, coots and mergansers. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service requirement; available at post offices.

### Q: Who needs a Federal Migratory Bird "Duck" Stamp?

A: Hunters ages 16 and over must get a **federal** duck stamp (available from post offices) to hunt ducks, geese, coots and mergansers.

## All other species

Only a hunting license (annual, short-term, or a license that includes the hunting privilege) is required for everything else, except that no license or permit is needed to take exotic species as noted in the Small Game & Furbearers section of this guide.

See the chart on page 8 and text on pages 10-11 for a full description of what's included in the Resident Sportsman's License, Youth Sportsman's License and Resident Senior/Disabled License.

## SHORT-TERM HUNTING LICENSES

The following short-term licenses are valid for all types of hunting except deer, elk and turkey. (Hunting those three species requires an **annual** resident or nonresident hunting license along with the appropriate permit.) Short-term licenses are valid **only** for the 1- or 5-day period shown on the license.

- **1-Day Hunting License:** available to residents and nonresidents.
- **5-Day Hunting License:** available only to nonresidents.

## HIP SURVEYS

When purchasing a Kentucky Waterfowl Permit, Kentucky Migratory Bird Permit, or any license that includes those permits, hunters are required by federal law to complete a harvest information program (HIP) survey at the time of purchase. Your license retailer (or phone operator) will ask you questions to fill out this survey. If you purchase your license online, you will be prompted to answer those questions at the end of your purchase.

## WHICH LICENSE OR PERMIT DO I NEED?

KENTUCKY RESIDENTS	Ages 15 and under	Ages 16-64	Ages 65 and over OR Disabled
<b>Deer</b>	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Deer Permit*	Annual Hunting License† + Statewide Deer Permit†	Senior/Disabled
<b>Fall Turkey</b>	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Turkey Permit*	Annual Hunting License† + Fall Turkey Permit†	Senior/Disabled
<b>Spring Turkey</b>	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Turkey Permit*	Annual Hunting License† + Spring Turkey Permit†	Senior/Disabled
<b>Small Game &amp; Furbearers</b>	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License	Senior/Disabled
<b>Migratory Birds</b> (dove, snipe, woodcock, moorhens, rails, gallinules)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird or Kentucky Waterfowl Permit†	Senior/Disabled
<b>Waterfowl</b> (ducks, geese, coots and mergansers)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Waterfowl Permit† + Federal Duck Stamp	Senior/Disabled + Federal Duck Stamp
<b>Trapping</b>	Annual Youth Trapping License	Annual or Landowner/Tenant Trapping License	Annual or Landowner/Tenant Trapping License

\*Included in Youth Sportsman's License

†Included in Resident Sportsman's License



HIP survey required

(also required for Resident Sportsman's License)

NONRESIDENTS (must buy nonresident licenses/permits)	Ages 15 and under	Ages 16 and over
<b>Deer</b>	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Deer Permit*	Annual Hunting License + Statewide Deer Permit
<b>Fall Turkey</b>	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Turkey Permit*	Annual Hunting License + Fall Turkey Permit
<b>Spring Turkey</b>	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Turkey Permit*	Annual Hunting License + Spring Turkey Permit
<b>Small Game &amp; Furbearers</b>	Youth Hunting License*	Annual, 1-Day or 5-Day Hunting License
<b>Migratory Birds</b> (dove, snipe, woodcock, moorhens, rails, gallinules)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual, 1-Day or 5-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird or Waterfowl Permit
<b>Waterfowl</b> (ducks, geese, coots and mergansers)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual, 1-Day or 5-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Waterfowl Permit + Federal Duck Stamp
<b>Trapping</b>	Annual Trapping License	Annual Trapping License

\*Included in Youth Sportsman's License



HIP survey required

The tables above are a quick overview of licensing requirements for hunting in Kentucky for the **2007-08 license year**. See the rest of this section for exemptions and **complete** residency, licensing and hunter education requirements. See individual species sections for bag limits and other restrictions. **(All elk hunting requirements are explained in the Elk section.)**

### Also:

Disabled individuals must show disability license authorization card to purchase Senior/Disabled license. See page 11 for details.

The Federal Migratory Bird "Duck" Stamp is available at post offices.

**Q: Who needs to fill out a harvest information program (HIP) survey?**

**A:** All hunters purchasing a **state** Migratory Bird Permit, **state** Waterfowl Permit, Resident Sportsman's License or Senior/Disabled License must fill out a HIP survey. You will be asked survey questions when you buy these licenses and permits.

## LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES

LICENSE / PERMIT	Resident	Nonresident
<b>Annual Hunting</b> (deer, elk or turkey)	\$20.00	\$130.00
<b>Annual Fishing</b>	\$20.00	\$50.00
<b>Joint Husband/Wife Annual Fishing</b>	\$36.00	*
<b>1-Day Fishing</b>	\$7.00	\$10.00
<b>Nonresident 7-Day Fishing</b>	*	\$30.00
<b>Nonresident 15-Day Fishing</b>	*	\$40.00
<b>Trout Permit</b>	\$10.00	\$10.00
<b>1-Day Hunting</b> (not valid for deer, elk or turkey)	\$7.00	\$10.00
<b>5-Day Hunting</b> (not valid for deer, elk or turkey)	*	\$40.00
<b>Annual Youth Hunting</b> (ages 15 and under only)	\$5.00	\$5.00
<b>Annual Combination Hunting/Fishing</b>	\$30.00	*
<b>Senior/Disabled Combination Hunting/Fishing</b>	\$5.00	*
<b>Deer Permit</b> (statewide) (two deer)	\$30.00	\$60.00
<b>Youth</b> (15 and under) <b>Deer Permit</b> (one deer)	\$10.00	\$10.00
<b>Bonus Antlerless Deer Permit</b> (two deer)	\$15.00	\$15.00
<b>Bonus WMA Quota Hunt Deer Permit</b> (two deer)	\$30.00	\$30.00
<b>Spring Turkey Permit</b> (statewide) (two turkeys)	\$30.00	\$60.00
<b>Youth</b> (15 and under) <b>Turkey Permit</b> (one turkey, spring or fall)	\$10.00	\$10.00
<b>Fall Turkey Permit</b> (statewide)(four turkeys)	\$30.00	\$60.00
<b>Kentucky Waterfowl Permit</b>	\$15.00	\$15.00
<b>Migratory Bird Permit</b>	\$10.00	\$10.00
<b>Annual Trapping</b>	\$20.00	\$130.00
<b>Annual Landowner/Tenant Trapping</b>	\$10.00	*
<b>Annual Youth Trapping</b>	\$5.00	*
<b>Sportsman's License**</b> (Includes combination hunting/fishing, statewide deer permit, all spring and fall turkey permits, state waterfowl permit and trout permit.)	\$95.00	*
<b>Youth</b> (15 and under) <b>Sportsman's License**</b> (Includes youth hunting license, youth deer permit and youth turkey permit. Fishing license, waterfowl permit and trout permit not required for youth.)	\$25.00	\$25.00
<b>Elk Lottery Application</b>	\$10.00	\$10.00
<b>Elk Quota Hunt Permit</b> (if drawn)	\$30.00	\$365.00
<b>Out-of-Zone Elk Permit</b>	\$30.00	\$365.00
<b>Peabody WMA User Permit</b>	\$15.00	\$15.00
<b>Land Between the Lakes (LBL) User Permit</b>	\$20.00	\$20.00
<b>Temporary Hunter Education Exemption Permit</b> (available online at <a href="http://fw.ky.gov">fw.ky.gov</a> only)	\$5.00	\$5.00
<b>Federal Migratory Bird "Duck" Stamp</b> (available at post offices)	\$15.00	\$15.00

\* Not available

\*\* Peabody and LBL User Permits, Elk Lottery Application, Elk Quota Hunt Permit, Out-of-Zone Elk Permit and Federal Duck Stamp not included.

Annual licenses and permits are valid from the date of purchase through the last day in February. **New licenses are required annually March 1.** A 1- or 5-day hunting license is valid only for the period shown on the license.

Beginning with the 2008-09 license year, all resident and nonresident kids under the age of 12 will no longer have to purchase licenses or permits (except the Elk Lottery Application, Elk Quota Hunt Permit and Out-of-Zone Elk Permit).

## HOW TO BUY LICENSES AND PERMITS

### GETTING A LICENSE IN PERSON

Kentucky hunting (and fishing) licenses and permits can be purchased from nearly 1,000 locations throughout the Commonwealth. Most Walmart, K-mart, county court clerk offices and outdoor sporting goods stores sell licenses. License vendor locations are listed on the KDFWR website at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov). Licenses and permits can also be purchased TOLL-FREE at 1-877-598-2401 by phone or over the internet at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov).

### GETTING A LICENSE BY PHONE

Kentucky hunting and fishing licenses can be purchased over the phone 24 hours a day. It is the caller's responsibility to know what type of license or permit is needed before calling. Operators should NOT be relied upon to explain licensing requirements. If you are unsure what license or permit you need, refer to previous portions of this guide, or contact the KDFWR Information Center at 1-800-858-1549.

All Kentucky hunting and fish-

### By phone:

#### Call toll-free 1-877-598-2401

Persons purchasing by phone:

1. Must use Visa, Mastercard, Discover or e-check;
2. Will be charged a small fee;
3. Must provide their name, address, date of birth and Social Security number;
4. Will be issued a paper license/permit by mail;
5. Will be issued an authorization number which serves as a license/permit until paper license/permit is issued; and
6. Must have the authorization number in addition to a picture ID while hunting, if they have not yet received their paper license/permit in the mail.

ing licenses and permits, except a **Disabled Combination License** and **Trapping License**, can be purchased over the phone.

### By Internet:

#### Visit [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov)

Persons purchasing online:

1. Must use Visa, Mastercard or Discover;
2. Must provide their name, address, date of birth and Social Security number;
3. Must print their own paper license/permit at the end of their purchase; and
4. Will not receive a paper license/permit in the mail.

### GETTING A LICENSE THROUGH THE INTERNET

All Kentucky hunting and fishing licenses/permits, except a **Joint Husband/Wife Fishing License**, can be purchased through the secured KDFWR website.

Deer, elk and turkey hunters, and otter and bobcat hunters/trappers should be absolutely sure to read the portion of this guide that outlines the requirements of recording, checking and tagging these species.

WHITETAILS AND TURKEYS AND BASS,

OH MY!

DO IT ALL WITH THE  
SPORTSMAN'S LICENSE!

- Combination hunting/fishing license
- Spring & fall turkey permits
- Statewide deer, waterfowl & trout permits

**ALL FOR \$95 - SAVE \$50!**

Available at license outlets, by phone or online



## LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

### RESIDENT SPORTSMAN'S LICENSE (SAVE \$50!)

Residents who both hunt and fish for several species may want to consider the Resident Sportsman's License. This license includes a combination hunting and fishing license, spring turkey permit (two turkeys), **fall turkey permit (four turkeys)**, statewide deer permit (two deer), state waterfowl permit and trout permit. Purchased separately, these items would cost **\$50** more than buying the Sportsman's package deal. Peabody and LBL user permits, trapping license, an Elk Lottery Application, Elk Quota Hunt Permit, Out-of-Zone Elk Permit and bonus deer permits must be purchased separately. Sportsman's License holders must answer harvest information program (HIP) survey questions for waterfowl and other migratory birds. A Federal Duck Stamp (available at post offices) is required for waterfowl hunting.

### YOUTH HUNTER LICENSE (RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS)

All hunters regardless of age are required to have a hunting license unless eligible for a license exemption. However, any resident or nonresident hunter 15 years old or younger is eligible to carry a less expensive youth hunting license instead of a regular-priced license.

A youth hunting license authorizes the holder to hunt all small game species and migratory bird species. Unless exempt, youth hunters are required to

purchase additional permits to hunt elk, deer and turkey. Specific permit requirements for youth deer and turkey hunters are found in the Deer and Fall Turkey sections of this guide. Both a youth deer and turkey permit are available at a reduced price. (How these permits may be used is discussed in the sections on youth deer and turkey hunting.) **The youth hunting licenses and permits are valid for the entire license year, even if the hunter turns 16 during the license year after purchasing the license.** After a hunter turns 16 years old, he or she is no longer eligible to buy a youth hunting license.

**A Youth Sportsman's License is available to resident and nonresident youth 15 and under, and includes a youth hunting license, youth deer permit and youth turkey permit.**

Hunters 15 and younger are exempt from purchasing a Kentucky waterfowl or state migratory bird permit, and a federal migratory bird "duck" stamp.

A youth hunting license shall not be issued without the written permission of a parent or guardian, or person having custody of the youth hunter. A parent, guardian or person having custody of the youth hunter shall sign the youth hunter's license to signify consent. Persons under 10 years old who hunt **any species** must be accompanied by an adult. Persons 15 and under who hunt **turkey, elk or deer** with a firearm must be accompanied by an adult.

During the Free Youth Hunting and Trapping Week (Dec. 29, 2007 through Jan. 4, 2008), resident and nonresident hunters 15 and under may hunt or trap small game and furbearers without a license. All other regulations and limits apply, except no license is required.

Youth hunters who hunt deer or out-of-zone elk with a firearm during the Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend (Dec. 29-30, 2007) are not required to have a deer or out-of-zone elk permit, but must be accompanied by an adult, and follow all other deer/elk

hunting regulations.

**Hunter education is not required for youth to participate in the Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, or the Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week, but taking the course ahead of time is strongly recommended.**

**Beginning with the 2008-09 license year, all resident and nonresident kids under the age of 12 will no longer have to buy licenses or permits (except the Elk Lottery Application, Elk Quota Hunt Permit and Out-of-Zone Elk Permit).**

**Q:** I'm a nonresident but I own land in Kentucky. Do I have to buy nonresident licenses and permits?

**A:** Yes. **All** nonresidents must purchase nonresident licenses and permits.

### NONRESIDENT HUNTER LICENSE

Those who do not meet the definition of a Kentucky resident are required to purchase nonresident licenses. A resident is: Any person who has established **permanent** domicile and legal residence and has resided in Kentucky for 30 days prior to purchasing a license, full-time students enrolled in an educational institution for at least a six-month term, and military service personnel on permanent assignment in Kentucky.

### RESIDENT SENIOR (65 AND OLDER) LICENSE

Kentucky residents 65 years of age and older who present proof of age and residency are eligible to purchase the

### *Lost licenses and permits*

Persons who need a replacement license or permit have two options:

1. Purchase the same type of license or permit from any license vendor, ask them for a license refund form, fill it out and send it to: KDFWR Licensing, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601. You will receive a refund minus a **\$5** handling fee.
2. Send **\$5**, your name, address, date of birth and Social Security number, and which license(s) or permits you lost to: KDFWR Licensing, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601. The KDFWR will replace the license/permit you identify as lost, once verification of original purchase occurs.

### *Warning!*

Persons convicted of providing false information regarding residency eligibility for purposes of purchasing hunting and fishing licenses and permits are subject to fines up to \$200 in addition to loss of hunting/fishing privileges for up to three years and seizure of hunting/fishing equipment.

discounted \$5 **Senior/Disabled Combination Hunting and Fishing License** (which includes all state-required permits **except** Peabody and LBL user permits, Elk Lottery Application, Elk Quota Hunt Permit, Out-of-Zone Elk Permit and a trapping license). Holders of a Senior/Disabled Combination License must answer harvest information program (HIP) survey questions. Holders of this license must also purchase a **Federal Migratory Bird “Duck” Stamp** (available at post offices) to hunt waterfowl. Seniors should carry ID with proof of age/residency while hunting or fishing. The minimum value of the hunting/fishing privileges of this special discounted license is **\$145**.

### TRAPPING LICENSE

A trapping license is required of all resident and nonresident trappers, including landowners/tenants unless otherwise provided by law. A trapping license is not included in any other combination license package. A landowner/tenant trapping license is only valid for a landowner, tenant or his/her dependents trapping on their own property. Trapping licenses are available from license agents across the state and online at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov).

### Carry proof

Holders of Senior/Disabled Combination Licenses who qualify for the license due to an eligible disability must carry both the license and authorization card while hunting. Note that once a person who qualifies for this disability license reaches age 65, he or she is considered a senior for licensing purposes, and no longer needs to follow the process of obtaining a disability license authorization card.

**Q:** How long is my disability authorization card valid?

**A:** The disability authorization card is good for 3 years (check the expiration date on your card). **Every 3 years**, you must provide updated paperwork (following the instructions to the right) and get a new card.

## RESIDENT DISABILITY LICENSE

### Who qualifies?

The following are eligible to purchase the discounted (\$5) **Senior/Disabled Combination Hunting and Fishing License** (which includes the same license and permits as the Resident Senior License described at left):

- Kentucky residents certified totally and permanently disabled by the Federal Social Security Administration, a state Workers Compensation Board, the Kentucky Teacher Retirement System or the United States 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% disabled as the result of a service-connected disability.

Persons with the disabilities listed above must first obtain a disability authorization card to be able to purchase this special \$5 license from a license vendor or online at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov).

### To obtain a disability license authorization card:

If your disability is through the:

- **Federal Social Security Administration:** Contact your local Social Security office and request a form showing your name, address, Social Security number and date of birth, which states that you are disabled and drawing benefits. Send form to KDFWR.
- **Veteran’s Administration:** Contact your local VA office and request a letter that verifies you are at least 50% disabled as a result of a service-connected disability. Send letter to KDFWR.
- **State Worker’s Compensation Board:** Request an application from the KDFWR, fill it out and send to the State Worker’s Compensation Board.
- **United States Railroad Retirement Board:** Contact the Board and request a letter stating you are 100% totally and permanently disabled. Send letter to KDFWR.
- **Kentucky Teacher Retirement System:** Contact the Teacher Retirement System and request written documentation stating you are on disability retirement. Send documentation to KDFWR.
- **United States Office of Personnel Management:** Contact the federal Office of Personnel Management and obtain certification of employment and documentation of being 100% disabled. Send documentation to KDFWR.

Once the proper documentation is processed, applicants will receive by mail an authorization card that allows the individual to purchase the \$5 discounted Senior/Disabled Combination Hunting & Fishing License from ANY license vendor or online at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov).

### The authorization card is not a license.

The authorization card must be presented to the license seller, or the authorization number entered online, at the time of purchase. License vendors cannot sell a disability license using an expired authorization card.

Senior/Disabled Combination Licenses are valid through the end of February like any other license. If you lose your card, you may contact the KDFWR at the above address for a replacement.

### Contacting us

Except for those who qualify for a Disability License through Worker’s Compensation, mail or fax your disability certification to:

KDFWR Disability License  
#1 Sportsman’s Lane  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
FAX: (502) 564-9368

You may also bring the documentation in person to the KDFWR office in Frankfort at #1 Sportsman’s Lane during business hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Monday - Friday.

# RECORDING, CHECKING, TAGGING AND TRANSPORTING

## Harvested Deer, Elk, Turkey, Bobcat and Otter

All successful deer, elk and turkey hunters, and bobcat and otter hunters/trappers must record, check, tag and transport these species according to the following regulations.

The purpose of the recording, checking and tagging requirements is to identify who took what and how many, and to ensure that all animals have been checked in.

### BASIC GUIDELINES

- You must have a completed hunter harvest log for each harvested deer, elk, turkey, bobcat or otter with you anytime you're in the field hunting or trapping that species.
- You must be able to show you have the correct licenses and permits for the game you intend to take, unless you are license/permit exempt.
- Meat processors and taxidermists are prohibited by law from accepting any part of an unchecked or untagged deer, elk, turkey, bobcat or otter.

### RECORDING

All successful hunters/trappers must write down harvest information on a hunter harvest log as soon as the animal is recovered and before it is moved. Blank spaces to fill in the required information are provided on the back of any paper license or permit. Otherwise, you may obtain a blank log sheet from a license dealer, use the example in this guide, or make one yourself and complete it as explained on page 13.

Log information should be written in ink.

Although there are spaces to record five animals on a pre-printed harvest log, that doesn't necessarily mean you can take five deer, elk, turkeys, bobcats or otters. Season bag limits are in place for each species.

Telecheck number:  
**1-800-CHK-GAME**  
**(1-800-245-4263)**

### Completing the hunter harvest log:

- If you have a paper license or permit, simply fill in the blanks on the back as indicated on page 13.
- ALL hunters not required to have a license/permit, or who have only a license authorization number, must create their own hunter harvest log and follow the same requirements as noted on page 13 after taking these species.

### CHECKING (TELECHECK)

All harvested animals must be telechecked through the toll-free, automated phone-in system by midnight on the day the animal is recovered. **Deer and elk must be telechecked before removing the hide or head.** Harvested animals must be checked in before being transported out of Kentucky.

When you call, you will be asked a short series of questions, including your **Social Security number** and the **code number for the county** where you took the animal. The county code chart appears on page 14.

You can check multiple animals during the same call. It takes about five minutes each. **Entering false information is unlawful.**

**Q:** Do I have to telecheck my deer or elk before I remove the hide or head, even if it's before midnight?

**A:** Yes. Telecheck before removing the hide/head, or before midnight, whichever comes first.

### CALLING TELECHECK

1. Call toll-free 1-800-245-4263. It's in service 24 hours a day while seasons are open.
2. Listen to each question carefully and provide the requested information using the keypad on any touch-tone phone. You will be asked to indicate the animal's species and sex, type of equipment used, whether the land was private or public and what type of license you used (or if you are a landowner).

**Sex of deer:** Hunters who take button bucks should check the deer as "male" and then choose "no visible antler" when prompted.

**License:** You will be given the following choices: Statewide License, \$5 Senior/Disabled License, Landowner, Deer Control Tag, Trapping License, Elk Permit or Out-of-Zone Elk Permit. Youth hunters who check deer taken during the Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, or license exempt military personnel, should select "Statewide License." Landowners who take animals somewhere other than on property they own must have the proper license/permit and answer accordingly.

3. Once your harvest information has been entered correctly, you will be asked to hold while the system submits your survey information. Be prepared to write down the **confirmation number** given by the system on the hunter harvest log for the animal you are checking in.

## HOW TO FILL OUT THE HUNTER HARVEST LOG

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Date, County & Sex must be filled in before carcass is moved. TELECHECK 1-800-245-4263

DEER  TURKEY  BOBCAT  OTTER  ELK  
 DATE 11-16 COUNTY Grant SEX F  
 CONFIRMATION # 1234567890

DEER  TURKEY  BOBCAT  OTTER  ELK  
 DATE 12-4 COUNTY Adair SEX M  
 CONFIRMATION # 1234567891

DEER  TURKEY  BOBCAT  OTTER  ELK  
 DATE 12-13 COUNTY Johnson SEX F  
 CONFIRMATION # 1234567892

DEER  TURKEY  BOBCAT  OTTER  ELK  
 DATE 1-10 COUNTY Knox SEX M  
 CONFIRMATION # 1234567893

DEER  TURKEY  BOBCAT  OTTER  ELK  
 DATE 2-12 COUNTY Trigg SEX M  
 CONFIRMATION # 1234567894




### BEFORE YOU MOVE THE ANIMAL FROM THE SPOT IT WAS FOUND:

**Step 1:** Mark the box for the appropriate species and fill in the date, county and sex of the animal. (Hunters with licenses on orange paper may need to write in "elk," "bobcat," or "otter.")

