

Hunter Use Permits

We require a Land Between the Lakes Hunter Use Permit for all hunters ages 16 and older. This is in addition to state licenses and tags. Purchase permits online: landbetweenthelakes.us/reservations or at our Welcome Stations and facilities. LBL Hunter Use Permits can also be purchased anywhere TN state hunting licenses are sold.

- Hunter Use Permits | \$25
- Combination Hunter Use and Basic Camping permit for hunters age 18 and older | \$75
- Hunter Use Permits are valid for one year from date of purchase only if purchased from LBL or the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

Hunter Safety Requirements

All hunters must possess a hunter safety card as required by state regulations. Additionally, all youth hunters not required to carry a hunter safety card by the states, must carry a verification form available at landbetweenthelakes.us/hunting.

All hunters and youth sponsors must wear visible items of hunter orange as required by state regulations.

Tree Stands and Ground Blinds

We allow portable tree stands, climbing devices and ground blinds. These stands and blinds must not injure trees. Do **not** use nails, spikes, and/or screw-in devices. All portable stands must display owner's name and address. Portable stands may be placed within two weeks before hunting season opens. Placement of a stand does not reserve any site for exclusive use by an individual as public land is open to all legal users. Stands must be removed within one week following the close of hunting season.

Please Report

You must report your harvest at Welcome Stations or the Hunter Check Station before leaving Land Between the Lakes. Use the self-check form and drop box at these locations.

- Report feral hog sightings at 270.924.2065
- Report poaching and illegal activities at 877.861.2457

For more information or to contact the **Environmental Stewardship Department:**

Call: 270.924.2065

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. CST
Leave a detailed message for staff to follow-up.

Email: lblquotahunt@usda.gov

General Guidelines

1. Emergency - dial 911.
2. See something, say something - call 270.924.2000 or Law Enforcement at 877.861.2457.
3. Pack it in, pack it out - leave no trace behind.
4. You are responsible for your own safety.
5. For campfires, do not bring firewood from home which may harbor unwanted pests. Use only dead and downed wood for fuel. Attend the fire at all times and follow Smokey Bear's rules to put the fire out completely. Use existing fire rings during high fire danger seasons.
6. Protect yourself from bug bites and ticks.
7. Firearms strictly prohibited except during established Land Between the Lakes hunting season by legally licensed hunters with permits.
8. Respect the Resource - leave historical items, plants and flowers for others to enjoy. This includes respecting our trails and roads during wet conditions.

Find our camping rules online:
<https://landbetweenthelakes.us/rules>

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been reported in southwest Tennessee, but has not been found in Land Between the Lakes. Do not bring any harvested deer, deer parts, or carry them across state lines in Land Between the Lakes. **Exception:** For meat that has the bones removed in Tennessee; quartered or deboned into Kentucky; or antlers attached to a cleaned skull or cleaned skull plate into either state. See Kentucky and Tennessee state regulations for further information on CWD. Out-of-state hunters should check their home state's deer import requirements before arriving.

Feral hog sightings, with accurate locations, should be reported at 270.924.2065 or lblquotahunt@usda.gov

It is illegal to hunt feral hogs in Land Between the Lakes and it interferes with removal efforts. Learn more about feral hogs on our website: <https://landbetweenthelakes.us/feral-hogs>

USDA Forest Service

Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area

General Information:

1.800.525.7077 or 270.924.2000

Website:

www.landbetweenthelakes.us

EMERGENCY or reporting:

911 or 1.877.861.2457

Check out our Facebook page:

facebook.com/LBLNatlRecArea

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2022-2023 Deer Hunting Fact Sheet

LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES National Recreation Area

KENTUCKY | TENNESSEE

Permits

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

Permits **cannot** be changed, altered or transferred to another hunter.

Quota Hunts

To participate in our Quota Deer Hunt, hunters must apply online between July 1-31 and be selected in a computer drawing. Archery hunting has split seasons, so be sure to check dates.

Apply: <https://lblquotahunt.usdirect.com/web>

New for the 2022-23 Season

- **ADVISORY:** While most of LBL was unaffected by storm damage, there are significant areas of damaged timber. Care needs to be taken when hunting in and around these areas. Beware of loose overhead limbs as well as logging operations.
- The quality of harvested bucks is monitored on LBL; harvested deer are to be checked in at an USFS check station.
- The Archery and Crossbow limits on the Kentucky portion of LBL have increased to two deer, only one antlered and by any means (gun, muzzleloader, or archery).
- Crossbows are legal during the entire archery season on both the Kentucky and Tennessee portions of LBL.
- Deer density remains highest in the Tennessee portion of LBL.
- See table on backside of brochure for bag limits.