**Step 2:** Put the harvest log back in your pocket.

*Note:*

You will need to have a pen with you in the field.

*First things first:*

Animals must be checked by midnight on the same day recovered. **You must telecheck your deer or elk before removing the hide or head.** If you give the carcass to anybody else before it's processed, you must first attach a completed carcass tag to the animal before it leaves your possession.

### WHEN YOU CALL TO CHECK IN THE ANIMAL:

**Step 3:** Write the Telecheck confirmation number on the harvest log, and keep the log information in your possession whenever you are in the field during the deer, elk, turkey, bobcat or otter season.

## SAMPLE HARVEST LOG & CARCASS TAGS

Harvest logs are not to be used as carcass tags.

### CARCASS TAG

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Telecheck Confirmation Number: \_\_\_\_\_

1-800-245-4263 (Animal must be checked in, and the confirmation number filled in above before carcass leaves hunter's possession.)  
 (toll-free)

### CARCASS TAG

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Telecheck Confirmation Number: \_\_\_\_\_

1-800-245-4263 (Animal must be checked in, and the confirmation number filled in above before carcass leaves hunter's possession.)  
 (toll-free)

Date, County & Sex must be filled in before carcass is moved. TELECHECK 1-800-245-4263

DEER  TURKEY  BOBCAT  OTTER  ELK  
 DATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_  
 CONFIRMATION # \_\_\_\_\_

DEER  TURKEY  BOBCAT  OTTER  ELK  
 DATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_  
 CONFIRMATION # \_\_\_\_\_

DEER  TURKEY  BOBCAT  OTTER  ELK  
 DATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_  
 CONFIRMATION # \_\_\_\_\_

DEER  TURKEY  BOBCAT  OTTER  ELK  
 DATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_  
 CONFIRMATION # \_\_\_\_\_

DEER  TURKEY  BOBCAT  OTTER  ELK  
 DATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_  
 CONFIRMATION # \_\_\_\_\_




## KENTUCKY COUNTY CODE NUMBERS FOR TELECHECK

001	Adair	025	Clark	049	Harrison	073	McCracken	097	Perry
002	Allen	026	Clay	050	Hart	074	McCreary	098	Pike
003	Anderson	027	Clinton	051	Henderson	075	McLean	099	Powell
004	Ballard	028	Crittenden	052	Henry	076	Madison	100	Pulaski
005	Barren	029	Cumberland	053	Hickman	077	Magoffin	101	Robertson
006	Bath	030	Daviess	054	Hopkins	078	Marion	102	Rockcastle
007	Bell	031	Edmonson	055	Jackson	079	Marshall	103	Rowan
008	Boone	032	Elliott	056	Jefferson	080	Martin	104	Russell
009	Bourbon	033	Estill	057	Jessamine	081	Mason	105	Scott
010	Boyd	034	Fayette	058	Johnson	082	Meade	106	Shelby
011	Boyle	035	Fleming	059	Kenton	083	Menifee	107	Simpson
012	Bracken	036	Floyd	060	Knott	084	Mercer	108	Spencer
013	Breathitt	037	Franklin	061	Knox	085	Metcalfe	109	Taylor
014	Breckinridge	038	Fulton	062	Larue	086	Monroe	110	Todd
015	Bullitt	039	Gallatin	063	Laurel	087	Montgomery	111	Trigg
016	Butler	040	Garrard	064	Lawrence	088	Morgan	112	Trimble
017	Caldwell	041	Grant	065	Lee	089	Muhlenberg	113	Union
018	Calloway	042	Graves	066	Leslie	090	Nelson	114	Warren
019	Campbell	043	Grayson	067	Letcher	091	Nicholas	115	Washington
020	Carlisle	044	Green	068	Lewis	092	Ohio	116	Wayne
021	Carroll	045	Greenup	069	Lincoln	093	Oldham	117	Webster
022	Carter	046	Hancock	070	Livingston	094	Owen	118	Whitley
023	Casey	047	Hardin	071	Logan	095	Owsley	119	Wolfe
024	Christian	048	Harlan	072	Lyon	096	Pendleton	120	Woodford

### TAGGING

Placing a carcass tag on harvested deer, elk, turkey, bobcat or otter is only required when the carcass leaves the possession of the hunter who took the animal. If you take a deer, for example, and it never leaves your possession, you are not required to put a carcass tag on the animal. Harvested animals in a hunter's possession are assumed to be his or hers, unless they bear a carcass tag stating otherwise. An individual in possession of an untagged animal must have a fully completed hunter harvest log as described on page 13 for each animal.

If an animal leaves the possession of the person who harvested it, that hunter must **first** make and attach a carcass tag to the animal that clearly includes the following information:

1. Name of the person who took the animal(s).

2. Phone number of the person who took the animal(s); and
3. Telecheck confirmation number for each animal.

### *Tag before you leave*

Carcass tags must be placed on the animal before the hunter gives it to, or leaves it with someone else, or leaves a deer, for example, hanging unattended in a deer camp or elsewhere. Hunters must also telecheck the animal first, and write the confirmation number on the carcass tag as proof of doing so. The easiest item to use as a carcass tag is an index card. The carcass tag must remain attached until processing begins or the hunter returns to take possession of the carcass.

### CITES Tagging for Bobcat & Otter

Hunters or trappers who intend to sell the raw fur of a bobcat or otter must call 1-800-858-1549 or go online to [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov), provide their Telecheck confirmation number and request a CITES tag. This tag shall be attached per the instructions included with the mailed tag, and remain with the pelt until it is processed. Possession of an unused bobcat or otter CITES tag is prohibited, unless authorized by the KDFWR. A CITES tag may substitute for a hand-made carcass tag. The process of selling furs is described in the Small Game & Furbearers section.

### TRANSPORTING

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 laws outlined on page 26.**

# OTHER HUNTING REGULATIONS

## LANDOWNER PERMISSION REQUIRED FOR HUNTING, TRAPPING & FISHING

A person **SHALL NOT ENTER** upon the lands of another to hunt, trap or fish, **WITHOUT** the oral or written **PERMISSION** of the landowner, tenant or person who has authority to grant permission. Those who fail to obtain permission 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.

**Q:** Can I retrieve game from another person's land without permission?

**A:** No. You **MUST** have permission to enter private property. Landowners are under no obligation to allow hunters to retrieve game from their land. Think about where you hunt - if you take a shot near a property line, you may not be able to retrieve your game.

## HUNTER EDUCATION LAW & REQUIREMENTS FOR ADULTS HUNTING WITH KIDS

Kentucky's Hunter Education Law states that all hunters, if required to purchase a Kentucky hunting license and **born on or after January 1, 1975**, must carry a valid hunter education course completion card while hunting. **However, a one-time temporary hunter education exemption permit is available online at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov). This \$5 permit allows hunting without a hunter education card for one year from the date of purchase. After it expires, the hunter is no longer exempt and must successfully complete a hunter education course.** (Landowners are only license exempt on their own property. When hunting elsewhere, they must be licensed and comply with the hunter education law.)

A bowhunter not in possession of a firearm while hunting may carry a valid National Bowhunter Education Program course completion card instead of the hunter education card.

The hunter education law applies

to all types of hunting. Hunter education cards obtained from other states are valid in Kentucky. Hunter education cards and **temporary hunter education exemption permits** are not required when buying a license or permits, but **must be in the hunter's possession while hunting.** Course schedule information is available at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov) or by calling 1-800-858-1549.

Children under **12** years old are exempt from this law, **and cannot take the hunter education test until they turn 9 years old.** **BUT** hunters under 12 years old **and those who have temporary hunter education exemption permits** must be accompanied by an adult **at least 18 years old, who meets the hunter education requirement.** The adult shall be in a position to take immediate control of the **child or exempted hunter's** bow or firearm at all times while hunting. One adult shall not accompany more than two children at the same time.

Replacement hunter education cards can be obtained by mailing \$5, name, current address, date of birth and phone number to the KDFWR Hunter Education Program at the address on the front of this guide.

**Adults must accompany hunters ages 15 and under who deer, elk or turkey hunt with a gun. The adult shall remain in a position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm.**

**Q:** I got invited hunting this weekend. I am required to have a hunter education card, but I don't have one yet. Can I still go?

**A:** Yes. Go online to [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov) and get a **temporary hunter education exemption permit.** This one-time, \$5 permit lets you hunt for one year without a hunter education card.

## HUNTER ORANGE CLOTHING LAW

Hunter orange garments must be worn as the outer coverings and must be worn at all times while in the field hunting. Garments can be of mesh type material, as long as openings in the mesh weave are no wider than one-quarter inch

### Orange is the law!

Kentucky's Hunter Orange Clothing Law requires **ALL HUNTERS** and persons accompanying them, hunting for any species during the modern gun, muzzle-loading, and youth firearms deer seasons or a firearms elk season to wear solid, unbroken hunter orange color visible from all sides on the head, back and chest.

by any measurement. Garments may display a small portion of another color.

**The following are examples of common Hunter Orange Clothing Law violations:**

- 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 firearms deer or elk season is also open without wearing hunter orange clothing.
- Hunting during a muzzle-loading deer season without wearing hunter orange.

In other words, if you're hunting anything in a place where and when a gun of any kind can be used for taking deer or elk, you have to comply with the hunter orange clothing law. The only exceptions are when hunting waterfowl during a gun deer season, or when hunting game that can legally be hunted at night (like opossum or raccoon, for example).

## SHOOTING HOURS

Shooting hours for all species listed in this guide, except raccoons, opossums and frogs, are during daylight hours only. Daylight hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour 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.

**HUNTING METHOD EXEMPTIONS**

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources grants exemptions to hunters with certain physical disabilities to hunt with a crossbow during archery-only periods of deer, elk and turkey seasons, or 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 from the department and online at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov). **Persons who obtain a hunting method exemption are still required to have the appropriate hunting license and permits.** Persons granted a hunting method exemption must also carry the signed exemption form along 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. Hunting is prohibited in highway or interstate medians and rights of way.
- No person shall take or attempt to take wildlife from an automobile, or other

vehicle, except as prescribed by regulation. Hunting from boats is permitted for small game.

- A person shall NOT pursue, chase or take a deer, elk, bear, or turkey during the spring turkey season, with the aid of dogs; while on horseback; or when the deer or elk is swimming. Dogs may be used to locate and flush turkeys during the fall turkey seasons only.
- It is illegal to feed bears directly, indirectly or incidentally for any reason.
- No person shall take wildlife with the aid of fire, smoke, explosives or gas.
- Baiting is prohibited on all WMAs, Daniel Boone National Forest, Jefferson National Forest and state parks open to hunting.
- **Deer** and elk hunters shall not use electronic decoys.
- No person shall take a turkey when the turkey is roosting. (A roost is the place where a turkey spends the night.)
- A person hunting wild turkeys SHALL NOT use live or electronic turkeys as decoys or take a turkey by the aid of baiting, hunt on a baited area while bait is present, or hunt on a baited area for 30 days after all bait has been removed. (A baited area is any place where feed, grains or other substances capable of luring wild tur-

keys have been placed.) Turkeys can't be hunted over any private land area baited for deer. An area where grains or other feeds exist as the result of legitimate agricultural practices, or as the result of growing or manipulating a crop for wildlife management is legal for hunting.

**FEEDING OF WILDLIFE**

It is illegal to feed wildlife with grain, seed or manufactured animal feed outside the curtilage of the home (the area immediately surrounding a home or group of homes) from March 1 through July 31. This regulation does not apply to normal agricultural practices or food plots, or municipal areas not open to legal hunting or trapping.

**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 is also prohibited. This does not apply to: the rays of headlights of vehicles engaged in a normal course of travel; lights being used in legitimate



agricultural activities; to 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, fishes and frogs, using lights or other means designed to blind wildlife or make wildlife visible at night.

### GAME CALLING DEVICES & RESTRICTIONS

- Hand or mouth-operated calls may be used in hunting all species.
- Mechanical and electronic (digitally reproduced or tape-recorded sound) calls or attracting devices may only be used to take groundhogs, coyotes, wild hogs, English sparrows and starlings during daylight hours year-round.
- A hunter may use electronic calls or attracting devices for furbearers during the furbearer season.
- Mechanical and electronic calls may be used to take crows only during crow season.
- **Deer** and elk hunters shall not use electronic calls.
- Turkey hunters shall not use or possess electronic or digital calling devices.

### TREE STANDS

The construction and use of tree stands on private lands is regulated by the landowner, not the KDFWR.

The use of nails, spikes, screws, wire, or tree climbers is prohibited for attaching a tree stand or climbing a tree on: all KDFWR-owned or managed WMAs, state parks open to hunting, Daniel Boone National Forest, Clark's River National Wildlife Refuge, Jefferson National Forest, Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge, Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge, Land Between the Lakes, Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Fort Knox, Fort Campbell, Blue Grass Army Depot and Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center.

Portable stands and tree climbers that do not injure trees may be used on the above areas, but must be marked with the owner's name and address. Portable stands and tree climbers may be placed in trees no earlier than two weeks before the opening of the season and must be

removed within one week after the season closes on the area. Use of existing permanent tree stands is prohibited. On state parks open to hunting, tree stands must not be left unattended for more than twenty-four (24) hours.

### POSSESSION OF PROTECTED WILDLIFE

Possession of protected wildlife except during an open season is illegal without a permit. All permits must be obtained prior to taking or holding protected wildlife. Wildlife acquired prior to obtaining the proper permits may be confiscated and the holder fined. **The KDFWR strongly urges people not to take animals from the wild and attempt to make them pets.** A person must not hold wildlife in captivity that was not legally taken or obtained. 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 severe fines and may have their animals confiscated or destroyed.

### DOG TRAINING & HUNTING WITH DOGS

Hunters may run or train dogs for small game and furbearers year-round as long as game is taken only during an open hunting season. Some WMAs have special restrictions on using dogs, so check ahead of time. All members of the party (unless license-exempt) must have a valid hunting license to pursue small game or furbearer species, even when training dogs without taking game. Dogs may not be used to chase, molest or hunt deer, elk, bears or turkeys, except: 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. Except during the season, raccoon and opossum hunters must not carry firearms, tree climbers, squealers or devices capable of killing, injuring or forcing raccoons or opossums from trees or dens. Squealers may be used during permitted field trials only.

### FIRE HAZARD SEASONS

Oct. 1 - Dec. 15 and Feb. 15 - April 30 are fire hazard seasons in Kentucky. During these periods, it is illegal to start any

fires within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland except between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. local time. Willful, malicious or wanton setting of forest fires at any time is a felony punishable by fines from \$1,000 to \$10,000 and imprisonment of up to five years. For information on specific county burning bans or restrictions, call the Kentucky Division of Forestry at (502) 564-4496.

### FEDERAL WILDLIFE LAW

(Summary Only) Lacey Act Amendments of 1981, 16 USC 3371 3378

**Prohibited Acts:** It is unlawful for any person to import, export, transport, sell, receive, acquire or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce; any fish, wildlife or plant taken, possessed, transported, or sold in violation of any law or regulation of any state, or in violation of any foreign law.

#### Criminal Penalties:

- **Felony:** Fine of \$20,000 and/or imprisonment of up to 5 years.
- **Misdemeanor:** Fine of \$10,000 and/or imprisonment of up to 1 year.

**Rewards:** Furnished to individuals providing information that leads to an arrest or criminal conviction for violations of above.

### MIGRATORY BIRD & WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASONS

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) governs migratory bird and waterfowl hunting. Season dates for these species are finalized by the USFWS in August, which is too late to be included in this guide. However, the first portion of the Kentucky dove season usually opens September 1 each year and runs through late October. Hunters should consult the 2007-08 Early and Late Season Migratory Bird and Waterfowl Hunting guides for complete details on migratory bird and waterfowl hunting in Kentucky, or check the KDFWR website at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov) a few days before the season is expected to open.

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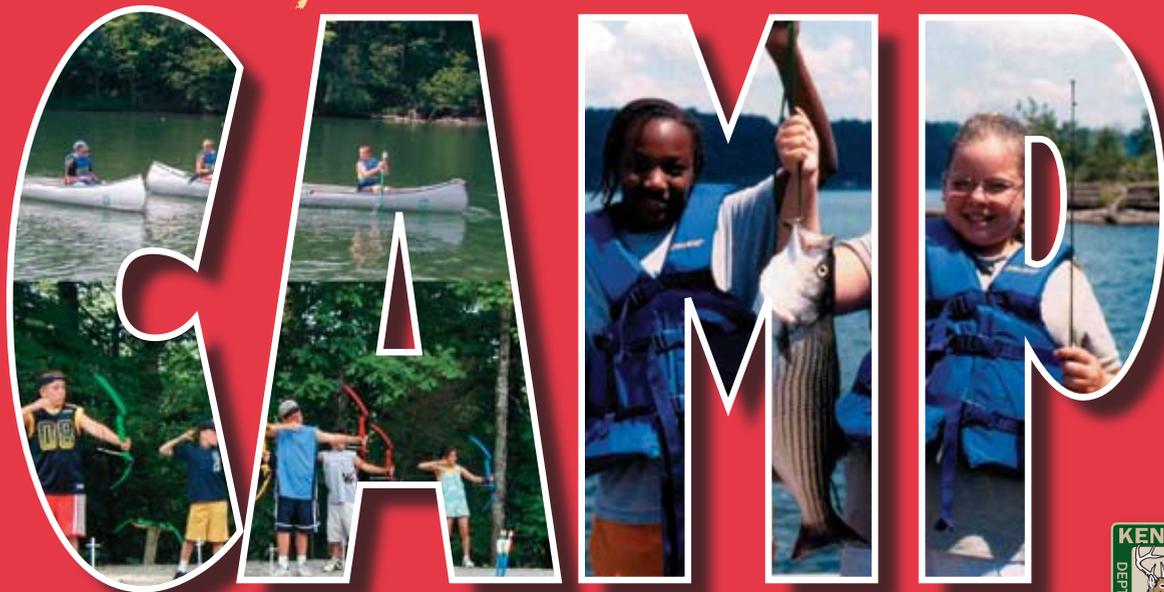
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# DEER HUNTING

## SOME BASICS

If you plan to hunt deer on private or public land in Kentucky:

1. Check whether you need a license and deer permit. Most people will need both. The different types of deer permits are explained in this section.
2. Determine which zone the county you plan to hunt has been assigned to. There are four (4) zones, and the hunting restrictions are different for each zone. Zone restrictions dictate when a particular season is open, what the bag limits are, and when hunting is restricted to antlered deer only.
3. Record your kill on your harvest log, telecheck the animal, and tag it if necessary. An ethical hunter makes every effort to retrieve his or her deer. Those who fail to check retrieved deer are violating the law.
4. Make sure the hunting equipment you use is legal for deer, and that you comply with the hunter education and hunter orange clothing laws.
5. Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, be sure you have received permission from the landowner of the property where you hunt. Trespassing is more detrimental to the hunting sports than any other activity, so please -- ASK FIRST!

## TYPES OF DEER PERMITS

### STATEWIDE DEER PERMIT

- All license-required deer hunters must buy and carry proof of purchasing a statewide deer permit while deer hunting.
- This permit allows hunters to take two deer as follows: One with visible antler and one without visible antler, OR both may be without visible antler. It doesn't matter if hunters take an antlered or antlerless deer first. Antlered deer should be recorded on the back of this permit (not a bonus antlerless-only permit).
- Only one (1) statewide deer permit is valid per hunter per season.

### BONUS ANTLERLESS-ONLY DEER PERMIT

- Hunters who want to take more than the two deer allowed by the statewide deer permit must carry proof of purchasing a bonus antlerless-only permit. (The deer season limit is more than two animals).
- A bonus antlerless-only permit allows a hunter to take up to two (2) antlerless deer, as outlined by zone harvest restrictions and bag limits.
- A bonus antlerless permit is not valid unless the hunter has first purchased a statewide hunting license and statewide deer permit and is able to show proof of that in the field. A hunter shall not take more deer than allowed by the permits he or she possesses.

A statewide or bonus antlerless-only deer permit may be used on private lands and wildlife management areas.

### BONUS WMA QUOTA HUNT PERMIT

- Hunters participating in any quota deer hunt on a WMA or State Park, the Grayson Lake WMA Open Youth Hunt (Nov. 3-4) or the West KY WMA Open Gun Hunt (Dec. 1-2), are eligible to use a Bonus WMA Quota Hunt Permit during those hunts if they so choose.
- A Bonus WMA Quota Hunt Permit authorizes the quota hunter to take up to two (2) deer, one of which may be antlered **IF** allowed during that particular Quota Hunt. The hunter must be able to show proof of having also purchased a statewide hunting license and statewide deer permit for the Bonus WMA Quota Hunt Permit to be valid.
- Deer taken on a Bonus WMA Quota Hunt Permit do not count toward the statewide antlered deer limit, or the antlerless deer zone limit.

**No bonus antlered deer permits are available for private land hunting.**

### ONE-DEER PERMIT OPTION FOR YOUTH HUNTERS

In addition to the above-noted permit options, license-required resident and nonresident youth hunters ages 15 and under also have the choice to buy and use up to two (2) youth statewide deer permits per license year. A youth statewide deer permit allows the holder to take **one (1) deer**, and is valid for either sex deer when zone restrictions allow.

Youth hunters must follow all other deer hunting laws, harvest restrictions and bag limits.

# DEER HUNTING ZONES & SEASONS



## SEASON DATES

DEER	Statewide	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
<b>Modern Gun</b>		Nov. 10-25, 2007 (either sex)	Nov. 10-25, 2007 (either sex)	Nov. 10-19, 2007 (either sex)	Nov. 10-19, 2007 (antlered only)
<b>Archery</b>	Sept. 1, 2007 - Jan. 21, 2008 (either sex)				
<b>Crossbow</b>	Oct. 1-21 and Nov. 10 - Dec. 31, 2007 (either sex)				
<b>Muzzleloader</b>		Oct. 20-21 and Dec. 8-16, 2007 (either sex)	Oct. 20-21 and Dec. 8-16, 2007 (either sex)	Oct. 20-21 and Dec. 8-16, 2007 (either sex)	Oct. 20-21 (antlered only) and Dec. 8-16, 2007 (either sex)
<b>Youth-only Firearms</b>	Oct. 13-14, 2007 (either sex)				
<b>Free Youth Weekend*</b>	Dec. 29-30, 2007 (either sex)				

\*During the Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend ONLY, hunters ages 15 and under may hunt deer with a firearm without a license or deer permit, if accompanied by an adult.

**Q:** Can I 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.

## BAG LIMITS

Bag limits and harvest restrictions apply to all hunters. There is no daily bag limit on deer.

See the “Restrictions By Zone” box for information on equipment and permit requirements.

Those who shoot more deer than the season individual hunter bag limit

allows, or more deer than they have purchased permits to take, are violating the law. Landowners, dependents and tenants are prohibited from taking deer, (or turkeys, elk, bobcats or otters) they don’t claim and check in as their own.

A hunter must abide by all license and permit use requirements, season

## RESTRICTIONS BY ZONE

### ZONE 1

- A hunter may take an unlimited number of antlerless deer. Two (2) deer may be taken using the statewide permit and unlimited antlerless deer may be taken using bonus antlerless-only permits (good for two (2) antlerless deer each).
- A hunter is limited to ONE (1) deer with visible antlers (excluding button bucks) per license year statewide, except additional antlered deer may be taken on WMA or State Park quota hunts or federal areas.
- Hunters shall abide by the equipment restrictions in place for each season.

### ZONE 2

- A hunter may take no more than four (4) deer total and combined in Zones 2, 3 and 4. Two (2) deer may be taken using the statewide permit and up to two (2) more antlerless deer may be taken using one bonus antlerless-only deer permit.
- A hunter is limited to ONE (1) deer with visible antlers (excluding button bucks) per license year statewide, except additional antlered deer may be taken on WMA or State Park quota hunts or federal areas.
- Hunters shall abide by the equipment restrictions in place for each season.

### ZONE 3

- A hunter may take no more than four (4) deer total and combined in Zones 2, 3, and 4. All four may be taken with archery or crossbow equipment. In addition to the statewide permit, an archery or crossbow hunter may use one (1) bonus antlerless-only permit (good for two (2) antlerless deer).
- A hunter may take no more than two (2) deer with a firearm and must use the statewide permit only.
- A hunter is limited to ONE (1) deer with visible antlers (excluding button bucks) per license year statewide, except additional antlered deer may be taken on WMA or State Park quota hunts or federal areas.
- Hunters shall abide by the equipment restrictions in place for each season.

### ZONE 4

- A hunter may take no more than four (4) deer total and combined in Zones 2, 3 and 4. All four may be taken with archery or crossbow equipment. In addition to the statewide permit, an archery or crossbow hunter may use one (1) bonus antlerless-only permit (good for two (2) antlerless deer).
- A hunter may take no more than two (2) deer with a firearm and must use the statewide permit only.
- A hunter is limited to ONE (1) deer with visible antlers (excluding button bucks) per license year statewide, except additional antlered deer may be taken on WMA or State Park quota hunts or federal areas.
- Hunters shall not take antlerless deer during seasons open to antlered deer hunting only.
- Hunters shall abide by the equipment restrictions in place for each season.

### Carry proof

Hunters who purchase licenses/permits by phone or internet must carry while hunting: the authorization number and a picture ID (for phone purchases, if paper license/permit not yet received in the mail), or computer print-out for internet purchases. All paper licenses/permits must be signed and all information completed before hunting.

**dates, equipment and harvest restrictions in effect for the location where they hunt and time when they hunt.**

### ANTLERED DEER LIMIT

From Sep. 1, 2007 through Jan. 21, 2008 (deer season), a person may take no more than **one (1) deer with visible antler** (excluding button bucks) in Kentucky, except:

1. If a hunter possesses a Bonus WMA Quota Hunt Permit, a bonus antlered deer may be taken during a WMA or State Park **Quota Hunt**, and the Grayson Lake **Open Youth Hunt** or West KY WMA **Open Gun Hunt**, if the limits and restrictions for each hunt allow.
2. Bonus antlered deer may be taken

on Land Between the Lakes, Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge, Ft. Campbell and Ft. Knox Military Reservations, Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center and Blue Grass Army Depot as determined by the governing agency for each area.

### ANTLERLESS DEER LIMIT

1. In Zone 1 counties, there is no season limit on antlerless deer.
2. In Zone 2, 3 and 4 counties, the **combined** season limit is four (4) per hunter. Hunters may choose to take up to one (1) antlered deer and three (3) antlerless deer, OR take up to four (4) antlerless deer total.

**Q:** Can I take two deer from private land in a Zone 2 county, and later take three more deer from another private farm in a Zone 3 county?

**A:** No. If you hunt private lands anywhere that is specified as a Zone 2, 3, or 4 county, the season bag limit is four deer total per hunter. Even if you hunt in more than one of these zones, four deer is all you can legally take. (This four deer combined bag limit does not apply to deer taken in Zone 1.)

# HUNTING EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

## Orange is the law!

Kentucky's Hunter Orange Clothing Law requires ALL HUNTERS and persons accompanying them, hunting for any species during the modern gun, muzzle-loading, and youth firearms deer seasons or a firearms elk season to wear solid, unbroken hunter orange color visible from all sides on the head, back and chest.

Note: A conceal/carry permit does NOT allow you to carry a modern firearm while deer hunting during archery-only, crossbow-only or muzzle-loading seasons.

### MODERN GUN SEASON

During a county's modern gun deer season, modern firearms, muzzle-loading firearms, archery and crossbow equipment may be used, as long as they meet the requirements for that equipment and are used as described for deer hunting.

The hunter orange clothing law

applies to **ALL HUNTERS** as stated above.

**Persons ages 15 and under who hunt deer, elk or turkey with a firearm must be accompanied by an adult who shall remain able and in a position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm at all times.**

### ARCHERY SEASON

During portions of the deer season when only archery equipment can be used, deer hunters shall not carry firearms or crossbows while hunting. Hunters using archery equipment during a deer firearms season must follow all firearm season restrictions, zone guidelines and hunting requirements in effect during firearms seasons.

All hunters must comply with the hunter orange clothing law as stated above. The law does not require hunters to wear hunter orange when or where firearms are prohibited for deer or elk hunting.

hunter orange when or where firearms are prohibited for deer or elk hunting.

### CROSSBOW EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

#### Legal

Hunters may use the following:

- Crossbow arrows (bolts) fitted with broadheads at least 7/8" wide
- Any draw weight (no minimum)

#### Illegal

A deer hunter shall not use or possess while deer hunting:

- A crossbow without a working safety device
- A broadhead smaller than 7/8" wide
- A barbed broadhead
- A chemically-treated arrow
- An arrow with a chemical attachment

### MODERN FIREARM EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

#### Legal

Hunters may use the following:

- Any caliber centerfire rifle or centerfire handgun. (See Definitions.)
- Shotguns up to and including 10-gauge used with slug ammunition. (Most common legal shotgun sizes include .410-, 28-, 20-, 16-, 12- and 10-gauge.)

#### Illegal

A deer hunter shall not use or possess while deer hunting:

- Firearms able to hold more than a total of 11 rounds (10 in magazine and one in chamber)
- A fully-automatic firearm (capable of firing more than one round with one trigger pull)
- Rimfire ammunition
- A shotshell containing larger than number two (2) size shot
- Full metal jacketed or tracer bullet ammunition.

### ARCHERY EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

#### Legal

Hunters may use the following:

- Longbows, recurves and compound bows
- Broadheads at least 7/8" wide
- Any draw weight (no minimum)

#### Illegal

A deer hunter shall not use or possess while deer hunting:

- A broadhead smaller than 7/8" wide
- A barbed broadhead
- A chemically-treated arrow
- An arrow with a chemical attachment

### MUZZLE-LOADING SEASON

Muzzleloaders, archery and crossbow equipment can be used during this season. **ALL HUNTERS** must comply with the hunter orange clothing law as stated above. **Persons ages 15 and under 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.**

### MUZZLE-LOADING EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

Hunters may use the following:

- Muzzle-loading rifles or handguns of any caliber
- Muzzle-loading shotguns no larger than 10-gauge used with slugs only
- A muzzle-loading firearm that can be fired more than once before reloading, as long as it meets the definition of a muzzle-loading firearm
- In-line muzzle-loading firearms
- Telescopic sights (scopes)

#### Illegal

- No modern (breech-loading) firearms of any kind are permitted.

### CROSSBOW SEASON

Crossbows may be used from October 1-21 and November 10 – December 31, 2007. Hunters using crossbows during a firearms deer season must follow all firearm season restrictions, zone guidelines and hunting requirements in effect during firearms seasons.

All hunters must comply with the hunter orange clothing law as stated above. The law does not require hunters to wear

## YOUTH DEER HUNTING

In addition to the regular firearms, archery and crossbow seasons, there are two more deer hunting opportunities for youth hunters.

### OCTOBER YOUTH-ONLY FIREARMS SEASON

On the second weekend of October, (Oct. 13-14, 2007), **resident and nonresident youth ages 15 and under, who are accompanied by an adult**, may hunt deer with a firearm statewide. During the October youth hunt weekend, the appropriate hunting license and deer permits are required, and all other bag limit, zone restrictions and hunter requirements apply.

### FREE YOUTH DEER HUNTING WEEKEND

On the first weekend following Christmas, (Dec. 29-30, 2007), **resident**

**and nonresident youth ages 15 and under, who are accompanied by an adult**, are eligible to participate in the Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend. Youth hunters may hunt deer with a firearm without having a hunting license or deer permit. However, deer season bag limits, zone restrictions, harvest recording, checking requirements and equipment restrictions remain in effect.

Please read the portion of this guide regarding filling out the hunter harvest log, checking and tagging.

### DURING BOTH PERIODS:

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

Adults accompanying youth deer

hunters during **either** of these periods must NOT carry firearms. Adults accompanying youth hunters are not required to possess a hunting license or deer permit if the adult is not deer hunting. Remember, the hunter orange clothing law applies to those accompanying a youth deer hunter, as well as the youth.

### EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

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- KHFH pays the processor an agreed fee to process each deer. Under no circumstances should the hunter be required to pay any part of the

processing fee.

- Off-peak seasons like archery and muzzle-loading seasons are the best times to donate.
- Processors cannot accept deer that have not been cleanly field-dressed, well cared for and in good condition.
- Processors are vital to the program. Be sure to show them your gratitude.
- Donations to the program, in the form of checks, can be mailed to Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry, P.O. Box 176, Williamstown, KY 41097, or you can make a donation through the county clerk's office when you renew your vehicle registration each year.

## KENTUCKY HUNTERS FOR THE HUNGRY PROCESSORS

County	Processor	Phone	Street & city (all are in KY)
Adair	Fairplay Meat Processing (Restrictions: 20 deer only)	(270) 384-4024	275 Jacksmith Rd., Fairplay
Anderson	Burkhead & Darnell Meat Packers (Restrictions: 10 deer only)	(502) 839-3052	1270 Fox Creek Rd., Lawrenceburg (Mailing address: 169 Clay Lick Rd., Salvisa)
Boone	Harmon Brothers Meats	(859) 567-1212	425 Ambrose Rd., Warsaw
Boyd	Opell's Meat Processing White's Custom Meats (Restrictions: Pre-skinned deer only)	(606) 928-5094 (606) 325-1188	22515 Bear Creek Rd., Catlettsburg 2004 Sixth St., Ashland
Bracken	Meyer's General Store (Will also donate deer not picked up)	(606) 747-5527	7595 Lenoxburg/Willow Rd., Foster
Bullitt	Kromenacker Deer Processing	(502) 239-1897	668 Dawson Hill Rd., Jeffersonton
Campbell	Stacey's Custom Processing	(859) 635-3354	9100 Licking Pike, Alexandria
Carroll	Wilson Farms Processing	(502) 686-0017	595 Jackson Ridge Rd., Worthville
Casey	Central Kentucky Custom Meats	(606) 787-4851	6256 Hwy. 1859, Liberty
Carter	Stinnett's Meats (Restrictions: 10 deer only)	(606) 474-6787	2785 State Hwy. 1444, Grayson
Christian	Livingston's Meat Locker	(270) 269-2333	8485 Greenville Rd., Hopkinsville
Clark	Chandler's Deer Processing	(859) 745-4065	1489 Pilot View Rd., Winchester
Clay	H & M Butchering	(606) 598-8332	553 Bowling Branch Rd., Manchester
Crittenden	Family Butcher Shop	(270) 965-3191	346 Rooster Ln., Marion

County	Processor	Phone	Street & city (all are in KY)
<b>Estill</b>	Arvin's Slaughterhouse	(606) 723-3525	2355 Crooked Creek Rd, Irvine
<b>Fayette</b>	Wilson's Grocery	(859) 266-4531	1010 Cramer Ave., Lexington
<b>Floyd</b>	P&H Packing Slone Meat Co.	(606) 358-9801 (606) 886-2889	1293 Salyers Branch Rd., Hueyville P.O. Box 72, Blue River
<b>Grant</b>	Fair's Custom Meat Processing T&K Custom Processing	(859) 824-4160 (859) 824-9528	6855 Stewardsville Rd., Williamstown 1300 Shiloh Rd., Corinth
<b>Graves</b>	Cates Slaughterhouse Dowdy's Taxidermy and Deer Processing	(270) 382-2568 (270) 376-5270	7276 St. Rt. 381, Sidelia 1461 Baltimore Church Rd., Mayfield
<b>Grayson</b>	Ray's Meat Processing	(270) 879-8792	181 Ray Rd., Caneyville
<b>Greenup</b>	Deer Processing	(606) 473-0306	9178 State Route 1, Argalite
<b>Harrison</b>	C&W Meat Packers (Restrictions: 10 deer only)	(859) 234-4121	318 West Pearl St., Cynthiana
<b>Jefferson</b>	Mike's Custom Taxidermy	(502) 448-1309	4102 Cane Run Rd., Louisville
<b>Kenton</b>	Answorth Animal Art FFH Processing Glier's Specialty Haus	(859) 359-4868 (859) 356-6020 (859) 291-1800	11172 Taylor Mill Rd., Independence 9158 Porter Rd., Ryland Heights 533 West 11th St., Covington
<b>Knox</b>	Allen Campbell Meat Co.	(606) 528-5733	6070 N. U.S. Hwy. 25 E, Gray
<b>Marshall</b>	Lynn Rudd Processing	(270) 898-6296	10027 Hwy. 62 E, Calvert City
<b>McCreary</b>	Perkins Meat Processing	(606) 354-3362	503 Leamon-Richmond Rd, Pine Knot
<b>Meade</b>	Webb's Butcher Block	(270) 496-4124	1910 Rhodelia Rd., Payneville
<b>Menifee</b>	Center's Processing	(606) 768-3302	871 Dog Trot Rd., Frenchburg
<b>Mercer</b>	Mark's Meats	(859) 734-4154	1025 Mackville Rd., Harrodsburg
<b>Montgomery</b>	Rebel Acres Processing	(859) 744-6966	692 White Turley Rd., Mt. Sterling
<b>Nelson</b>	Boone's Butcher Block	(502) 348-3668	100 Old Bloomfield Pike, Bardstown
<b>Ohio</b>	Barnes Deer Processing	(270) 274-3065	282 Knob Hill Dr., Beaver Dam
<b>Oldham</b>	Crestwood IGA	(502) 241-9461	Paul Crask, 952 Woodland Ridge, La Grange
<b>Owen</b>	Sid's Taxidermy	(502) 484-3721	321 South Main, Owenton
<b>Perry</b>	Bubby Combs BP Mart	(606) 439-4612	P.O. Box 97, Rt 476, Bulan
<b>Rowan</b>	Lisa's Country Store	(606) 783-0195	6140 U.S. Hwy. 60 E, Morehead
<b>Scott</b>	Hi-View Meats	(502) 857-2198	6325 Cincinnati Rd., Sadieville
<b>Shelby</b>	B&N Food Market	(502) 747-8860	5945 Elmburg Rd., Bagdad
<b>Spencer</b>	Herndon Taxidermy & Meat Processing (Restrictions: 10 deer only)	(502) 477-8961	2787 Plum Ridge Rd., Taylorsville
<b>Taylor</b>	McFarland Custom Meat Processing	(270) 465-7627	2424 Old Lebanon Rd., Campbellsville
<b>Trigg</b>	Eric Hampton	(270) 522-6922	735 Delmont Church Rd., Cadiz
<b>Union</b>	Jim David Meats	(270) 822-4866	350 T. Frank Wathen Rd., Uniontown
<b>Webster</b>	Yoder's Custom Butchering	(270) 884-3007	2810 U.S. Hwy. 41 S, Sebree
<b>Wolfe</b>	Halsey's Meat Processing	(606) 668-7313	67 Miller Ridge, Pine Ridge
<b>Woodford</b>	Moore's Meat Processing	(859) 873-7004	380 Crossfield Dr., Versailles

# ABOUT CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has **NOT** been found in Kentucky. However, it has been found in 14 states and 2 Canadian Provinces. The KDFWR encourages all hunters to learn the facts about this disease and take all necessary precautions when hunting.

## WHAT IS CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE?

Chronic Wasting Disease is a fatal, neurological disease, characterized by spongy degeneration of the brain. It affects white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, and has recently been confirmed in moose. CWD belongs to a group of diseases called Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE), which includes Scrapie in sheep and goats, Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (commonly known as “mad cow” disease) in cattle, and Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) in humans. There is currently no treatment or vaccine available. It is suspected that the agent responsible for causing TSEs is an abnormal protein called a prion.

## WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

Animals can be infected with CWD for months or years before outward signs are evident. However, in the terminal stages of infection, deer and elk will show signs of progressive weight loss, excessive salivation and urination, increased water intake, and depression. Other noticeable changes include decreased interaction with other animals, listlessness, lowering of the head, blank facial expression, and repetitive walking in set patterns. In elk, hyper-excitability and nervousness may be observed. **NOTE:** These signs are symptomatic of other more commonly seen diseases, such as meningeal worm infections (“brainworm”) in elk and epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD or “bluetongue”) in white-tailed deer.

## HOW IS IT TRANSMITTED?

Although the exact method of transmission is unknown, evidence suggests that CWD is transmitted through direct animal-to-animal contact (saliva or blood) and indirectly through environmental contamination (infected carcass-

es). There is evidence that CWD prions can survive in the environment even after infected animals have been removed.

## CAN IT BE PASSED TO HUMANS OR LIVESTOCK?

There is no evidence to suggest that CWD can infect humans, domestic livestock, or any other animals outside of the deer family. However, it is suggested by public health officials that exposure be avoided while potential health risks continue to be evaluated.

## WHERE HAS CWD BEEN FOUND?

CWD has **NOT** been detected in Kentucky. CWD has been found in the following 14 states and 2 Canadian Provinces: Colorado, **Illinois**, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, **West Virginia**, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Alberta, and Saskatchewan.

## IS IT SAFE TO HUNT DEER AND ELK IN KENTUCKY?

Absolutely. Hunting deer and elk in Kentucky remain safe activities. However, certain precautions should always be taken when handling any animal carcass, such as wearing latex gloves and not using household utensils to field dress animals. If you see an animal that appears sick or is acting strangely, note the animal’s location and contact the KDFWR immediately.

## WHAT IS THE KDFWR DOING TO PROTECT KENTUCKY’S DEER AND ELK HERDS FROM CWD?

We have an intensive statewide surveillance program, which includes two types of surveillance approaches: a) active surveillance of hunter-harvested deer and elk, and b) targeted surveillance of roadkills and any deer or elk displaying symptoms of disease. Since 2002, the KDFWR has tested over 12,500 deer and elk for CWD, all results so far proving negative. In addition to annual surveillance, regulations ban hunters from importing brain and spinal tissue from deer or elk taken in states or provinces where CWD has been found. Also, importation of live cervids into Kentucky is strictly prohibited. Our best defense

against CWD is prevention. These measures will reduce the likelihood of CWD entering Kentucky. With the help of hunters, the KDFWR strives to manage the state’s deer and elk herds at optimal population levels, decreasing the rate of transmission of all diseases.

## CAN I BRING MEAT AND ANTLERS FROM ANOTHER STATE BACK TO KENTUCKY?

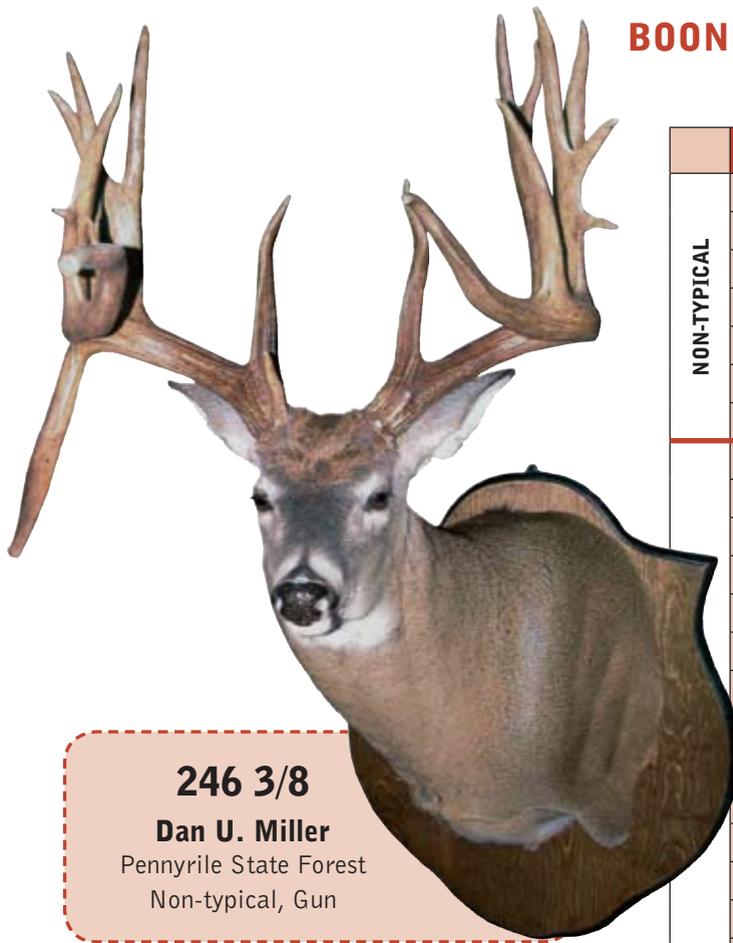
As long as no part of the brain or spinal column is brought back from a state or province where CWD has been found (which includes two of our bordering states: Illinois and West Virginia). Allowed parts from CWD-infected states and provinces include: Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of 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.