Forest Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

2022-2023 Deer Hunting Information

LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES *National Recreation Area*



Hunter Check Stations	Kentucky	Tennessee
	Central Hunter Check Station	South Welcome Station
	North Welcome Station	
Hunters are required to check out harvested deer at hunter check stations before leaving Land Between the Lakes.		
Quota Hunts	Kentucky	Tennessee
	Legal firearms include muzzle loading or conventional shotguns, rifles or handguns per state regulations	
	Deer hunters may also harvest armadillos and coyotes	
Adult Quota Hunt Dates	November 18-20, 2022	October 28-30 & November 18-20, 2022
Youth Quota Hunt Dates**	November 5-6 & December 17-18, 2022	November 5-6 & December 17-18, 2022
Youth Quota Hunt Ages	15 years old and younger	6 to 16 years old
Youth Quota Hunt Sponsor	One adult 21 years or older must accompany each youth	
Archery & Crossbow	Kentucky	Tennessee
	Hunters may also harvest one either-sex turkey with state permit, woodchucks, armadillo, and coyotes	
	Equipment must conform to state regulations and hunters may NOT carry firearms	
Archery & Crossbow Dates	September 3 - November 3, 2022 November 7-16, 2022 November 21 - December 15, 2022 December 19, 2022 - January 16, 2023**	September 3 - October 26, 2022 October 31 - November 3, 2022 November 7-16, 2022 November 21 - December 15, 2022 December 19, 2022 - January 16, 2023**
Licenses & Permits	Kentucky	Tennessee
State license & deer permit	12 years and older	13 years and older
LBL Hunter Use Permit	16 years and older	16 years and older
Bag Limits	Kentucky	Tennessee
Quota Hunt	One deer of either sex unless an antlered buck has already been harvested in Land Between the Lakes by any means. Counts towards statewide bag limit.	Two deer, including only one antlered buck, unless an antlered buck has already been harvested in Land Between the Lakes by any means, counts toward statewide bag limit.
Archery/Crossbow	Two deer, including only one antlered buck, unless an antlered buck was already harvested in Land Between the Lakes by any means, counts towards statewide bag limit.	Two deer, including only one antlered buck, unless an antlered buck was already harvested in Land Between the Lakes by any means, counts toward statewide bag limit.
Antlered Buck	Visible antler above hairline. One total per season on Land Between the Lakes.	At least one 3 inch antler. One total per season on Land Between the Lakes.
European Fallow Deer	Not legal to hunt	
Bonus Deer	Youth only: One bonus antlered buck per season by any legal means.	Youth only: One bonus antlered buck per season by any legal means.

General Hunting Regulations

- **Quota and archery harvested deer must be checked before leaving Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area. A self-check-out will be available at check stations when closed.**
 - All hunters are responsible to check deer with appropriate state.
 - Check-out information provides for better management of the deer herd at Land Between the Lakes.
- Licensed motorized vehicles permitted on numbered roads only. You can find these roads on our Recreation Map and Motorized Vehicle Use Map online at landbetweenthe lakes.us/maps. Other roads are for administrative or emergency access only. Parking is permitted no further than one vehicle length of a legal road.
- Avoid blocking emergency vehicle access to any road or trail.
- Do **not** rut fields or roads.
- Do not leave campfire rings/rocks in fields or roads.
- Unlicensed motorized vehicles are allowed only in the Turkey Bay Off-Highway Vehicle Area and require a permit. Turkey Bay is an archery-only area for deer hunting.
- When transporting firearms in a vehicle, keep them cased and unloaded in both chamber and magazine.
- It is unlawful to hunt within 150 yards of any developed area or trail.
- Nature Watch Areas, wildlife refuges, safety zones around facilities, and posted areas are closed to hunting. *See exceptions for bonus archery areas.*
- The placement of bait at any time or hunting over bait, including food or mineral substances, is prohibited.
- **Deer Hunting Hours:** One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- Use of any artificial light to locate wildlife is prohibited at all times.
- Do not use paint, tape, flagging, or other artificial materials to mark trees, trails, or routes.
- Hunting deer from horseback or with dogs is prohibited.
- Hunters must not be under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.
- Remember to observe all applicable state and federal regulations.
- To protect the future of hunting, please remain courteous and helpful to our visitors.
- **All State and Federal Regulations Apply:** The two most common hunting violations are carrying a loaded or uncased firearm in a vehicle and driving on illegal roads or in fields.

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**Check the official LBL website after December 1, 2022 for a list of bonus areas that will be open for late-season archery deer hunting from December 19, 2022 - January 16, 2023: landbetweenthe lakes.us

**All youth drawn for the November 2022 LBL Youth Quota Hunt may also hunt the December 2022 LBL Youth Quota Hunt using those same Hunt Areas they were drawn to use. There is no separate drawing for the December Youth Hunt.