## OTHER GUIDELINES

Additionally, we encourage hunters to follow a few common-sense guidelines wherever they hunt:

- Know the CWD status of the state in which you are hunting. If you are unsure, contact that state’s fish and wildlife agency.
- Do not harvest any animal that appears sick or is acting strangely. Note the animal’s location and contact the local fish and wildlife department.
- Do not use household utensils for field dressing or processing wild game.
- Wear latex or rubber gloves when handling any animal carcass.
- Bone out meat. Don’t saw through bone.
- Avoid consuming parts where prions are concentrated: the brain, spinal cord, lymph glands, tonsils, eyes, and spleen. (Normal field dressing, along with boning out the meat, will remove most, if not all, of these parts. Removal of fatty tissue will remove remaining lymph glands.)
- Prions are very resistant to disinfection and sterilization. The best recommendation at this time is to disinfect butchering equipment with a 50/50 solution of chlorine bleach and water.

**BOONE & CROCKETT TROPHY DEER LIST**  
Reported from the 2006 season



**246 3/8**  
**Dan U. Miller**  
Pennyrite State Forest  
Non-typical, Gun

**KENTUCKY'S  
TROPHY BUCKS**

Hunters interested in being recognized for taking a trophy whitetail in Kentucky this season are encouraged to notify the KDFWR of any buck taken in Kentucky that officially scores 160 or higher typical, or 185 or higher non-typical in the Boone & Crockett scoring system. Call the KDFWR toll-free at 1-800-858-1549 to find a scorer nearby or to report an official score. Completed, official score sheets may be sent to the address below. Please indicate the method used to take the trophy buck.

Trophies taken this season will be published in the next season's guide. A good, sharp photo of one of the bucks may also be printed. Submissions may be sent to: Hunting Guide, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601. **Please send a COPY of your photos and score sheets, as they will not be returned.**

	SCORE	Hunter	County	Method
NON-TYPICAL	246 3/8	Dan U. Miller	Christian	Gun
	202 1/8	Rick E. Gosser	Pulaski	Gun
	199 2/8	Dallas Stacy	Lawrence	Gun
	197 3/8	William Bart Bertram	Cumberland	Gun
	192 4/8	Paul Campbell	Warren	Bow
	185 5/8	Matthew Jones	Grant	Muzzleloader
	185 2/8	Tony Moore	Crittenden	Bow
TYPICAL	180 6/8	Larry Walters	Pike	Gun
	176 5/8	Donald Pedigo	Madison	Gun
	176 0/8	Hulen L. Sanders	Grayson	Gun
	175 1/8	David Workman	Bracken	Muzzleloader
	170 5/8	David L. Stevens	Lyon	Muzzleloader
	170 2/8	Dale May	Lewis	Gun
	169 5/8	Eddie Manning	Pendleton	Gun
	169 4/8	Randy Green	Christian	Bow
	168 0/8	Darrell Armstrong	Lewis	Gun
	167 4/8	Brad Biddle	Bourbon	Gun
	167 1/8	Ron Welch	Mason	Bow
	167 1/8	Mike Riley	Logan	Bow
	165 7/8	Sam Cox	Fayette	Gun
	165 7/8	Floyd Bolander	Lewis	Found
	165 3/8	Brandon Bruin	Pendleton	Gun
	165 3/8	Rick L. Pelphrey	Trimble	Muzzleloader
	165 1/8	Charles Taylor	Bell	Gun
	165 1/8	John Wilcox	Grayson	Gun
	165 0/8	Bobby Thacker	Pike	Gun
	164 7/8	Mark Thomas Madison	Butler	Gun
	164 1/8	Jason Little	Bath	Gun
	163 7/8	Michael Adams	Casey	Gun
	163 6/8	Jeff Rich	Garrard	Gun
	163 6/8	Robert T. Cole	Todd	Gun
	162 6/8	Danny Sowards	Morgan	Gun
	162 2/8	Mike Grooms	Bourbon	Gun
	162 2/8	Bobby Smith	Hancock	Gun
	162 1/8	Brian Cooper	Lewis	Muzzleloader
	161 7/8	Donald W. Sullivan	Edmonson	Gun
	161 4/8	Robert N. Brown	Union	Gun
	160 1/8	Kenneth Mills	Knox	Gun
	160 1/8	James G. Klump	McLean	Gun
160 0/8	Bo Hester	Hopkins	Gun	

This list includes deer scored and reported to the KDFWR by May 1. It is possible unreported bucks taken last year in Kentucky may have scored 160 typical or 185 non-typical or higher.



# ELK HUNTING

## DATES, RESTRICTIONS AND HOW TO APPLY

ELK	Zone At-Large Quota Hunts		Limited Entry Area Quota Hunts	
	Antlered	Antlerless	Antlered	Antlerless
<b>Firearms</b>	Oct. 6-12, 2007	Dec. 8-21, 2007	Oct. 6-12, 2007	Dec. 8-14, 2007
<b>Archery</b>	Oct. 6, 2007 - Jan. 21, 2008	Oct. 13, 2007 - Jan. 21, 2008		
<b>Crossbow</b>	Oct. 6-21 and Nov. 10 - Dec. 31, 2007	Oct. 13-21 and Nov. 10 - Dec. 31, 2007		

**Zone At-Large:** Only hunters with Zone At-Large quota hunt permits may hunt elk in this area.

**Limited Entry Areas:** Only hunters with Limited Entry Area quota hunt permits may hunt elk. Not open to Zone At-Large hunters.

**Out-of-Zone:** Hunters must follow deer season and equipment regulations to take elk from any county NOT included in the 16-county elk restoration zone, **and must have an Out-of-Zone Elk Permit.**

### SOME BASICS

For the 2007-08 hunting season, 300 elk permits will be awarded. Permits are awarded by random drawing to those hunters who apply through the purchase of a \$10 Elk Lottery Application by **July 31, 2007**. **Beginning in 2008, the application deadline will be April 30.**

Hunting is by permit only, in both limited entry areas and on lands within the restoration zone at-large, that are not part of a limited entry area. (Limited entry areas are large blocks of both public and private lands established to manage for high-quality elk.)

### BAG LIMIT

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.)**

*No spikes*

A legal bull must have at least 4 antler points on one side. (See the Definitions & Index section for definitions of antlered and antlerless elk legal for harvest.)

### HUNTER ORANGE REQUIREMENT

Drawn elk hunters and their assistants, or any other person hunting public or private lands in the elk restoration zone during firearms elk seasons, must comply with the hunter orange clothing law.

### HOW TO APPLY & PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR DRAWN HUNTERS

To apply, you must purchase an Elk Lottery Application before midnight **July 31, 2007**. **(For 2008 quota hunts, the deadline is midnight April 30, 2008.)** An individual hunter may apply only one time. Those who apply will **not** be able to specify which sex they want to hunt, or if they want to hunt a limited entry area or in the Zone At-Large. Hunters who apply should understand they may be drawn for either sex, a limited entry area permit OR a Zone At-Large permit. Anyone hunting on private land is responsible for obtaining landowner permission to hunt.

Kids 15 years old or younger at the time of application are automatically entered into a special youth quota elk hunt drawing when they purchase an Elk Lottery Application. Two (2) tags are drawn

**Q: How do I apply for a quota elk hunt?**

- A:** 1. Purchase an Elk Lottery Application before **July 31, 2007**. **The deadline will be April 30 beginning in 2008.** (Available wherever licenses are sold, online and by phone.)
2. Check [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov) or call 1-800-858-1549 after August 20, 2007 (**late May, in 2008**), to see if you were drawn.
3. If you are drawn, you will get a notification letter by mail, along with information about where to hunt and who to contact.

(one antlered and one antlerless), valid for use in the elk restoration zone at-large. The application process, fee and deadline are the same as for the regular elk quota hunts. Those not drawn for the special youth tags are automatically entered into the regular elk quota hunt drawing.

**Residents and nonresidents are eligible to apply. Resident hunters**

drawn for a quota elk permit are required to pay a **\$30** elk hunting fee in addition to having an annual hunting license. **Non-residents that are drawn are required to pay a \$365 fee and have an annual Kentucky nonresident hunting license prior to the hunt.** Hunt fees must be remitted to the KDFWR prior to the hunt period and before the permit is issued.

(Additional elk permits are awarded annually to conservation organizations that agree to auction the permits to raise money for elk management.)

**CHECKING REQUIREMENT**

All elk taken within the restoration zone must be telechecked, and those taken on limited entry areas must also be checked on site by KDFWR personnel.

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

All quota elk hunters must display a department-issued hang tag in their vehicles while hunting. The Kentucky hunter education law applies to elk hunters. Drawn limited entry area elk hunters are permitted two assistants during their hunt.

**EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS**

Hunters may use equipment legal for deer hunting, with the following additional restrictions:

- Handguns must have a barrel length of at least 6 inches, a bore diameter of .270 caliber or greater, and when fired, the bullet must produce at least 550 ft/lbs of energy at 100 yards.

A person shall not use or possess while elk hunting:

- A modern firearm of less than .270 caliber
- A muzzle-loading firearm of less than .50 caliber
- A shotgun of less than 20-gauge
- A shotgun shell containing more than one (1) projectile
- Any arrow without a broadhead point

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# WHERE TO HUNT ELK

## ZONE-AT-LARGE QUOTA HUNTS

The following public lands are open to Zone At-Large firearm and archery quota elk hunts.

### WMAs

Ataya (except portions in Begley Limited Entry Area), Beaver Creek (portions in McCreary County), Paintsville Lake (portions in Johnson County), Robinson Forest outlying areas (except portions in Starfire Limited Entry area), and all of Big South Fork NRR, Buckhorn Lake, **Burchell-Beech Creek**, Carr Creek Lake, Cranks Creek, Dewey Lake, Fishtrap Lake, Hensley-Pine Mountain, Howard, Kentucky Ridge Forest, Martins Fork Lake, **Martins Fork WMA and State Natural Area**, Redbird, Shilalah and Stone Mountain WMAs.

### Other Public Areas

Jefferson National Forest, Kentucky Ridge State Forest, Kentenia State Forest, and portions of the Daniel Boone National Forest not inside the Begley WMA Limited Entry Area.

Anyone hunting where and when an open firearm quota elk hunt is going on must comply with the hunter orange clothing law.

## LIMITED ENTRY AREAS

### Begley WMA/Daniel Boone National Forest Limited Entry Area

Starting at the intersection of Kentucky Route 2058 and Route 421 near Helton/Manchester, the boundary proceeds south along Route 421 to the intersection of Route 421 and Route 221. The boundary then proceeds west along Route 221 to the intersection of Route 221 and Route 66. The boundary then goes north following Route 66 to the intersection of Route 66 and Route 1850, then east along Route 1850 to the intersection of Route 1850 and Route 1780 at Warbranch. The boundary then proceeds south on Route 1780 to the intersection of Route 2058 near Spruce Pine, then east on Route 2058 back to Route 421 at Helton, completing the boundary.

### Starfire Limited Entry Area

Starting at the intersection of Route 1098 and Route 80 near Softshell, the

boundary proceeds west along Route 1098 to the junction of Route 1098 and Route 15. The boundary then proceeds south along Route 15 to the junction of Route 15 and Route 476 near Lost Creek. The boundary then turns east along Route 476 to the intersection of Route 476 and Route 80, then east on Route 80 to Route 1098 at Softshell, completing the boundary.

## ELK HUNTING OUTSIDE THE RESTORATION AREA

Kentucky has established a 16-county restoration zone where elk may only be taken by hunters who have been drawn for a quota hunt permit as previously described.

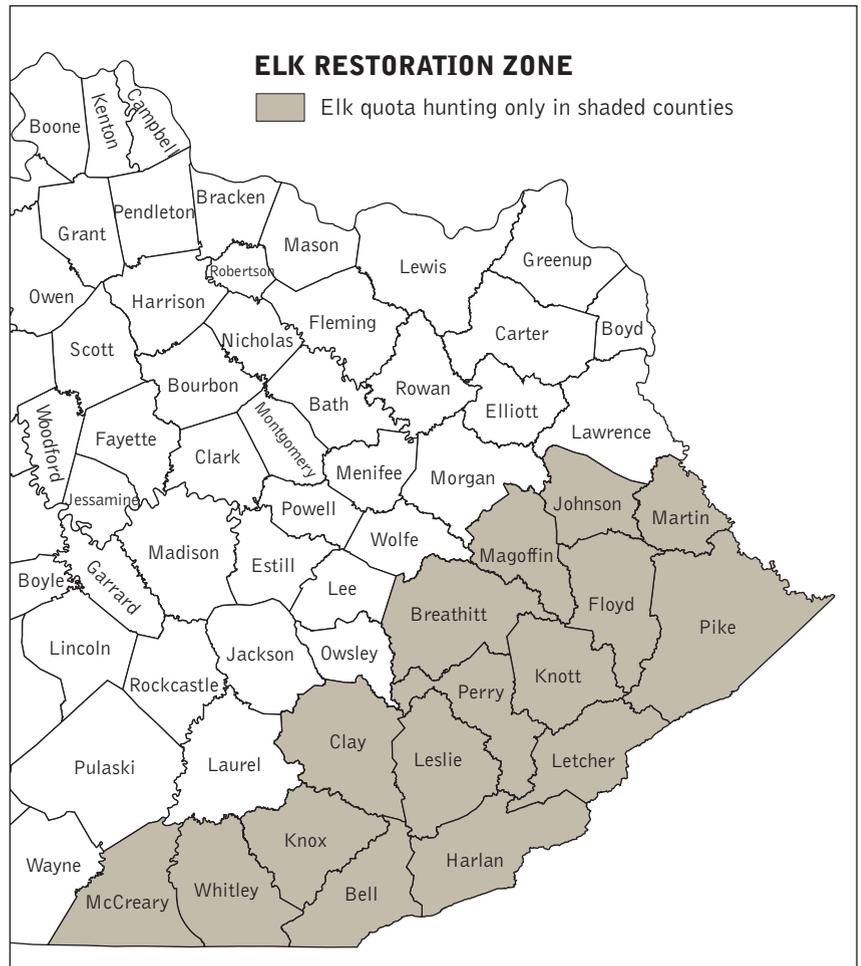
The elk restoration zone includes the following 16 counties: Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Floyd, Harlan, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin,

fin, Martin, McCreary, Perry, Pike and Whitley.

However, elk may be taken from any county outside the restoration zone **by hunters who possess an Out-of-Zone Elk Permit**. Out-of Zone hunters **must also be legal deer hunters**, and must follow deer season and

**Q:** What do I have to do to hunt elk outside the 16-county restoration zone?

- A:**
1. You must have an **Out-of-Zone Elk Permit**.
  2. You must also be a legal deer hunter.
  3. You must follow deer season and equipment regulations.



equipment regulations.

Elk taken in counties OTHER THAN THE 16 COUNTIES LISTED ABOVE do not count toward the deer season limit. The season bag limit on elk is one per hunter per season, re-

gardless 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 taken out-of-zone must be telechecked.** Hunters must call 1-800-

245-4263 and report the kill. (See the General Information/Telecheck section for details.) Hunters who fail to properly report harvested elk taken in counties outside the restoration zone are subject to severe fines and other penalties.

## IS IT A DEER OR AN ELK?

Kentucky began restoring free-ranging elk in 1997, and the herd now numbers about 6,500 elk inside the 16-county elk restoration zone. Limited hunting began in 2001. This year, 300 permits will be issued by random drawing.

### Deer fawns vs. elk calves

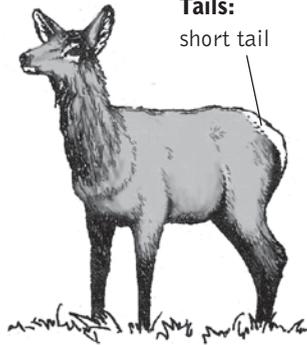
Deer often give birth to twins. Elk usually give birth to a single calf.

At birth, a whitetail deer fawn usually weighs seven to eight pounds. An elk calf can weigh up to 45 pounds.

Both whitetail fawns and elk calves are spotted for the first few months of life, and are born in May and June.

**Coloring:**  
black legs and black neck

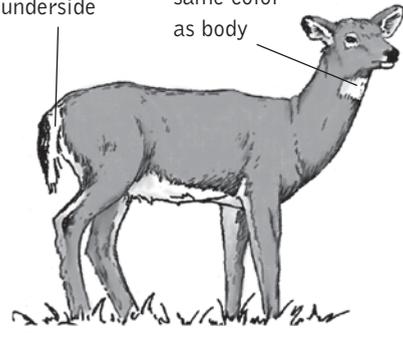
**Tails:**  
short tail



ELK CALF

**Tails:** long tail with white underside

**Coloring:**  
white throat patch, legs same color as body



WHITETAIL DOE

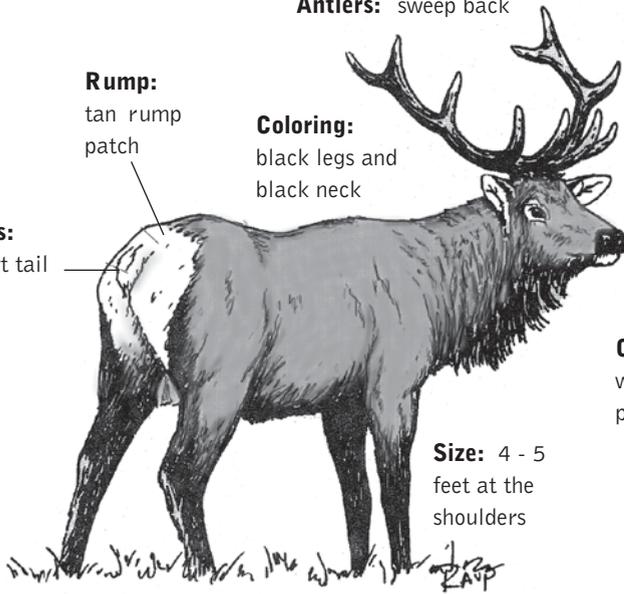
Don't always depend on size to differentiate between deer and elk. A 5- to 6-month-old elk calf is about the same size as an adult whitetail doe.

**Antlers:** sweep back

**Rump:**  
tan rump patch

**Coloring:**  
black legs and black neck

**Tails:**  
short tail



ELK

**Size:** 4 - 5 feet at the shoulders

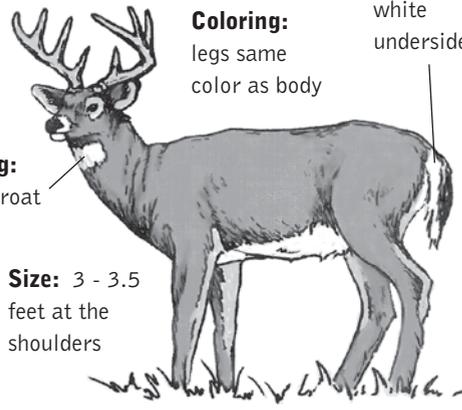
**Antlers:**  
curve forward

**Tails:** long tail with white underside

**Coloring:**  
legs same color as body

**Coloring:**  
white throat patch

**Size:** 3 - 3.5 feet at the shoulders



DEER



# FALL TURKEY HUNTING

## SEASON DATES & RESTRICTIONS

FALL TURKEY	Shotgun	Archery	Crossbow
	Oct. 27 - Nov. 2 and Dec. 1-7, 2007	Sept. 1, 2007 - Jan. 21, 2008	Oct. 1-21 and Nov. 10 - Dec. 31, 2007

### BAG LIMITS

Four (4) birds total:

- No more than two (2) birds may be taken during archery and crossbow seasons.
- No more than two (2) birds may be taken during shotgun season, regardless of weapon.
- 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

Unless exempt, all fall turkey hunters must carry a **Fall Turkey Permit** or have been issued an authoriza-

**Q:** My child has a Youth Turkey Permit, but didn't take a bird during the spring season. Is the permit still good for the fall seasons?

**A:** Yes. Youth turkey permits are valid for an entire license year.

tion number for a **Fall Turkey Permit** before hunting. **The Fall Turkey Permit is valid for fall archery, crossbow and shotgun turkey seasons. The permit is good for a total of four turkeys, following fall turkey bag limits and equipment restrictions.**

Youth 15 and under 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 one Youth Turkey Permit.**

**Q:** What's included in the new Fall Turkey Permit?

**A:** The new Fall Turkey Permit allows hunters to take all four birds allowed during fall turkey seasons on one permit instead of two. Bag limits have not changed; you are still allowed two birds during fall archery or crossbow seasons, and two birds during fall shotgun seasons.

### Hunters Note:

A person may assist or call turkeys for another legal hunter. The assistant/caller does not have to possess a hunting license or turkey permit, BUT shall not carry any type of hunting equipment. Only hunters with a valid license and permit who have not taken the season bag limit can carry a shotgun, archery or crossbow equipment when turkey hunting.

### EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

**Turkey hunters may not use firearms during archery or crossbow-only seasons.**

On some WMAs, special equipment restrictions apply, as noted in the Public Land Hunting section of this guide.

**Q:** Can I use archery or crossbow equipment during shotgun seasons?

**A:** Yes. However, hunters may only take two birds during the shotgun seasons, regardless of weapon.

Register your turkey!

For information about registering your turkey with the official NWTf records system, log on to [www.nwtf.org](http://www.nwtf.org) or contact National Wild Turkey Federation, Attn: Wild Turkey Records, P.O. Box 530, Edgefield, SC 29824-0530, telephone: (803) 637-3106.

**FIREARMS/AMMUNITION RESTRICTIONS**

**Legal**

Hunters may use the following:

- Modern (breech-loading) and muzzle-loading shotguns no larger than 10-gauge and no smaller than 20-gauge are the only firearms that can be used or possessed when hunting turkeys.
- Shotguns used to hunt turkeys must be plugged to hold a maximum of three shells (two in magazine and one in chamber).

**Illegal**

Turkey hunters shall not use or carry:

- A rifle or handgun
- A shotgun larger than 10-gauge or smaller than 20-gauge
- Shot larger than number 4 (Shot sizes 4, 5 and 6 are most effective for turkeys.)
- Shotgun slugs

**ARCHERY & CROSSBOW EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS**

**Legal**

- Longbows, recurve bows, compound bows and crossbows (during crossbow season)
- Broadheads at least 7/8" wide
- Any draw weight (no minimum)

**Illegal**

Turkey hunters shall not use or carry:

- Barbed broadheads
- Broadheads smaller than 7/8" wide
- Arrows with chemical treatments or attachments containing chemicals
- A crossbow without a working safety device

Equipment that does not meet these requirements is prohibited for use when turkey hunting.

**HARVEST RECORDING & TAGGING REQUIREMENTS**

The process and requirements for recording, checking and tagging harvested turkeys is the same as for deer. Please refer to the General Information/Telecheck section for that information and an explanation of how to fill in the hunter harvest log, and carcass tag when necessary.

**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. Due to the potential for spread of disease, it is recommended that turkeys not be artificially fed. Providing standing corn, wheat or clover patches is a much better alternative. See the **General Information/Telecheck** section of this guide for regulations on feeding wildlife from March 1 - July 31.

**Raise money for your conservation project**

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Any incorporated nonprofit wildlife conservation organization or club can apply for a Commission Conservation Permit (Special Permit) in writing by submitting a conservation project proposal. Awarded permits can then be sold to raise money for the project.

The Commission may award up to ten quota elk hunting permits, ten deer permits, ten turkey, ten waterfowl and ten trout hunting/fishing permits each year. Applicants may apply for one special permit per species.



**For application details, visit [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov) and click on "Commissioner's Office." The deadline is May 1.**



# SMALL GAME & FURBEARERS

## SEASON DATES & RESTRICTIONS

SMALL GAME & FURBEARERS	All seasons are statewide unless otherwise indicated.	
	Hunting	Trapping
<b>Squirrel</b>	Aug. 18 - Nov. 9, Nov. 12, 2007 - Feb. 29, 2008 and June 7 - 20, 2008	
<b>Crow</b>	Sept. 1 - Nov. 7, 2007 and Jan. 4 - Feb. 29, 2008	
<b>Wild Hog &amp; Groundhog</b>	year-round	
<b>Bullfrog</b>	Noon May 18 - Oct. 31, 2007 Noon May 16 - Oct. 31, 2008	
<b>Falconry</b>	Sept. 1, 2007 - Mar. 30, 2008	
<b>Coyote</b>	year-round	Noon Nov. 12, 2007 - noon Feb. 29, 2008
<b>Bobcat</b>	Noon <b>Nov. 17</b> , 2007 - Jan. 31, 2008	Noon Nov. 12, 2007 - Jan. 31, 2008
<b>Raccoon &amp; Opossum</b>	Nov. 1, 2007 - noon Feb. 29, 2008; hunting only at night during Modern Gun Deer Season.	Noon Nov. 12, 2007 - noon Feb. 29, 2008
<b>Otter</b>	Noon Nov. 12, 2007 - noon Feb. 29, 2008	
<b>Muskrat, Mink, Beaver, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Weasel &amp; Striped Skunk</b>	Noon Nov. 12, 2007 - noon Feb. 29, 2008	
<b>Free Youth Small Game Hunting &amp; Trapping Week</b>	Dec. 29, 2007 - Jan. 4, 2008	

Rabbit & Quail
Nov. 12, 2007 - Feb. 10, 2008, in the following counties: Allen, Ballard, Butler, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Daviess, Fulton, Graves, Hancock, Henderson, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Logan, Lyon, Marshall, McLean, McCracken, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Simpson, Todd, Trigg, Union, Warren and Webster.
Nov. 1-9 and Nov. 12, 2007 - Jan. 31, 2008 in all other counties.
Grouse
<b>Nov. 1-9</b> and Nov. 12, 2007 - Feb. 29, 2008 in the following counties only: Adair, Bath, Bell, Boyd, Bracken, Breathitt, Campbell, Carter, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Floyd, Garrard, Greenup, Harlan, Harrison, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Lincoln, Madison, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, McCreary, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Owsley, Pendleton, Perry, Pike, Powell, Pulaski, Robertson, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Wayne, Whitley and Wolfe.

## SOME BASICS

Season dates and limits for the various small game and furbearer species that can be hunted or trapped in Kentucky are listed in this section.

**ALL** hunters are required to abide by the hunter orange clothing law when it applies. Be sure you are aware of ALL deer or elk firearms hunting season dates. During periods when multiple hunting seasons are open at the same time, hunters must abide by the equipment restrictions in effect for the type of hunting they engage in.

### FREE YOUTH HUNTING & TRAPPING WEEK

For one week beginning the

Saturday after Christmas Day, youth hunters and trappers ages 15 and under are permitted to hunt and trap small game and furbearers without a hunting or trapping license. (Since youth hunters are also permitted to hunt deer with a firearm on the Saturday and Sunday following Christmas Day, the hunter orange clothing law applies these two days for ALL hunters.) Statewide equipment requirements and bag limits for small game and furbearer hunting and trapping remain in effect. Hunter education is not required for license-exempt hunters; however, it is strongly recommended. Adults accompanying youth hunters/trappers during the Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week do not have

to have a hunting/trapping license if the adult is not hunting/trapping.

### Check first!

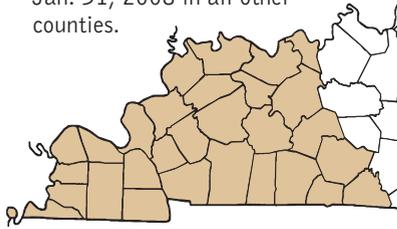
Hunters who intend to hunt on a Wildlife Management Area (WMA), or any other public hunting area, should ALWAYS CHECK the season dates and special requirements for the area they intend to hunt. **Season dates on public land may not be the same as the statewide seasons.** See the Public Land Hunting section for individual area listings.

## RESTRICTIONS FOR SMALL GAME SEASONS

### Rabbit & Quail Seasons

Nov. 12, 2007 - Feb. 10, 2008 in shaded counties.

Nov. 1-9 and Nov. 12, 2007 - Jan. 31, 2008 in all other counties.



The following animals are considered small game: squirrels, rabbits, northern bobwhite (quail) and grouse. However, these species may have different hunting seasons as listed in the season dates table.

### EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

See box at right. Also, on some WMAs, special equipment restrictions apply, as noted in the Public Land Hunting section of this guide.

### BAG LIMITS

- **Squirrel:** Daily limit is 6; possession limit is 12.
- **Rabbit:** Daily limit is 4; possession limit is 8.
- **Quail:** Daily limit is 8; possession limit is 16.
- **Grouse:** Daily limit is 4; possession limit is 8.

### SMALL GAME EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

#### Legal

Hunters shall use any of the following to take small game:

- Rimfire gun
- Shotguns no larger than 10-gauge
- Muzzle-loading gun
- .22 caliber handgun
- Bow and arrow
- Crossbow
- .22 caliber or larger airgun
- Dogs
- Falconry

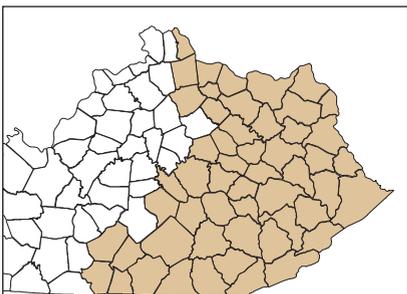
Shotguns used to hunt small game must be plugged to hold a maximum of three shells (two in magazine and one in chamber).

#### Illegal

Small game hunters shall not possess:

- A shotshell containing larger than number 2 size shot
- Single-projectile shotgun ammunition, except during the modern gun deer season as a legal deer hunter

Hunting these species with slingshots is prohibited.



### Grouse Season

Nov. 1-9 and Nov. 12, 2007 - Feb. 29, 2008 in the shaded counties only.

Grouse hunting is also allowed on Pennyrite-Tradewater WMA and Ft. Knox during the month of December, except during quota deer hunts.

**Q:** Can I use a centerfire gun to take small game?

**A:** No. Centerfire guns are not legal for small game hunting. You must use only the equipment listed under "Legal" at right.

## RESTRICTIONS FOR FURBEARER SEASONS

The following animals are considered **furbearers**: mink, muskrat, beaver, raccoon, opossum, gray fox, red fox, weasel, river otter, bobcat, coyote and striped skunk. However, these species may have different hunting or trapping seasons as listed in the season dates table.

### EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

See box below. Also, on some WMAs, special equipment restrictions apply, as noted in the Public Land Hunting section of this guide.

#### FURBEARER EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

##### Legal

Furbearer hunters may use the following to take furbearers:

- Muzzle-loading or modern rifles or handguns of any caliber
- Shotguns no larger than 10-gauge
- Archery or crossbow equipment
- Dogs
- Falconry

Shotguns used to hunt furbearers must be plugged to hold a maximum of three shells (two in magazine and one in chamber).

##### Illegal

The following is prohibited:

- Hunting these species with slingshots
- Using or carrying buckshot when hunting these species

### RIVER OTTER

Otters may be taken statewide and the season limit is six (6) otters per person.

### BOBCAT HUNTING & TRAPPING

Bobcats may be taken statewide and the season limit is **five (5)** bobcats per person. **Only three (3) may be taken with a gun.**

#### Legal Taking Methods

Bobcats and otters may be taken by hunting during daylight hours or by trapping. The appropriate hunting or trapping license is required. Hunters may use hand- or mouth-operated calls, electronic calls, or attracting devices. Harvested bobcats and otters must be

telechecked by calling 1-800-245-4263 by midnight of the day the animal is recovered. (This is the same checking system as for deer, elk and turkeys).

A hunter or trapper who wants to have a bobcat or otter mounted shall provide his or her Telecheck confirmation number to the taxidermist. Taxidermists cannot legally accept an unchecked otter or bobcat for mounting.

Hunters or trappers who intend to sell the raw fur of an otter or bobcat must call 1-800-858-1549 or go online to [fv.ky.gov](http://fv.ky.gov), provide their Telecheck confirmation number and request a CITES tag. The CITES tag shall be attached to and remain with the pelt until it is processed. Possession of an unused bobcat or otter CITES tag is prohibited, unless expressly authorized by the KDFWR.

Bobcat hunting and trapping is also permitted at Land Between the Lakes (LBL) National Recreation Area. (See page 57 for contact information.)

### RACCOON & OPOSSUM HUNTING SEASON

During modern gun deer season raccoon and opossum hunters may not hunt during daylight hours or carry guns other than .22-caliber rimfire while hunting at night. Night hunting on Friday, Nov. 9 shall conclude by ½-hour before sunrise on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007, which is when shooting hours for modern gun deer season open. No bag limit.

### RACCOON & OPOSSUM TRAPPING SEASON

No bag limit. Raccoons and opossums may not be taken with the aid of lights from a boat except by trapping.

### MINK, MUSKRAT, BEAVER, RED FOX, GRAY FOX, WEASEL & STRIPED SKUNK

These species may be taken by hunting or trapping during this season. No bag limits.

### COYOTE HUNTING

The hunting season on coyotes is open statewide and year-round with no bag limit. The appropriate hunting license is required, unless exempt.

### COYOTE TRAPPING SEASON

Trapping coyotes is permitted only during the furbearer season. The appropriate trapping license is required, unless exempt.

#### Q: Can I hunt coyotes at night?

A: No. The only furbearers that can be taken at night are raccoons and opossums.

### BUYING AND SELLING FURS & 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 (including hides from legally harvested deer) may be sold only to licensed taxidermists, licensed fur buyers or licensed fur processors. Wildlife carcasses (except certain species produced by licensed propagators) may not be bought or sold. Inedible parts of wildlife (including the hooves or other inedible parts of legally taken deer) and wildlife mounts may be sold to or purchased from licensed taxidermists only.

Spotted skunks are protected year-round and may not be taken or possessed.

### LEGAL TRAPPING EQUIPMENT & RUNNING THE TRAP LINE

The following equipment is permitted for dry-land sets: Deadfalls, wire cages or box traps, foothold traps with a maximum inside jaw spread of six (6) inches measured perpendicular to the hinges, body-gripping traps with a maximum inside jaw spread of seven and one-half (7.5) inches measured parallel with the trigger, and non-locking snares.

Trappers may use lights from boats or vehicles. All traps must bear a metal tag giving the name and address of the trapper. Any trap found without a tag can be immediately confiscated by the KDFWR without a court order. Landowner permission is required for trapping.

All traps must be visited at least once every 24 hours and all animals removed. Traps set on land must be at least 10 feet apart and not set in trails/paths commonly used by humans or domestic animals.

## OTHER SEASON RESTRICTIONS

### FALCONRY SEASON

The limit for this hunting method is two (2) of any small game or furbearer species per falconer per day, except during the regular hunting season when the limits are the same as for other methods. Falconers must possess a falconry permit, as well as a valid Kentucky hunting license, and obey all applicable state and federal laws.

### CROW SEASON

There is no daily or possession limit on crows.

Crows observed committing or about to commit acts of depredation may be taken year-round; however, persons attempting to take depredating crows shall not use blinds, decoys, calls or other lures to attract birds into shooting range during the closed season.

### BULLFROG SEASON

The daily limit (noon to noon) is 15; possession limit is 30.

If frogs 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 November 1 through January 31.

### WILD HOG & GROUNDHOG HUNTING

The hunting season on wild hogs and groundhogs is open statewide and year-round with no bag limit. The appropriate hunting license is required, unless exempt. Hog hunters in the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area must have a permit.

### EXOTIC SPECIES OPEN TO YEAR-ROUND HUNTING

(Including English sparrows, starlings, Eurasian collared doves and NON-native cervid and NON-domesticated bovid species)

Except as stated here, no person shall take any other wildlife species except during an open season for that species.

Persons may hunt exotic wildlife

(except pheasants released during KD-FWR pheasant quota hunts), including English sparrows, starlings, Eurasian collared doves, free-ranging NON-native cervid species (except for fallow deer on Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area) or NON-domesticated bovid species without a hunting license year-round. NON-native cervids include any deer species EXCEPT whitetails and elk. NON-domesticated bovids include any type of NON-domesticated sheep, antelope, goat, buffalo or other exotic hoofed species. There is no bag limit or checking requirement on these species.

All birds of prey, songbirds, spotted skunks, black bears and threatened or endangered species are strictly protected at all times under state and federal laws.

All species of mice, moles, rats, shrews and terrestrial invertebrates (except threatened or endangered species) are unprotected species and may be taken year-round without a hunting license.

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# CALLING ALL HUNTERS & TRAPPERS!

## HOW SMALL GAME HUNTERS CAN HELP

To effectively manage Kentucky's wildlife, the KDFWR conducts a variety of surveys with hunters and trappers about their pursuits and observations of wildlife. You can greatly assist this effort by participating in these surveys. The samples and information you provide are essential for determining the size, trends and health of game populations. Survey forms are available from the KDFWR.

Small game hunters can help gather information about various types of wildlife using the report forms on our website at [fw.ky.gov/smallgamelogs.asp](http://fw.ky.gov/smallgamelogs.asp). All hunting log cooperators will receive an annual report and FREE hunting cap. Another way small game hunters can help is by obtaining pre-addressed survey envelopes and sending in one wing

from each bobwhite quail and one wing and rump feathers from each grouse they take. Pre-addressed wing envelopes are available from Conservation Officers or by calling 1-800-858-1549. Please follow the directions closely on the envelopes because they differ between quail and grouse.

## HOW FURBEARER HUNTERS & TRAPPERS CAN HELP

The KDFWR is working in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to stop the westward spread of raccoon rabies into Kentucky. The KDFWR is asking hunters and trappers to donate heads (skinned or not) of raccoons, foxes, coyotes, and skunks taken in the following counties: **Bell, Boyd, Bracken, Carter, Clay, El-**

**liott, Fleming, Floyd, Greenup, Harlan, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Lawrence, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Martin, Mason, McCreary, Morgan, Perry, Pike, Robertson, and Whitley.**

To donate a head for testing, please place it in a sealed plastic bag and label it with the following: your name, address, phone number, species of animal, sex and age if known, county of kill, date collected, and a brief description of the specific location where it was collected (farm name, creek name, address, intersection, GPS location, etc.). Keep the head frozen and call **1-800-852-0942**, extension **469** to arrange for the heads to be picked up. The KDFWR thanks you for doing your part to maintain the health of Kentucky's furbearer populations!

**FREE HUNTING CAP & ANNUAL REPORT**  
(with completed hunting log)

Hunting logs help us monitor population trends for **rabbit, quail, grouse, and squirrels.**

Your input is important!

Go to [fw.ky.gov/smallgamelogs.asp](http://fw.ky.gov/smallgamelogs.asp) or call 1-800-858-1549 to get a survey and instructions.



# QUOTA HUNTS

## QUOTA HUNTS FOR DEER

To apply for  
quota hunts, call:

**1-877-598-2401**

During the month of September only, hunters may call toll-free to apply for Deer, Pheasant & Waterfowl Quota Hunts. Applications for all three types of quota hunts can be made at the same time. Hunters should tell the operator they want to apply for a Kentucky quota hunt when calling.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Any resident or nonresident hunter may apply for a Deer Quota Hunt. Only the person(s) successfully drawn for quota hunts may hunt. **SUBSTITUTIONS ARE NOT ALLOWED.** Before you apply, it is best to review the Hunt Choices chart and Special Instructions for Quota Deer Hunts for hunt dates and other important details about particular hunts.

Any legal deer hunting equipment

is permitted during a quota hunt unless otherwise stated in the Special Instructions section. During hunts where firearms are permitted, hunters must comply with Kentucky's Hunter Orange Clothing law.

Hunters may take two deer on quota hunts, only one of which may be antlered, unless otherwise stated under the Special Instructions for Quota Deer Hunts.

On hunts where an antler spread limit is in effect, hunters who take bucks under the 15-inch minimum outside spread limit will be ineligible to apply for a quota hunt the following season, and are subject to citation and having their deer confiscated. (See graphic on page 41.) Harvested deer must be recorded and reported for each hunt as noted in the Special Instructions section.

Statewide licensing requirements apply to quota hunters. A hunter who has a Bonus WMA Quota Hunt Deer Permit does not have to count deer taken on a quota hunt as part of his or her season limit. **A Bonus WMA Quota Hunt Deer Permit is only valid if a statewide deer permit has already been purchased, and when used during a WMA or State Park Quota Hunt, or during the West Kentucky WMA Open Gun**

### Hunt or Grayson Lake WMA Open Youth Deer Hunt.

During all quota hunts, the West Kentucky WMA Open Gun Deer Hunt (Dec. 1-2), and the Grayson Lake WMA Open Youth Deer Hunt (Nov. 3-4), only persons participating in these hunts will be allowed to enter a WMA, except to use established public roads or areas designated open by signs. Waterfowl hunting may be posted open on some areas.

Hunters are required to get permission from private landowners before crossing private property to access any quota hunt area or to retrieve downed deer from private property. Quota hunters are expected to abide by the General User Guidelines for WMAs provided in this guide. Respect the property rights of adjacent landowners and do not trespass. Scouting and set-up of portable tree stands is permitted prior to hunts any time these areas are open. Portable tree stands and climbing devices that do not injure trees may be used. On state park lands, firearms or bows may not be carried afield while scouting or setting up tree stands before the hunt.

The KDFWR handles the application and random drawing selection

only for the WMAs it owns or operates. Drawings for quota hunts on areas not owned or operated by the department are conducted by the governing agencies of those lands. To apply for hunts on these areas, contact them directly. Numbers for other hunting areas are provided at the end of the Public Land Hunting section of this guide.

Owners of private inholdings (private property completely surrounded by WMA lands) or their guests may travel within the owner's lands, but may not enter the WMA except as described above.

Hunt area maps and quota hunt information will be available when hunters check in for quota hunts. Maps and information about WMA quota hunts are also available in advance through the KDFWR website at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov) or by calling 1-800-858-1549. Check station locations are shown on these maps. **Specific requirements for those drawn for quota hunts appear later under Special Instructions for Quota Deer Hunts.**

## MOBILITY-IMPAIRED QUOTA HUNTS

Persons with one of the following physical conditions are eligible to apply for a mobility-impaired quota hunt at **Green River Lake WMA, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Taylorsville Lake State Park** or **Zilpo-Twin Knobs Campground**. At check in, drawn hunters must show a WMA Mobility-Impaired Access Permit, available **in advance of the hunt date** from the KDFWR.

- 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 severe mobility impairment.

## APPLICATION DIRECTIONS

Hunters may call and apply one time for a quota deer hunt. Applicants will be given the option to pick a first and second hunt choice, but may be drawn to participate in only one quota hunt. The non-refundable fee is \$3 per hunter to apply. Each hunter that applies correctly, but isn't selected, will receive a preference point that increases the odds of being drawn next year (assuming the hunter applies the following year). Unselected hunters who do not apply the following year will lose all previously credited preference points. Applicants are selected based on individual preference points. Up to five people can apply together with one call. If any one of the group's Social Security numbers is drawn, the others in the group are automatically drawn, too.

**Q:** What happens to my preference points if I don't apply one year?

**A:** Hunters lose all previously credited preference points if they do not apply. You must apply each year to continue building preference points.

**Q:** If I am drawn for my second hunt choice, do I keep my preference points?

**A:** No. When a hunter is drawn for a quota hunt, he or she loses all previously credited preference points, even if drawn for their second hunt choice.

## CHECK-IN INSTRUCTIONS FOR QUOTA DEER HUNTERS

1. **All quota deer hunters must check in before they hunt and out when finished hunting, the bag limit is reached, or when the hunt period concludes, and check deer daily at the designated check station, except quota hunters on the Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park Quota Hunt and Green River Lake State Park Archery/Crossbow-Only Quota Hunts.**
2. **At check-in, quota deer hunters must show the following:**

### Watch the clock

Check-in and check-out times for WMA quota hunts are:

- **Day before hunt:** Noon – 8 p.m. local time
- **Hunt days:** 5:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. Eastern, 4:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. Central, depending on location of the WMA. (Green River WMA is considered in the Eastern Time Zone)

- a. Their Social Security number or hunt confirmation number
  - b. A valid Kentucky hunting license (except those on military furlough of more than 3 days who shall present their military identification and furlough verification papers)
  - c. A statewide deer permit (a youth may show a youth deer permit; military personnel on leave of more than 3 days must show identification and papers as above)
  - d. A hunter education card or **temporary hunter education exemption permit** if required under the Kentucky Hunter Education Law.
3. If a quota hunter has already taken two deer with the statewide deer permit, he or she must have either a valid Bonus WMA Quota Hunt Deer Permit or a Bonus Antlerless-only Deer Permit in possession while hunting.
  4. Persons checking in for a mobility-impaired hunt must present a KDFWR-issued WMA Mobility-Impaired Access Permit, obtained prior to the hunt.
  5. Landowner license exemptions do not apply when on a quota hunt.
  6. Hunters who fail to check-out, when required, or violate other hunt requirements will be blocked from applying for any quota deer hunt next year.

### Two bucks?

Hunters who want to take an **antlered deer** (where permitted) during a quota hunt, and have already taken an antlered deer previously during the season, must possess a Bonus WMA Quota Hunt Deer Permit.

# SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR QUOTA DEER HUNTS

Unless otherwise stated below, hunters may take up to two (2) deer (only one of which may be antlered) during a quota hunt.

## **BALLARD, BEAVER CREEK, FISHTRAP LAKE, GREEN RIVER LAKE, GREEN RIVER LAKE MOBILITY-IMPAIRED, GREEN RIVER LAKE STATE PARK, JENNY WILEY STATE PARK, MILL CREEK, PAINTSVILLE LAKE, PENNYRILE STATE FOREST-TRADEWATER AND WEST KY QUOTA HUNTS**

- Hunters participating in the **Ballard, Beaver Creek, Green River Lake, Green River Lake Mobility-Impaired, Green River Lake State Park, Jenny Wiley State Park, Paintsville Lake, Pennyrile-Tradewater and West Ky** quota hunts CAN NOT TAKE an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15 inches.
- The **Green River Lake WMA Mobility-Impaired Quota Hunt** is limited to persons who are mobility-impaired and meet the eligibility requirements as previously outlined. (Mobility-Impaired Access Permit required at check-in.) Drawn hunters may be accompanied by another person but that person will NOT be permitted to hunt.
- The limit for hunts on **Beaver Creek, Fishtrap Lake and Mill Creek WMAs** is **one deer of either sex** per hunter.

## **BARREN RIVER LAKE, DALE HOLLOW LAKE, GREEN RIVER LAKE (STATE PARK), GREENBO LAKE, JENNY WILEY, LAKE BARKLEY, AND TAYLORSVILLE LAKE STATE PARK QUOTA HUNTS**

- The **Taylorsville Lake State Park Quota Hunt on Dec. 1-2, and the Jenny Wiley State Park Quota Hunt**, are limited to persons who are mobility-impaired and meet the eligibility requirements as previously outlined. (Mobility-Impaired Access Permit required at check-in.) Drawn hunters may be accompanied by another person, but that person will NOT be permitted to hunt.
- To spread hunting pressure over these parks, and to make getting harvested deer out of the woods easier, hunters are encouraged to use boats to access



### **15" ANTLER SPREAD**

When judging size in the field, remember the guideline that you can't shoot a buck on a Quality Deer Management (QDM) area UNLESS it has an outside antler spread that is wider than its ears (at least 15 inches). If the outside spread doesn't extend beyond both ears, let it walk.

more remote portions of the hunt areas. State park boat ramps will be open for use during quota hunts.

- Areas within these parks that are off limits to hunting (such as lodges, campgrounds, employees' residences, maintenance compounds, ranger stations, water treatment plants, picnic areas and marinas/boat ramps) are marked with signs and/or flagging tape or as indicated on hunt maps. Additionally, there is to be no hunting within 100 yards of a maintained road or building. Hunters must also have their firearms unloaded and cased when not in legal hunting areas.
- Hunters drawn to hunt in the **Dale Hollow Lake State Park Quota Hunt** and **Green River Lake State Park Archery/Crossbow Quota Hunts** do not have to check in or out, but shall tele-check any harvested deer as required by statewide regulations.
- Portable stands and tree climbers may be placed in trees no earlier than 24 hours before the start of the hunt, and must be removed within 24 hours of its

conclusion. Tree stands must not be left unattended for more than 24 hours.

## **GRAYSON LAKE WMA OPEN YOUTH, WEST KENTUCKY WMA QUOTA AND OPEN HUNTS, AND ZILPO-TWIN KNOBS CAMPGROUNDS QUOTA DEER HUNTS**

- The designated scouting day for the **Grayson Lake Open Youth Hunt** is the Friday preceding the hunt. On this day, vehicles will be permitted within the hunt area between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. for youths (and their accompanying adults) registered for the hunt. Department personnel will be available at the check station 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. to answer questions and provide additional information. Scouting is permitted on other days prior to the hunt, but access will be by walk-in or boat only.
- On **West Kentucky WMA, Tracts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6** are the only areas quota and open gun hunters are allowed to deer hunt. Shotguns used with slugs or muzzleloaders are the only firearms permitted for deer hunting anywhere on this area.
- The **Zilpo-Twin Knobs Campgrounds quota hunt** is limited to persons that are mobility-impaired and who meet the eligibility requirements as described previously. (Mobility-Impaired Access Permit required at check-in.) Check-in will be upon hunter arrival the day of the hunt from 5:30 a.m. until close of the legal hunting time. Each hunter can be accompanied by one individual who may not hunt, but may assist the hunter with retrieval and field dressing of downed deer, etc. Hunters will be assigned randomly to one campground or the other. After October 8, hunters can find out about their assignment by calling the KDFWR and providing their confirmation number to the operator. Assignments are final. All hunters will be escorted to designated stand locations from which they will be required to hunt. Hunting can only be done from these locations unless otherwise informed by hunt management personnel. Hunter stand locations will be assigned by random drawing at check-in. Vehicular access to the campgrounds for scouting prior to the hunt is not permitted.

## 2007-08 DEER QUOTA HUNT CHOICES

Hunt Choices		Dates	# of Slots	# that applied in 2006	Hunt Remarks (All Quota Hunts are for either sex deer)
1	Ballard	Nov. 3-4	150	989	Bucks must have a minimum outside antler spread of 15". (Hunters may take either sex deer.)
2	Barren River Lake State Park	Dec. 26-27	50	233	
3	Beaver Creek	Nov. 3-4	450	567	Limit 1 during quota hunt. Bucks must have a minimum outside antler spread of 15".
4	Clay	Nov. 3-4	165	868	
5	Dale Hollow Lake State Park	Dec. 25-28	75	305	No check in or out. Must telecheck deer taken.
6	Fishtrap Lake	Nov. 17-18	200	482	Limit 1 during quota hunt.
7	Greenbo Lake State Park	Jan. 8-9	120	241	
8	Green River Lake	Nov. 3-4	400	1279	Bucks must have a minimum outside antler spread of 15".
9	Green River Lake Mobility-Impaired*	Nov. 3-4	15	N/A	Open only to persons who are mobility-impaired. Bucks must have a minimum outside antler spread of 15".
10	Green River Lake State Park #1	Dec. 13-16	55	236	Archery/Crossbow only. No check in or out. Must telecheck deer taken. Bucks must have a minimum outside antler spread of 15".
11	Green River Lake State Park #2	Dec. 20-23	55	112	Archery/Crossbow only. No check in or out. Must telecheck deer taken. Bucks must have a minimum outside antler spread of 15".
12	Jenny Wiley State Park Mobility-Impaired*	Jan. 5-6	10	N/A	Muzzleloader only. Open only to persons who are mobility-impaired. Bucks must have a minimum outside antler spread of 15".
13	Kleber & Rich #1	Nov. 3-4	175	860	
14	Kleber & Rich #2	Dec. 1-2	175	347	
15	Lake Barkley State Park	Jan. 8-9	75	239	
16	Mill Creek	Nov. 3-4	350	518	Limit 1 during quota hunt.
17	Paintsville Lake	Nov. 3-4	300	708	Bucks must have a minimum outside antler spread of 15".
18	Pennyrile-Tradewater	Nov. 3-4	300	916	Bucks must have a minimum outside antler spread of 15".
19	Taylorsville Lake WMA #1	Nov. 3-4	275	1535	
20	Taylorsville Lake WMA #2	Dec. 1-2	275	599	
21	Taylorsville Lake WMA #3	Jan. 5-6	275	333	
22	Taylorsville Lake State Park	Nov. 3-4	25	353	
23	Taylorsville Lake State Park Mobility-Impaired*	Dec. 1-2	25	49	Open only to persons who are mobility-impaired.
24	West KY	Nov. 17-18	300	388	Shotgun and Muzzleloader only. Bucks must have a minimum outside antler spread of 15".
25	Zilpo-Twin Knobs Mobility-Impaired*	Dec. 8	30	43	Open only to persons who are mobility-impaired.

\*Only hunters who are mobility-impaired as described on page 40 can apply and be drawn for this hunt.

**Note:** There is no longer a Ballard Youth, Higginson-Henry or Yellowbank Mentor Quota Hunt. Ballard WMA is now open to the October Youth Firearms Season. Higginson-Henry and Yellowbank WMAs are now open to both the October Youth Firearms Season and the December Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend.

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO CALL & APPLY for Deer & Pheasant Quota Hunts

There are **no** mail-in applications. You **MUST APPLY BY PHONE** from September 1-30 **only**. The following instructions and worksheets are a guide to save you time when you call.

1. Have the Social Security number for each hunter in your party. Up to five may apply as a group.
2. Choose the hunt(s) you wish to apply for (see the Deer Quota Hunt Choices chart and Pheasant Quota Hunts section for details).

3. Have one of the following payment methods ready before you call: Visa, Mastercard, Discover, debit card or e-check. Only one e-check will be accepted for group applications.
4. Call toll-free **1-877-598-2401** from any touch-tone telephone.
5. Provide the information requested by the operator. At the end of the call you will be given a confirmation number. Write this number down. You will need it later to find out if you were selected to hunt.

6. After October 5, log on to [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov) to find out if you were drawn for any type of quota hunt. Hunters who confirm being drawn on-line may print that confirmation as proof of applying successfully. Applicants may also call the KDFWR weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern at 1-800-858-1549 after October 8 and provide either their confirmation number or Social Security number.

## QUOTA HUNT APPLICATION WORKSHEET

### DEER QUOTA HUNTS

1. Social Security numbers for my group: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Select up to two hunts (\$3 total per hunter) from the Deer Quota Hunt Choices chart:

1st Hunt # \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Hunt # \_\_\_\_\_

3. My payment method: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation number: \_\_\_\_\_



### PHEASANT QUOTA HUNTS

1. Social Security numbers for my group: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Select a first, second and third choice (\$3 total per hunter), or you may apply for any available date from the hunts below.

Green River #1 (Nov. 16) \_\_\_\_\_ Clay #1 (Dec. 7) \_\_\_\_\_

Green River #2 (Nov. 17) \_\_\_\_\_ Clay #2 (Dec. 8) \_\_\_\_\_

Green River #3 (Nov. 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Clay #3 (Dec. 9) \_\_\_\_\_

3. My payment method: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation number: \_\_\_\_\_



**CALL 1-877-598-2401. DO NOT MAIL THIS WORKSHEET!**

# PHEASANT, WATERFOWL & DOVE QUOTA HUNTS

## PHEASANT

Quota pheasant hunts are offered at Green River Lake WMA (100 hunters per hunt) on Nov. 16, 17 and 18, 2007, and at Clay WMA (70 hunters per hunt) Dec. 7, 8 and 9, 2007. Advance application by phone is required.

Each day's quota hunt will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. **Eastern time.** Equipment legal for hunting other small game species is permitted during these hunts. Dogs are permitted. The daily bag (hunt) limit is two birds of either sex per hunter and wearing hunter orange as defined in Kentucky's hunter orange clothing law is required.

**Rabbit, quail and squirrel hunting is closed on Green River Lake WMA Nov. 16-19, 2007. Rabbit, quail, squirrel and grouse hunting is closed on Clay WMA Dec. 7-10, 2007.** Only hunters with a pheasant quota hunt permit may take pheasants during the quota hunt, or on the day following the last quota hunt day.

### APPLICATION DIRECTIONS

**An individual can apply only one time for a pheasant quota hunt. Hunters will only be drawn for one hunt day.**

Up to five people may apply as a group for a single hunt. Social Security numbers for each applicant are required. The hunter who calls in the application will be responsible for paying \$3 per Social Security number entered. **Application fees are nonrefundable.** Applicants will be given a first, second and third choice of hunt dates, or any available.

Hunters under 16 years old who apply for a pheasant hunt must do so as part of a party that includes at least one adult.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR DRAWN QUOTA PHEASANT HUNTERS

- All quota pheasant hunters must carry while hunting:
  1. A valid pheasant quota hunt permit
  2. Proof of a valid Kentucky hunting license
  3. Form of identification
  4. A hunter education card or **temporary hunter education exemption permit** if required under the

Kentucky hunter education law.

- Hunters shall wear hunter orange clothing as defined in Kentucky's hunter orange clothing law on all hunts.
- Those **drawn** for a quota pheasant hunt will be required to:
  1. Purchase a \$25 pheasant permit
  2. Send in a self-addressed stamped envelope AND the pheasant hunt permit fee payment by check or money order to: KDFWR Pheasant Hunt, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601
  3. Include his or her confirmation number with the payment. **(A payment for a party shall cover the full amount of the party's permit fees in one check.)**
  4. Mail the permit payment postmarked no later than midnight **October 30, 2007.**

Payment of permit fee(s) is required in advance from an individual, or the person who applies for a party of hunters, for ALL members of the party. Payments received for less than the total amount due will NOT BE REFUNDED and no permits will be issued for a hunt. Please make sure you send in the correct amount for the number of hunters in your party.

Failure to comply with any of the permit payment directions given above may result in being disqualified from this year's or future hunts.

### BONUS HUNT DAYS

The day following the final pheasant quota hunt on each WMA is reserved as a free, bonus hunt day for drawn pheasant quota hunt permit holders. Therefore, **ONLY** hunters who possess a permit for a Green River WMA quota pheasant hunt may hunt pheasants on Green River WMA on Monday, Nov. 19, 2007. **ONLY** hunters who possess a permit for a Clay WMA quota pheasant hunt may hunt pheasants on Clay WMA on Monday, Dec. 10, 2007. No additional fee will be charged for the bonus hunt day, but quota hunters must carry their pheasant hunt permit, hunting license and wear hunter orange clothing as required during their previous hunt. The daily bag limit for bonus hunt days is

three birds per hunter.

(See the Green River and Clay WMA listings in the Public Land Hunting section for season dates and limits for the open pheasant season following the bonus hunt day.)

## WATERFOWL

Waterfowl hunters will be able to apply for quota hunts by calling the same phone number and following the same payment process in place for deer and pheasant hunts during the month of September. There will be a minimum \$3 charge to apply. A hunter can apply for a maximum of one hunt per area.

However, dates for waterfowl hunts on the Ballard, Sloughs and Boatwright WMAs are not approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service until late August, which is too late to be included in this guide. Therefore, waterfowl quota hunt dates and other instructions **WILL BE POSTED SEPTEMBER 1** on the KDFWR website at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov), and will be available from the KDFWR Information Center at 1-800-858-1549 weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern.

## DOVE

Special Hunter Note: The KDFWR offers youth hunters and an accompanying adult the opportunity to participate in Mentor Dove Hunts on a limited number of public fields on the first Saturday in September of the dove season (Sept. 1, 2007). Other than statewide licensing requirements, no additional hunt permits are required.

Participants must call the KDFWR Information Center (1-800-858-1549) weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern from August 13 to August 22 to reserve a spot for these hunts. Reservations will not be taken outside these dates. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis until the designated spaces are filled. Locations of mentor hunts will be published in the 2007 Dove Hunting Guide, and will be available from the KDFWR website and Information Center in mid-August.



# PUBLIC LAND HUNTING

## GENERAL USER GUIDELINES FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

The KDFWR has purchased, leased or manages more than 80 wildlife management areas (WMAs) for public use. On some areas, users must purchase a user permit. Please refer to the specific area listing for that information. The rest are open to hunting free of additional charge.

**Many public-use areas have special laws in effect, and hunting season dates that are different from statewide seasons.** That information is listed individually under the name of each area, beginning on page 48.

The information here applies to users of all wildlife management areas owned or managed by the KDFWR. If you intend to hunt (or otherwise visit) public lands listed in "Wildlife Management Areas," you must comply with the following guidelines.

**Q: How do I know which seasons are open on a particular WMA?**

**A:** You must check the individual area listing for it in "Wildlife Management Areas." Seasons are only open as listed.

1. For game listed in this guide, **hunting seasons on the WMAs listed in this section are open only as stated.**
2. County zone deer bag limits apply to

all WMAs unless otherwise noted under the area listing. If a WMA lies in two or more different zones, limits in effect for the most liberal county (lowest zone number) shall apply to the entire WMA.

3. Quota deer hunters may take up to two (2) deer on a quota hunt, **only one of which may be antlered**, unless otherwise noted under the area listing.
4. Squirrel, rabbit, quail, grouse and furbearer hunting or trapping is closed Nov. 10-11, 2007 on WMAs, if gun deer hunting is permitted.
5. Unless otherwise noted, persons shall not allow unleashed dogs from March 1 through the opening of fall squirrel season, except during KDFWR-authorized field trials, the June squirrel season, 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. **During a deer quota hunt on a WMA, only persons participating in the deer quota hunt are allowed to be on that WMA**, except waterfowl hunters hunting in some areas that may be open, or if a part of the WMA is otherwise open as noted in the following area listings. (Persons assisting mobil-

**Q: Can I still hunt deer or small game on a WMA during a quota elk hunt?**

**A:** Yes. WMAs open to quota elk hunts are not closed to other hunters during those hunts. (See individual WMA listings for all season dates.)

ity-impaired hunters are permitted access during a quota hunt.)

7. Quota pheasant, deer, waterfowl and elk hunts require advance application. (Refer to Quota Hunt and Elk sections.) Advance application is not required for other listed deer hunts.
8. Camping is permitted only in designated areas. Parking must be confined to designated parking areas if such areas exist. If no parking area is designated, parking is generally permitted alongside maintained roads in such a manner that does not block traffic. Unless otherwise authorized, vehicles of any kind (including motorcycles and bicycles) are permitted **only** on maintained roads. Vehicles used on public roads must be street-legal. It is unlawful to cut trees or fences, dump trash or litter, or damage any property or habitat in any fashion.

9. Trapping requires permission. Obtain permission from the KDFWR by calling 1-800-858-1549.
10. Hunters shall not enter or hunt in areas that have been designated closed by signs.
11. A person shall not discharge a firearm within 100 yards of a residence or occupied building located on or off the area.
12. A person shall not distribute or place bait, hunt over bait or otherwise participate in baiting wildlife on a wildlife management area.
13. A group of ten (10) or more people who gather for any event or organized activity on a WMA shall obtain a free permit from the KDFWR at least thirty (30) days prior to the event. Groups shall apply on a form provided by the KDFWR. The KDFWR shall retain the authority to deny permits, or otherwise restrict, institute additional requirements for, or direct the rescheduling of, any event to avoid user conflicts or for other plausible 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.
14. Horseback riding is permitted on some WMAs during certain times of the year and under certain restrictions. 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 or elk, unless participating or assisting in a legal elk hunt. (Hunter orange required during firearms elk seasons)**
15. Public shooting ranges are available on Curtis Gates Lloyd, Higginson-Henry, John A. Kleber, **Miller Welch**-Central Kentucky, and **Peabody** WMAs. On these areas, target shooting is restricted to the range. These are tube-style ranges suitable for shooting single projectile ammunition only. All shooting must be through the tubes. Ranges can be reserved for special events by contacting the WMA manager 30 days in advance of the event. The ranges are self-serve and all users must comply with the rules posted by sign.

## MOBILITY-IMPAIRED HUNTER ACCESS TO WMAS

The KDFWR also offers special exceptions to usual hunting and fishing regulations for persons who are mobility-impaired and want to hunt and fish on select KDFWR Wildlife Management Areas. For those persons who meet the qualifications below, and who request an exception from the KDFWR, access by vehicle to portions of some WMAs may be granted.

There are portions of 15 WMAs where mobility-impaired access areas have been designated. They are Barren River, Fishtrap Lake, Green River, Kaler Bottoms, Kentucky River, Lake Cumberland, Mill Creek, **Miller Welch**-Central Kentucky, Mullins, Peabody, Redbird, Taylorsville Lake, West Kentucky, Yatesville Lake and Yellowbank WMAs.

1. In order to be eligible to request a WMA Mobility-Impaired Access Permit from the KDFWR, the person must meet one of the following criteria:
  - a. Has permanent paralysis of at least one (1) leg;
  - b. Has at least one (1) foot amputated;
  - c. Is permanently confined to a wheelchair or must use crutches, or a walker as a means of support to pursue daily activities;
  - d. 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;
  - e. Requires portable oxygen;
  - f. 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
  - g. Has a diagnosed disease which creates a severe mobility impairment.
2. The Mobility-Impaired Access Permit allows the following activities by a mobility-impaired individual:
  - a. 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.

- b. 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.
3. The roads may be accessed March 1 through the third Friday in August.
4. Tracts designated as mobility-impaired access areas shall be posted with signs.
5. Vehicular access shall not be permitted on fields, openings, roads, paths, or trails planted with annual grains or agricultural crops.
6. It shall be permissible to access areas which are not roads the third Saturday of August until the end of February.
7. 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 qualified assistant may:

1. Track and dispatch a wounded animal;
2. Retrieve an animal; or
3. Render other assistance in accordance with all other KDFWR and WMA user laws.

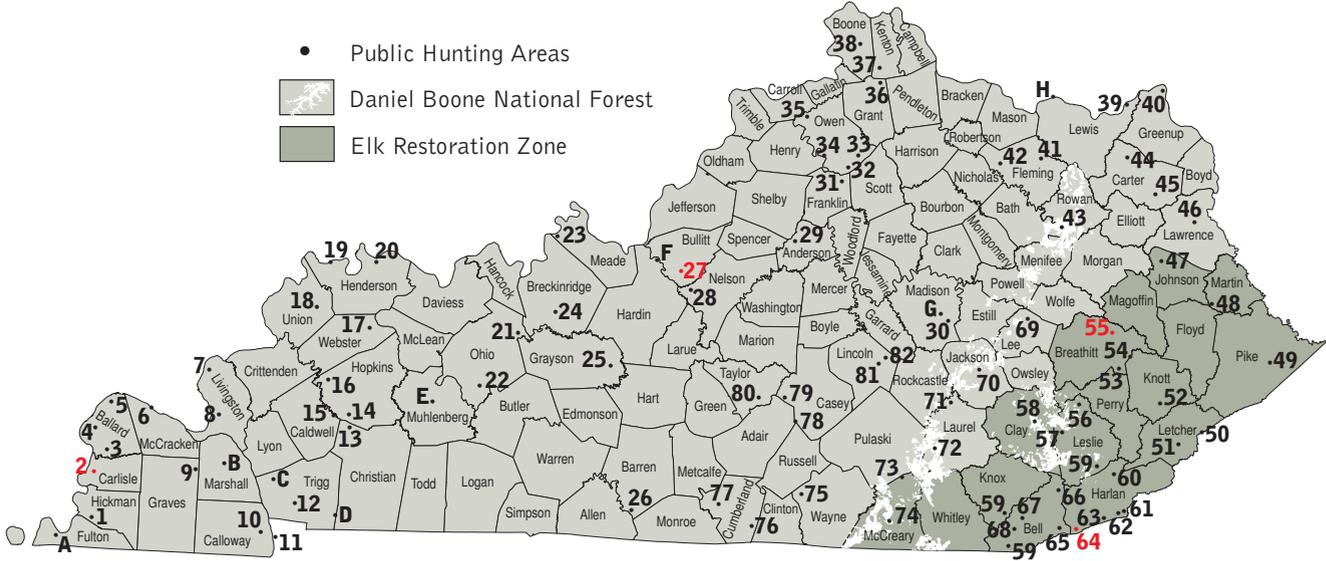
A qualified assistant shall not:

1. Operate his or her own ATV; or
  2. Hunt or shoot from an ATV.
- Applicants for a Mobility-Impaired Access Permit shall:
1. Fill out the required information on the Mobility-Impaired Access Permit application; and
  2. Obtain the attestation and signature from a licensed physician describing the mobility impairment.

In order to participate in activities noted above, 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 licenses and permits.

**The above criteria for eligibility for a Mobility-Impaired Access Permit are the same criteria used to determine eligibility for mobility-impaired hunter-only quota hunts offered by the KDFWR.**

**Persons interested in applying for a WMA Mobility-Impaired Access Permit should contact the KDFWR for an application or print one at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov).**



## PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS IN KENTUCKY

1. Obion Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA)
2. **Doug Travis WMA**  
(formerly MeadWestvaco WMA)
3. Winford WMA
4. Boatwright WMA
5. Ballard WMA
6. West Kentucky WMA
7. Ohio River Islands WMA
8. Livingston County WMA and State Natural Area
9. Kaler Bottoms WMA
10. Kentucky Lake WMA
11. Beechy Creek WMA
12. Lake Barkley WMA
13. Pennyrile State Forest
14. Tradewater WMA
15. Jones-Keeney WMA
16. Clear Creek WMA
17. Lee K. Nelson WMA
18. Higginson-Henry WMA
19. Sloughs WMA
20. Green River State Forest
21. L. B. Davison WMA
22. Peabody WMA
23. Yellowbank WMA
24. Rough River Lake WMA
25. Nolin River Lake WMA
26. Barren River Lake WMA
27. **Knobs State Forest and WMA**
28. John C. Williams WMA
29. Taylorsville Lake WMA
30. **Miller Welch-Central Kentucky WMA**
31. T. N. Sullivan WMA
32. John A. Kleber WMA
33. Dr. James R. Rich WMA
34. Kentucky River WMA
35. Twin Eagle WMA
36. Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA
37. Mullins WMA
38. Dr. Norman and Martha Adair WMA
39. Lewis County WMA
40. South Shore WMA
41. Fleming WMA
42. Clay WMA
43. Pioneer Weapons WMA
44. Tygarts State Forest
45. Grayson Lake WMA
46. Yatesville Lake WMA
47. Paintsville Lake WMA
48. Dewey Lake WMA
49. Fishtrap Lake WMA
50. Jefferson National Forest
51. Hensley-Pine Mountain WMA
52. Carr Creek Lake WMA
53. Paul Van Booven WMA
54. Robinson Forest
55. **Howard WMA**
56. Buckhorn Lake WMA
57. Redbird WMA
58. **Burchell-Beech Creek WMA**
59. Ataya WMA
60. Kentenia State Forest
61. Stone Mountain WMA and State Natural Area
62. Cranks Creek WMA
63. Martins Fork Lake WMA
64. **Martins Fork WMA and State Natural Area**
65. Shillalah Creek WMA
66. Begley WMA
67. Kentucky Ridge Forest WMA
68. Kentucky Ridge State Forest
69. Ashland WMA
70. Mill Creek WMA
71. Daniel Boone National Forest
72. Cane Creek WMA
73. Beaver Creek WMA
74. Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area
75. Lake Cumberland WMA
76. Dale Hollow Lake WMA
77. Mud Camp Creek WMA
78. R. F. Tarter WMA
79. Dennis-Gray WMA
80. Green River Lake WMA
81. Cedar Creek Lake WMA
82. Dix River WMA

### OTHER HUNTING AREAS

On the following areas you must contact the controlling agency for season dates, regulations and hunter requirements. Contact information is listed on page 57.

- A. Reelfoot Lake National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)
- B. Clarks River NWR
- C. Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area
- D. Fort Campbell Military Reservation
- E. Wendell H. Ford RTC
- F. Fort Knox Military Reservation
- G. Blue Grass Army Depot
- H. Ohio River Islands NWR

# WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

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Hunting



Fishing



Hiking Trail



Wildlife Viewing



Interpretive Site



Boat Launch



Horseback Trails



Accessible



Picnic Site



Shooting Range

## Remember!

Small game and furbearer hunting/trapping is closed Nov. 10-11, 2007 on WMAs, **if gun deer hunting is permitted.**

## HUNTER ORANGE LAW

Some WMAs are open to Zone At-Large firearm quota elk hunts. Other public areas open to Zone At-Large firearm quota elk hunts include: the Jefferson National Forest, Kentucky Ridge State Forest, Kentenia State Forest, and portions of the Daniel Boone National Forest not inside the Begley WMA Limited Entry Area in Bell, Clay, Harlan, Knox, Leslie and Perry counties, as well as McCreary and Whitley County portions of Daniel Boone National Forest. **Anyone hunting where and when an open firearms quota elk hunt is going on must comply with the state hunter orange clothing law. Check quota elk hunt dates in the Elk section before hunting on WMAs listed as open to Zone At-Large or Limited Entry Area quota elk hunts.**

## Fall seasons only

Check the Spring Turkey & Squirrel Hunting Guide for all spring hunting seasons and regulations, including spring hunting on WMAs.

## FALL HUNTING SEASONS

### ASHLAND WMA

Lee County, (606) 878-9595



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

### ATAYA WMA

Bell, Knox & Leslie cos.  
(606) 337-9317



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

#### Exceptions

**Elk:** Open to Zone At-Large quota elk hunts. **However, portions of this WMA are closed to Zone At-Large quota elk hunters.** Those portions are open for elk hunting only to limited entry area quota elk hunters. (See the Begley limited entry area description in the Elk section)

### BALLARD WMA

Ballard County, (270) 224-2244



The 400-acre tract located south of Sallie Crice/Terrell Landing Road (formerly the Ballard Hunt Unit) is open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.\*

#### Exceptions

**The Main Unit is closed to unauthorized public access annually Oct. 15 - March 15. Hunting seasons on the Main Unit are as follows:**

**Squirrel:** Aug. 18 - Oct. 14.

**Rabbit & Quail:** Closed.

**Deer\*:** Open for Archery/Crossbow Seasons through Oct. 14.

Open for October Youth Firearms Season (no Youth Quota Hunt).

Quota Hunt, any deer, Nov. 3-4.

Portions of the area are **closed**, as marked by signs, during Quota Hunt.

**Turkey -- Fall Archery:** Closed.

**Turkey -- Fall Gun:** Closed.

*\*A hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15 inches at any time, on any part of this WMA.*

### BARREN RIVER LAKE WMA

Allen & Barren cos., (270) 646-5167



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer, deer and fall turkey seasons.

#### Exceptions

**Rabbit & Quail:** Nov. 1 - Dec. 31. Barren River WMA is considered to lie completely within the Eastern Rabbit/Quail Zone.

**On the Peninsula Unit**, including Narrows, Goose and Grass islands, hunters shall not hunt with modern firearms at any time or carry a loaded modern firearm. Hunters may use muzzle-loading firearms, crossbows and archery equipment only.

**BEAVER CREEK WMA**

McCreary & Pulaski cos.  
(606) 376-8083



Open under statewide regulations for fall gun turkey seasons.

*Exceptions*

Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel and fall archery turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during deer Quota Hunt.

**Rabbit & Quail:** Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, except closed during deer Quota Hunt.

**Grouse:** Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, except closed during deer Quota Hunt.

**Furbearers:** Dec. 5-31.

**Deer\*:** Quota Hunt, any deer, **limit one**, Nov. 3-4.

Open under statewide regulations for Archery Season, except closed during deer Quota Hunt.

**Elk:** Portions in McCreary Co. are open to Zone At-Large quota elk hunts, except closed during deer Quota Hunt.

\*A hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15 inches at any time.

**BEECHY CREEK WMA**

Calloway County, (270) 753-6913



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

**BEGLEY WMA**

Bell, Harlan & Leslie cos.  
(606) 337-9317



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

*Exceptions*

**Elk:** Closed to Zone At-Large quota elk hunters. Open to limited entry area quota firearm elk hunters.

**BIG SOUTH FORK NATIONAL RIVER AND RECREATION AREA**

McCreary County  
Kentucky Ranger Station: (606) 376-5073  
Park Headquarters: (423) 569-9778



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer, deer, and fall turkey seasons. Also open to Zone At-Large quota elk hunts.

*Exceptions*

**Rabbit & Quail:** Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.

**Grouse:** Oct. 1 - Dec. 31.

**Wild Hog:** Hunting is open during the statewide deer season and extends through the end of February.

**Hog hunters** may not use dogs for hog hunting, may not hunt at night, and shall possess a mandatory hog hunting permit from the National Park Service. Hog hunters shall be licensed and legal to hunt deer when hunting wild hogs during a deer firearms season. Contact Big South Fork at the numbers above for additional details.

**Year-round seasons:** Open under statewide regulations for coyotes, groundhog, English sparrows and starlings. No other species may be taken.

**BOATWRIGHT WMA**

Ballard County, (270) 224-2244



**Olmstead and Peal Units:** Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, **except some portions may be closed to public access as marked by signs.**

**Swan Lake Unit:**

**Squirrel:** Aug. 18 - Oct. 14.

**Rabbit & Quail:** Closed.

**Furbearers:** Closed.

**Deer:** Open under statewide regulations for archery hunting through Oct. 14 only, and the October Youth Firearms Season.

**Turkey -- Fall Archery:** Closed.

**Turkey -- Fall Gun:** Closed.

**Unit closed to all public access Oct. 15 - March 15.**

**BUCKHORN LAKE WMA**

Perry & Leslie cos., (606) 337-9317



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to Zone At-Large quota elk hunts.

**BURCHELL-BEECH CREEK WMA**

Clay County, (606) 878-9595



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to Zone At-Large quota elk hunts.

**CANE CREEK WMA**

Laurel County, (606) 376-8083



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, deer and fall turkey seasons.

*Exceptions*

**Rabbit & Quail:** Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.

**Grouse:** Oct. 1 - Dec. 31.

**Furbearers:** Dec. 5 - 31.

**CARR CREEK LAKE WMA**

Knott County, (606) 337-9317



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to Zone At-Large quota elk hunts.

**CEDAR CREEK LAKE WMA**

Lincoln County, (270) 465-5039



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel and fall turkey seasons.

*Exceptions*

**Rabbit:** Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.

**Quail:** Closed.

**Grouse:** Closed.

**Furbearers:** Closed.

**Deer:** Open under statewide regulations for archery/crossbow hunting only.

**CLAY WMA MAIN UNIT, (Nicholas County) BOOTH & BAILEY TRACTS (Fleming County), (859) 289-8564**



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer, crossbow deer and fall turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during deer Quota Hunt and Main Unit is closed during quota fox hunts and Dec. 7-10.

*Other Exceptions*

This WMA (**not including the Booth and Bailey tracts**) is closed to public use Sept. 5-8 and Sept. 26-29, except for those registered to participate in

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Hunting



Fishing



Hiking Trail



Wildlife Viewing



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Boat Launch



Horseback Trails



Accessible



Picnic Site



Shooting Range

**CLAY WMA MAIN UNIT, BOOTH & BAILEY TRACTS** *(cont.)*

the quota fox hunting field trials on those days.

**Rabbit & Quail:** Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, except closed during deer Quota Hunt, and Main Unit is closed during quota fox hunts & Dec. 7-10.  
**Grouse:** Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, except closed during deer Quota Hunt, and Main Unit is closed during quota fox hunts and Dec. 7-10.

**Deer:** Quota Hunt, any deer, Nov. 3-4. Open under statewide regulations for Archery and Youth Firearms Seasons, except closed during deer Quota Hunt, and Main Unit is closed during quota fox hunts.

**Pheasant\*\*:** Quota Hunt 1, limit two, either sex, Dec. 7.

Quota Hunt 2, limit two, either sex, Dec. 8.

Quota Hunt 3, limit two, either sex, Dec. 9.

Open Dec. 10 **only** to drawn pheasant quota hunters, limit three, either sex.

Open Dec. 11-31; daily limit three, either sex.

\*\*All pheasant hunters shall wear hunter orange clothing as required by the Kentucky hunter orange clothing law.

**CLEAR CREEK WMA**

Hopkins County, (270) 273-3568



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

**CRANKS CREEK WMA**

Harlan County, (606) 337-9317



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to Zone At-Large quota elk hunts.

**CURTIS GATES LLOYD WMA**

Grant County, (859) 428-2262



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer and fall turkey seasons.

*Exceptions*

**Rabbit & Quail:** Nov. 1 - Dec. 31

**Deer:** Open under statewide regulations, except no firearms permitted for deer hunting.

Unleashed dogs prohibited from April 1 until the third Saturday in August, except during department-authorized field trials and the spring squirrel season.

**DALE HOLLOW LAKE WMA**

Cumberland & Clinton cos. (270) 465-5039



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, except **the area between the lake edge and the Corps/Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park boundary is closed to all hunting, except during the state park Quota Hunt.**

**DENNIS-GRAY WMA**

Adair County, (270) 465-5039



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

**DEWEY LAKE WMA**

Floyd County, (606) 424-2508



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, rabbit, quail, grouse, furbearer and fall turkey seasons. Also open to Zone At-Large quota elk hunts.

*Exceptions*

**Deer\*:** Open under statewide

regulations for Archery and Youth firearms seasons **for either sex deer.**

\*A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15 inches at any time.

**DIX RIVER WMA**

Lincoln County, (270) 465-5039



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer and fall turkey seasons.

*Exceptions*

**Rabbit & Quail:** Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.

**Grouse:** Oct. 1 - Dec. 31.

**Deer:** Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow, Youth Firearms and Muzzleloader seasons.

**DOUG TRAVIS WMA**

(formerly MeadWestvaco WMA) Carlisle & Hickman cos. (270) 488-3233



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, except **some areas may be closed to public access as marked by signs Nov. 1 - March 15.**

**DR. JAMES R. RICH WMA**

Owen County, (502) 535-6335



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, rabbit, quail, furbearer and fall turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during deer Quota Hunts.

*Other Exceptions*

**Deer:** Quota Hunts, any deer, Nov. 3-4; Dec. 1-2.

Open under statewide regulations for Youth Firearms Seasons.

Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow Seasons, except closed during Quota Hunts.

**DR. NORMAN AND MARTHA ADAIR WMA**

Boone County, (859) 428-2262



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, **except no firearms permitted for deer hunting.**

**FISHTRAP LAKE WMA**

Pike County, (606) 424-2086



Open under statewide regulations for fall gun turkey seasons.

*Exceptions*

Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, rabbit, quail, grouse, furbearer and fall archery turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during deer Quota Hunt. Also open to Zone At-Large quota elk hunts, except closed during deer Quota Hunt.

**Deer:** Quota Hunt, any deer, **limit one**, Nov. 17-18.

Open under statewide regulations for Youth firearms seasons.

Open under statewide regulations for Archery Season, except closed during deer Quota Hunt.

**FLEMING WMA**

Fleming County, (859) 289-8564



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer, deer and fall turkey seasons.

*Exceptions*

**Rabbit & Quail:** Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.

**Grouse:** Oct. 1 - Dec. 31.

**GRAYSON LAKE WMA**

Carter & Elliott cos., (606) 474-8535



Open under statewide regulations for fall gun turkey seasons.

*Exceptions*

Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, rabbit, quail, grouse, furbearer and fall archery turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during Open Youth Deer Hunt.

**Deer:** Open Youth Hunt, any deer,

Nov. 3-4 (SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS).

Open under statewide regulations for Archery Season, except closed during the Open Youth Hunt. Crossbows legal during entire archery season, except closed during the Open Youth Hunt.

Open under statewide regulations for Youth Firearms Seasons.

**Open Youth Hunt Details:** This hunt is limited to youth 15 and under, who check in between noon and 8 p.m. Eastern on the day before the hunt (Nov. 2), or between 5:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. on hunt days. The bag limit is two deer, only one can be antlered and a youth hunter may use a bonus WMA deer permit for this hunt. All hunters must check out when finished hunting, when their bag limit is reached, or by 8 p.m. on the final day of the hunt.

**GREEN RIVER LAKE WMA**

Taylor & Adair cos., (270) 465-5039



Open under statewide regulations for fall gun turkey seasons.

*Exceptions*

Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer and fall archery turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during deer Quota Hunts and Nov. 16-19.

**Rabbit & Quail:** Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, except closed during deer Quota Hunts and Nov. 16-19.

**Grouse:** Closed.

**Deer\*:** Quota Hunt, any deer, Nov. 3-4.

**Mobility-Impaired Quota Hunt, any deer, Nov. 3-4.**

Open under statewide regulations for Archery Season, except closed during deer Quota Hunts.

**Pheasant\*\*:** Quota Hunt 1, limit two, either sex, Nov. 16.

Quota Hunt 2, limit two, either sex, Nov. 17.

Quota Hunt 3, limit two, either sex, Nov. 18.

Open Nov. 19 **only** to drawn pheasant quota hunters, limit three, either sex.

Open Nov. 20 - Dec. 31, daily limit three, either sex.

\*A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15 inches at any time.

\*\*All pheasant hunters shall wear hunter orange clothing as required by the Kentucky hunter orange clothing law.

**HENSLEY-PINE MOUNTAIN WMA**

Letcher County, (606) 337-9317



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to Zone At-Large quota elk hunts.

**HIGGINSON-HENRY WMA**

Union County, (270) 389-3580



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer and fall archery turkey seasons.

*Exceptions*

**Rabbit & Quail:** Nov. 12 - Dec. 31

**Deer\*:** Open under statewide regulations for Archery Season **and Youth Firearms Seasons (no Quota Hunt)**

**Turkey -- Fall Gun:** Closed

\*A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15 inches at any time.

**HOWARD WMA**

Breathitt County, (606) 435-6225



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to Zone At-Large quota elk hunts.

**JOHN A. KLEBER WMA**

Owen & Franklin cos.

(502) 535-6335



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer and fall turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during deer Quota Hunts.

*Other Exceptions*

**Rabbit & Quail:** Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, except closed during Quota Hunts.

**Deer:** Quota Hunts, any deer, Nov. 3-4; Dec. 1-2.

Open under statewide regulations for

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**JOHN A. KLEBER WMA** *(cont.)*

Archery/Crossbow Seasons, except closed during Quota Hunts.  
Open under statewide regulations for Youth Firearms Seasons.

**JOHN C. WILLIAMS WMA**

Nelson County, (502) 477-9024



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, **except no firearms permitted for deer hunting.**

**JONES-KEENEY WMA**

Caldwell County, (270) 753-6913



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

**KALER BOTTOMS WMA**

Graves County, (270) 753-6913



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

**KENTUCKY LAKE WMA**

Calloway, Marshall & Lyon cos.  
(270) 753-6913



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

**KENTUCKY RIDGE FOREST WMA**

Bell County, (606) 878-9595



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to Zone At-Large quota elk hunts.

**KENTUCKY RIVER WMA**

Henry & Owen cos.,(502) 535-6335



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, **except no firearms permitted for deer hunting.**

**KNOBS STATE FOREST & WMA**  
Bullitt County, (502) 477-9024



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, **except no firearms permitted for deer hunting.**

**L.B. DAVISON WMA**

Ohio County, (270) 273-3568



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

**LAKE BARKLEY WMA**

Trigg, Livingston & Lyon cos.  
(270) 753-6913



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, except North Refuge is closed Nov. 1 – Feb. 15 and Duck Island Refuge is closed Oct. 15 – March 15.

**LAKE CUMBERLAND WMA**

Clinton, Pulaski, Russell & Wayne cos.  
(606) 376-8083



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer, deer and fall turkey seasons.

*Exceptions*

**Rabbit & Quail:** Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.  
**Grouse:** Oct. 1 - Dec. 31.

**The area between the lake edge and the Corps/Lake Cumberland State Resort Park boundary is closed to all hunting. Wesley Bend and Yellowhole portions closed to public access Oct. 15 – March 15.**

**LEE K. NELSON WMA**

Webster County, (270) 389-3580



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

**LEWIS COUNTY WMA**

Lewis County, (606) 686-3312



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, except centerfire rifles and handguns are prohibited for deer hunting, and only archery or crossbow equipment is permitted during the December muzzle-loading deer season.

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY WMA & STATE NATURAL AREA**

Livingston County, (270) 753-6913



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, rabbit, quail, furbearer and fall turkey seasons.

*Exceptions*

**Deer:** Open under statewide regulations, except modern firearms are prohibited for deer hunting during the modern firearm deer season.

**MARTINS FORK LAKE WMA**

Harlan County, (606) 337-9317



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to Zone At-Large quota elk hunts.

**MARTINS FORK WMA & STATE NATURAL AREA**

Harlan County, (606) 337-9317



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to Zone At-Large quota elk hunts.

**MILL CREEK WMA**

Jackson County, (606) 287-7836



Open under statewide regulations for fall gun turkey seasons.

**Exceptions**

Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, grouse and fall turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during deer Quota Hunt.

**Rabbit & Quail:** Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, except closed during Quota Hunt.

**Furbearers:** Dec. 5-31.

**Deer:** Quota Hunt, any deer, **limit one**, Nov. 3-4.

Open under statewide regulations for Archery Season, except closed during Quota Hunt.

**MILLER WELCH-CENTRAL KENTUCKY WMA**

Madison County, (859) 986-4130



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer trapping and fall turkey seasons.

**Exceptions**

**Rabbit & Quail:** Closed.

**Furbearer Hunting:** Closed.

**Deer:** Open Archery Hunt, any deer, Wednesdays only (except closed during scheduled field trials as posted on bulletin board at WMA office), Sept. 5 - Dec. 17.

Open Archery Hunt, any deer, Dec. 18 - Jan. 21.

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 only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

**MUD CAMP CREEK WMA**

Cumberland County, (270) 465-5039



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, **except no firearms permitted for deer hunting during the modern gun deer season.**

**MULLINS WMA**

Kenton County, (859) 428-2262



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer and fall turkey seasons.

**Exceptions**

**Rabbit & Quail:** Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.

**Deer:** Open under statewide regulations, except no firearms are permitted for deer hunting.

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

**NOLIN RIVER LAKE WMA**

Edmonson, Grayson & Hart cos. (270) 646-5167



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer, deer and fall turkey seasons.

**Exceptions**

**Rabbit & Quail:** Nov. 1 - Dec. 31

**Best access to WMA is by boat or by permission of private landowners to cross their property to the adjacent WMA.**

**OBION CREEK WMA**

Hickman, Carlisle & Fulton cos. (270) 488-3233



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

**OHIO RIVER ISLANDS WMA**

Livingston County, (270) 753-6913



**Stewart Island** (also known as **Birdsville Island**) **Unit:**

**Squirrel:** Aug. 18 - Oct. 14.

**Rabbit & Quail:** Closed.

**Deer:** Open under statewide regulations for Oct. Muzzleloader Season and Oct. Youth Firearms Season.

Open under statewide regulations for Archery Season through Oct. 14.

**Turkey -- Fall Archery:** Open under statewide regulations through Oct. 14.

**Turkey -- Fall Gun:** Closed.

**The Stewart Island Unit is closed to public access Oct. 15 - March 15, except during October Muzzleloader Deer Season.**

The remainder of this WMA (**Pryor, Rondeau, and Twin Sisters Islands**) is open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

**PAINTSVILLE LAKE WMA**

Johnson & Morgan cos. (606) 424-2508



Open under statewide regulations for fall gun turkey seasons.

**Exceptions**

Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, rabbit, quail, grouse, furbearer and fall archery turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during deer Quota Hunt.

**Deer\*:** Quota Hunt, any deer, Nov. 3-4.

Open under statewide regulations for Youth Firearms Seasons.

Open under statewide regulations for Archery Season, except closed during deer Quota Hunt.

**Elk:** Portions in Johnson Co. are open to Zone At-Large quota elk hunts, except closed during deer

**REPORT A POACHER!**

- Call **1-800-25ALERT** (1-800-252-5378) to report wildlife law violators.
- This number is for reporting wildlife and boating violations or similar emergencies only. Operators are not equipped to handle routine requests for information or to transfer calls.
- For general information, call toll-free 1-800-858-1549 weekdays 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Eastern. Check your deer, elk, turkey, bobcat or otter at 1-877-CHKGAME (1-877-245-4263)

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**PAINTSVILLE LAKE WMA** *(cont.)*

Quota Hunt.

\* A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15 inches at any time.

**PAUL VAN BOOVEN WMA**

Breathitt County, (606) 337-9317



Area open only to limited entry area quota elk hunters.

**PEABODY WMA**

Ohio, Hopkins & Muhlenberg cos. (270) 273-3568



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, rabbit, quail, furbearer and fall turkey seasons.

*Exceptions*

**Deer:** Open under statewide regulations, except modern gun season open Nov. 10-19 only.

**Portions marked by signs are closed to public access Oct. 15 - March 15.**

No parking or camping within 100 feet of gas well heads on the Vogue and River Queen tracts.

Any person ages 16 and older entering the area for any recreational purpose must obtain and carry a Peabody WMA user permit (\$15.00). Individual user permits may be obtained through any license vendor. Group user permits are available from the Peabody WMA office and must be obtained 30 days prior to use of the WMA for any activity or event.

**PENNYRILE STATE FOREST & TRADEWATER WMA**

Christian, Caldwell & Hopkins cos. (270) 753-6913



Open under statewide regulations for all rabbit, quail, furbearer and fall gun turkey seasons.

*Exceptions*

Open under statewide regulations for squirrel and fall archery turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during deer Quota Hunt.

**Grouse:** Dec. 1-31, daily limit 2.

**Otter:** Open under statewide regulations along the main stem of the Tradewater River only, and the Caldwell County portion of Pennyrile State Forest WMA is open under statewide regulations.

**Deer\*:** Quota Hunt, any deer, Nov. 3-4.

Open under statewide regulations for Archery Season, except closed during Quota Hunt.

\* A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15 inches at any time.

**PIONEER WEAPONS WMA**

Bath & Menifee cos., (606) 784-6428



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons following these equipment restrictions: Hunters shall not hunt with any type of breech-loading or modern firearm on this area. Hunters shall not carry a breech-loading firearm with ammunition in the magazine or chamber without authorization from the KDFWR. Hunters shall not use in-line muzzle-loading firearms, scopes or optical enhancements (sighting devices other than open or "iron" sights) while hunting on this area. **(Binoculars and spotting scopes are not prohibited.)**

Other types of muzzle-loading firearms, compound bows, long bows, recurve bows and crossbows are permitted. Crossbows legal for entire archery deer season and fall archery turkey season.

**R.F. TARTER WMA**

Adair & Russell cos., (270) 465-5039



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, **except no firearms permitted for deer hunting during the modern gun deer season.**

**REDBIRD WMA**

Clay & Leslie cos., (606) 337-9317



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to Zone At-Large quota elk hunts.

**ROBINSON FOREST WMA**

Breathitt, Knott & Perry cos. (606) 337-9317



**The main block of this area is closed to all hunting.**

**Outlying areas ONLY:**

Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, rabbit, quail, grouse, furbearer and fall turkey seasons.

*Exceptions*

**Deer:** Open under statewide regulations for all deer seasons, **except no deer hunting with modern guns or crossbows is permitted.**

**Elk:** Open to Zone At-Large quota elk hunts. **However, portions are closed to Zone At-Large quota elk hunters.** Those portions are open for elk hunting only to limited entry area quota elk hunters. (See the Starfire limited entry area description in the Elk section)

Deer hunters may use portable stands only, and must remove stands daily.

**ROUGH RIVER LAKE WMA**

Breckinridge & Grayson cos. (270) 646-5167



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

**Best access to WMA is by boat or by permission of private landowners to cross their property to the adjacent WMA.**

**SHILLALAH CREEK WMA**

Bell & Harlan cos., (606) 337-9317



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to Zone At-Large quota elk hunts.

**SLOUGHS WMA**

Henderson & Union cos. (270) 827-2673



This WMA consists of six separate land units: Ash Flats, Grassy Pond Powells Lake, Jenny Hole, Highland Creek, Cape Hills and Sauerheber. All except Sauerheber are open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

*Exceptions*

**Sauerheber Unit:**

**Squirrel:** Open Aug. 18 - Oct. 31.

**Rabbit & Quail:** Closed.

**Furbearers:** Closed.

**Deer\*:** Open under statewide regulations through Oct. 31.

**Turkey -- Fall Archery:** Open under statewide regulations through Oct. 31.

**Turkey -- Fall Gun:** Closed.

\*The Crenshaw and Duncan II tracts of the Sauerheber Unit are open only for waterfowl hunting Nov. 1 - March 15, and deer hunting under statewide regulations through the end of modern gun deer season.

**The remainder of the Sauerheber Unit is closed to ALL PUBLIC ACCESS Nov. 1 - March 15 annually as designated by signs.**

**SOUTH SHORE WMA**

Greenup County, (606) 686-3312



**Closed to public access Nov. 15 - Jan. 15**, except quota waterfowl and dove hunting by advance application and selection. Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

sons at other times, except no centerfire rifles/handguns or crossbows permitted for deer hunting.

**STONE MOUNTAIN WMA & STATE NATURAL AREA**

Harlan County, (606) 337-9317



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to Zone At-Large quota elk hunts.

**T.N. SULLIVAN WMA**

Franklin County, (502) 535-6335



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, **except no firearms permitted for deer hunting.**

**TAYLORSVILLE LAKE WMA**

Spencer, Anderson & Nelson cos. (502) 477-9024



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer and fall turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during deer Quota Hunts.

*Other Exceptions*

**Rabbit & Quail:** Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, except closed during Quota Hunts.

**Deer:** Quota Hunts, any deer, Nov. 3-4; Dec. 1-2; Jan. 5-6.

Open under statewide regulations for Youth Firearms Seasons and Archery/Crossbow Seasons, except closed during Quota Hunts.

The area east of Van Buren Boat Ramp is **closed to all public access**, except during quota hunts, from Nov. 1 through the end of February as designated by signs.

**TRADEWATER WMA**

Christian & Hopkins cos. (Same as Pennyriile State Forest)

**TWIN EAGLE WMA**

Owen County, (502) 535-6335



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, **except no firearms permitted for deer hunting.**

**WEST KENTUCKY WMA**

McCracken County, (270) 488-3233



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer and fall turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during Quota and Open Gun Deer Hunts.

*Other Exceptions:*

**Rabbit & Quail:** Nov. 12 - Dec. 31, (Tracts 2, 3, 6, 7), except closed during Quota and Open Gun Deer Hunts. Jan. 1 - 10\* on Tracts 1, 4, 5 (see below for additional requirements).

**Deer\*\*:** Quota Hunt, any deer, Nov. 17-18, Tracts 1-6 only.

Open Gun Hunt, any deer, two-deer limit, one-antlered deer limit, Dec.

1-2: Hunting permitted on Tracts 1-6 only. Limited to first 300 hunters who must personally check in at the hunter check station from 4 to 8

p.m. (Central) on the Friday preceding the hunt, or from 4:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on hunt days. After the first 300 have registered, no more hunters will be admitted. Registered hunters must check out when finished hunting, when the hunter's bag limit is reached, or by 7 p.m. on Sunday night. Hunters may use a Bonus WMA Quota Hunt Deer Permit.

Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow Seasons on all tracts except Tract 8A, except closed during Quota and Open Gun Deer Hunts.

Hunters shall not enter or hunt in any area posted closed by signs. On Dec. 1-2, only deer hunters participating in the Open Gun Hunt are permitted on the WMA.

**Hunters shall not enter or hunt in any area posted closed by signs. On Dec. 1-2, only deer hunters participating in the Open Gun Hunt are permitted on the WMA.**

\*Hunting on Tracts 1, 4 and 5 is subject to early closure based on hunting pressure. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. Central daily on these tracts. Those hunting on Tracts 1, 4 and 5 from Jan. 1-10 **must report** hunt data **daily** to the area supervisor. Reporting can be done in person at the hunter check station, or by completing and submitting a hunt data card each day. If a tract is closed prior to January 10, notice will be posted at the hunter check station 24 hours in advance.

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**WEST KENTUCKY WMA** *(cont.)*

**\*\*Hunting deer with modern rifles or handguns is prohibited on this WMA. Only shotguns with slugs or muzzleloaders are allowed.**

**Archery/Crossbow hunters who want to hunt any "A" tract must first check in with USEC Security.**

**A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15 inches at any time.**

**Small game or furbearer hunters** must not use rifles, or ball or slug ammunition. Unleashed dogs are prohibited April 1 until the third Saturday in August, except during department-authorized field trials and the spring squirrel season. No small game hunting is permitted on

any "A" tract.

**All vehicular traffic is prohibited on Tract 6 Feb. 1 – April 16. No firearms are permitted on any posted zones at any time.**

**WINFORD WMA**

Carlisle County, (270) 224-2244



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

**YATESVILLE LAKE WMA**

Lawrence County, (606) 686-3312



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, **except a deer hunter may not take antlerless deer with a firearm during modern gun deer season.**

**YELLOWBANK WMA**

Breckinridge County, (270) 547-6856



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer and fall turkey seasons.

*Exceptions*

**Rabbit & Quail:** Nov. 1 - Dec. 31  
**Deer\*:** Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow and Youth Firearms Seasons (no Mentor Quota Hunt).

\*A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15 inches at any time.

**Areas designated by signs are closed to all public access Oct. 15 - March 15.**

**Kentucky  
AFIELD**

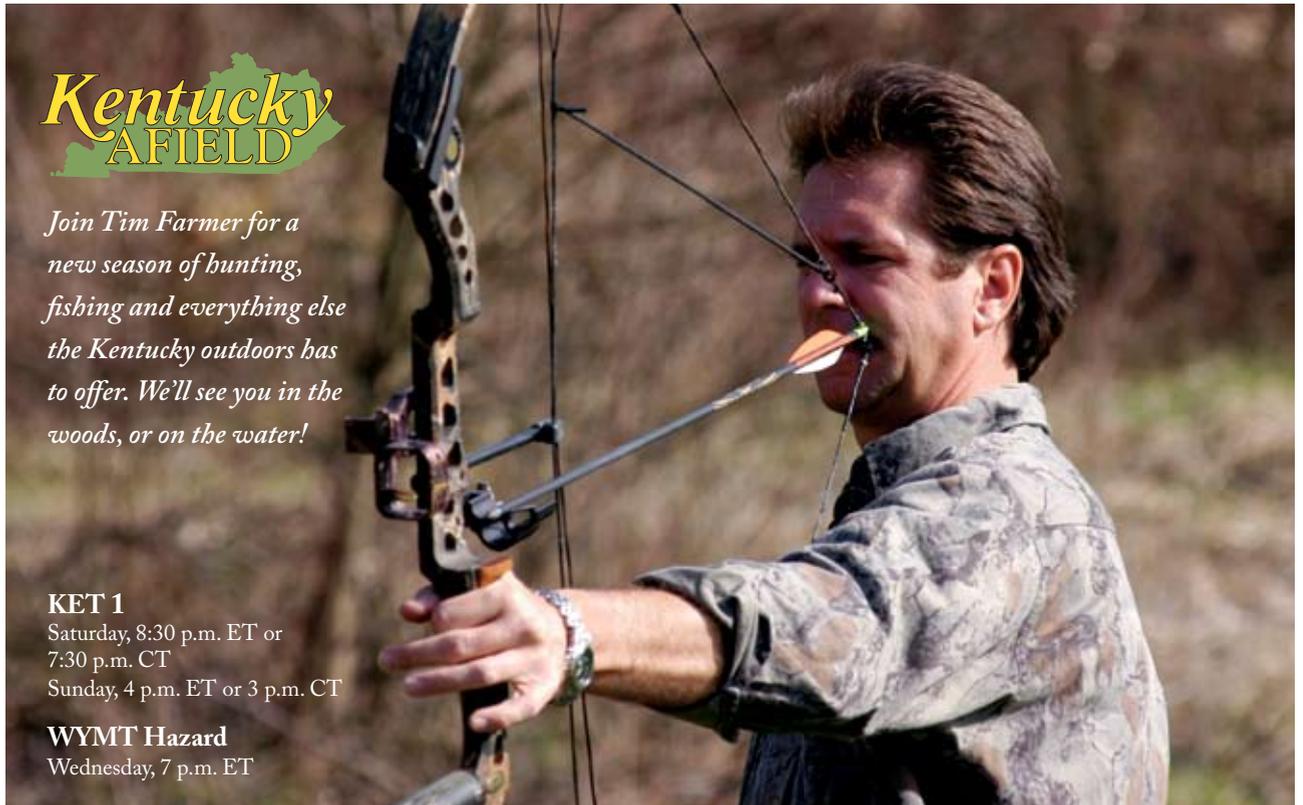
*Join Tim Farmer for a new season of hunting, fishing and everything else the Kentucky outdoors has to offer. We'll see you in the woods, or on the water!*

**KET 1**

Saturday, 8:30 p.m. ET or 7:30 p.m. CT  
 Sunday, 4 p.m. ET or 3 p.m. CT

**WYMT Hazard**

Wednesday, 7 p.m. ET



# OTHER PUBLIC AREAS

## OPEN STATE PARK DEER HUNTS

An open deer hunt will be offered on the following area as specified below. All statewide bag limits, hunter licensing and other deer hunting requirements and zone restrictions apply, in addition to those given below. **Discharging a firearm within 100 yards of a maintained road or any building is strictly prohibited. Baiting is prohibited on state parks.**

**Note:** There is no longer an open hunt at Lake Cumberland State Resort Park or Taylorsville Lake State Park.

### YATESVILLE LAKE STATE PARK & LAWRENCE COUNTY RECREATIONAL AREA

(606) 686-2362 or 3312

Open under statewide regulations (Zone 2) for archery, crossbow and muzzle-loading deer hunting December 10-12.

All hunters must check in at the state park campground booth between 12 – 8 p.m. Eastern Dec. 9. Checking in is not permitted on hunt days or at any other time. Check out is not required, but deer taken must be telechecked as required under statewide regulations. Hunters will receive a map at check-in showing the area open to hunting and containing any other special instructions. No other hunting is permitted on Yatesville Lake State Park property.

## OPEN UNDER STATEWIDE SEASONS

The following areas are **open for public hunting under statewide regulations**. Season dates, limits and zone restrictions apply based on the county zone where the area is located.

### DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL FOREST

Bath, Bell, Clay, Estill, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, Lee, Lesley, McCreary, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Wayne, Whitley & Wolfe cos., **except** Beaver Creek WMA, Cane Creek WMA, Mill Creek WMA, Pioneer Weapons WMA

and Redbird WMA.



**Baiting prohibited.**

### GREEN RIVER STATE FOREST

Henderson County



### JEFFERSON NATIONAL FOREST

Letcher & Pike cos.



**Baiting prohibited.**

### KENTENIA STATE FOREST

Harlan County



### KENTUCKY RIDGE STATE FOREST

Bell County



### TYGARTS STATE FOREST

Carter County



## AREAS OPEN WITH SPECIAL REGULATIONS

The following public lands are open to some types of hunting, but these areas are **NOT** owned or managed by the KD-FWR. **These areas have special seasons, regulations and hunter requirements.** For complete information, please contact the individual areas at the addresses and telephone numbers listed below. Quota hunts require advance registration. **Baiting is prohibited on all of these areas.**

### BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT

Madison County

Attn: Alan Colwell, (859) 779-6528

Richmond, KY 40475-5010

Application deadline Aug. 31. Background check required if selected. Hunters may not take antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15 inches at any time. **All ages must have hunter education card.**

### CLARKS RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Graves, Marshall and McCracken cos. (270) 527-5770

P.O. Box 89, Benton, KY 42025

### FORT CAMPBELL MILITARY RESERVATION

Christian & Trigg cos., (270) 798-2175  
Outdoor Recreation Branch, Bldg. 6645,  
101st Airborne Div. Rd., Fort Campbell,  
KY 42223-5000

All ages must have hunter education card.

### FORT KNOX MILITARY RESERVATION

Bullitt, Meade & Hardin cos. (502) 624-7311

Department of the Army, Env. Mgm. Div. (IMSE-KNX-PWE-N), Dir. of Public Works, Bldg. 112 (Hunt Control), 125 6th Ave Ste 325, Fort Knox, KY 40121-5719

[www.knox.army.mil/fw](http://www.knox.army.mil/fw)

Hunters may not take antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 12 inches at any time. Ages 60 and under must have hunter education card.

### LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES (LBL) NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Trigg & Lyon cos., (270) 924-2065  
100 Van Morgan Drive  
Golden Pond, KY 42211-9001

### OHIO RIVER ISLANDS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Lewis County, (304) 375-2923  
3982 Waverly Rd.  
Williamstown, WV 26187

### REELFOOT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Fulton County, (731) 538-2481  
4343 Hwy. 157, Union City, TN 38261

### WENDELL H. FORD REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER

Muhlenberg County (270) 338-8939  
4675 KY Hwy. 181-North  
Greenville, KY 42345

Hunters may not take antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15 inches at any time.

## DEFINITIONS

**Adult:** an individual at least 18 years of age.

**Antlered deer:** a deer with visible, polished or velvet-covered bone showing above the hairline, excluding button bucks.

**Antlerless deer:** a deer with NO visible polished or velvet-covered bone showing above the hairline, or a male fawn (button buck).

**Antlered elk:** an elk with one (1) antler possessing four (4) or more antler points that are each at least one (1) inch long when measured from the main beam. (The main beam counts as one (1) point.)

**Antlerless elk:** an elk without visible polished antler protruding above the hairline.

**Any deer:** antlered or antlerless deer; either sex deer.

**Archery equipment:** a long bow, recurve bow or compound bow incapable of holding an arrow at full or partial draw without aid from the archer.

**Arrow:** the projectile fired from a bow or crossbow.

**Authorization number:** the number given to a person that serves as proof of having purchased a license or permit over the phone or internet. Must be retained by hunter while afield.

**Bait:** a substance composed of grains, minerals, salt, fruits, vegetables, hay or any other food materials, whether natural or manufactured, which may lure, entice or attract wildlife.

**Baiting:** to place, deposit, tend, distribute or scatter bait.

**Barbed broadhead:** a broadhead with a point or portion of a blade projecting backward and designed to hold an arrow within an animal.

**Body-gripping trap:** a commercially manufactured spring-loaded trap designed to kill the animal upon capture.

**Centerfire rifle/handgun:** any rifle or handgun that fires a cartridge by the firing pin striking a primer in the middle of the end of the cartridge casing.

**Confirmation number:** the number given to a caller as proof of having applied for a quota hunt or complying with Telecheck requirements.

**Crossbow:** a bow designed or fitted to

hold an arrow (or bolt) at full or partial draw without aid from the archer.

**Curtilage:** the area encompassing the grounds immediately surrounding any home or group of homes used in the daily activities of domestic life, which may or may not be enclosed by a fence or other barrier.

**Daylight hours:** the period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

**Deer:** a white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*).

**Dry-land set:** a trap not set to drown an animal upon capture.

**Electronic decoy:** a motorized decoy powered by electricity, regardless of source.

**Firearm:** a breech or muzzle-loading rifle, shotgun or handgun.

**Foothold trap:** a commercially manufactured spring-loaded trap with smooth, metallic jaws designed to close upon an animal's foot.

**Furbearers:** mink, muskrat, beaver, raccoon, opossum, gray fox, red fox, weasel, striped skunk, coyote, bobcat and otter.

**Hunter Harvest Log:** the record of the species, date taken, county where taken, sex of animal taken and Telecheck confirmation number.

**Hunting:** to take or attempt to take game in any manner, whether the hunter has game in possession or not.

**In-line muzzleloading gun:** a firearm capable of being loaded only from the discharging end of the barrel or cylinder, that is also equipped with an enclosed ignition system located directly behind the powder charge.

**Modern gun (breech-loading firearm):** any rifle, handgun or shotgun in which the cartridge or shotshell is placed into the gun from the rear or stock end of the barrel.

**Muzzle-loading gun:** any rifle, shotgun or handgun in which the bullet or projectile is placed in the gun from the discharging (muzzle) end of the barrel or cylinder.

**Non-locking snare:** a trap consisting of a wire, cable or string loop without a device to keep the loop from loosening.

**Polished:** having no velvet or skin covering.

**Possession limit:** the maximum number of a game species a person may hold in the field after two or more days of hunting.

**Resident:** for licensing purposes, a resident is: any person who has established permanent domicile and legal residence and has resided in Kentucky for 30 days immediately prior to application for a license; full-time students enrolled in an educational institution for at least a six-month term; and military service personnel on permanent assignment in Kentucky.

**Rimfire:** a cartridge that fires when the firing pin strikes the outer edge of the cartridge casing.

**Shotshell:** multiple-projectile or pelleted ammunition.

**Slug:** single-projectile ammunition.

**Small game:** squirrels, rabbits, quail or grouse.

**Squirrels:** gray squirrel or fox squirrel.

**Take:** includes pursue, shoot, hunt, wound, catch, kill, trap, snare or capture wildlife in any way and any lesser act designed to lure, attract or entice for these purposes; and to place, set, aim or use any device, animal, substance or agency which may reasonably be expected to accomplish these acts; or to attempt to do such acts or to assist any other person in the doing of or the attempt of such acts.

**Tenant:** any resident sharecropper, lessee, or any other person actually engaged in work upon a farm or lands AND residing in a dwelling on the farm or lands. Does not include any other employee or tenant unless actually residing on the property and engaged or employed as described.

**Water set:** a trap set to drown an animal upon capture.

**Wildlife Management Area:** a tract of land: (a) controlled by the department through ownership, lease, license or cooperative agreement, and (b) containing the words "wildlife management area" or "WMA" as part of its name.

**Youth:** any hunter or trapper ages 15 and younger.

**Zone:** a group of counties regulated under the same guidelines and restrictions.

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