

## General Hunting/Trapping Regulations

- Licensed motorized vehicles permitted on numbered roads only. See Recreation Map and Motorized Vehicle Use Map online under maps at [landbetweenthelakes.us/visit/maps](http://landbetweenthelakes.us/visit/maps).
- Other roads are for administrative and emergency access only. Parking permitted within one vehicle length of a legal road. Avoid blocking access to any road or trail. Do not rut fields or roads.
- Unlicensed motorized vehicles allowed in Turkey Bay Off-Highway Vehicle Area only; permit required.
- When transporting firearms, keep them cased and unloaded in both chamber and magazine.
- No Hunting Areas: Nature Watch Areas, wildlife refuges, safety zones around facilities, and other posted areas are closed to hunting. It is unlawful to hunt within 150 yards of any developed area or trail. Waterfowl hunters may not hunt within 200 yards of waterfowl refuges or other blinds.
- Permanent blinds and pits are not allowed for waterfowl hunting. Hunting above the shoreline at any lake elevation, wading into the water, or launching a boat from Land Between the Lakes with a weapon, requires a Hunter Use Permit.
- Placement of bait or hunting over bait, including food or mineral substances, is prohibited. Use of any artificial light to locate wildlife is prohibited at all times except while hunting raccoons or opossums. Do not use paint, tape, flagging, or other artificial materials to mark trees, trails, or routes.
- Hunters must not be under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.
- Hand, mouth, or electronic calling devices permitted according to state regulations.
- Hunt during daylight hours only unless otherwise noted.
- Hunt Hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- Hunting small game with dogs is permitted.
- Hunting small game on horseback is permitted.
- No species of wildlife may be harassed or taken except those authorized.
- Trappers must submit a Trapping Permit Application to be approved and returned before season starts.
- Permitted trappers must also fill out and return a Trapping Report Form at the end of the season.

Details and forms can be found at [www.landbetweenthelakes.us/hunting](http://www.landbetweenthelakes.us/hunting) under the 'Trapping' tab.

## General Guidelines

1. Pack it in. Pack it out.
2. You are responsible for your own safety
3. Campfires—Do not bring firewood from home. It may harbor unwanted pests. Use only dead and downed wood or purchase firewood at our campgrounds for fuel. Attend fire at all times and put the fire out completely. Remove rock fire rings from fields and roads.
4. Wildlife refuges are closed to all human entry from Nov 1-Mar 15.
5. Protect yourself from insect bites.
6. Firearms strictly prohibited except during established Land Between the Lakes hunting seasons by legally licensed hunters with permits or on the Golden Pond Target Range.
7. Respect the Resource — Leave historical items, plants and flowers for others to enjoy. Respect roads and trails during wet conditions.

Find our camping rules at [landbetweenthelakes.us/rules](http://landbetweenthelakes.us/rules)

## Please Report

Feral Hogs sightings, with accurate locations.

- o Hog sightings at 270.924.2065 or [lblquotahunt@usda.gov](mailto:lblquotahunt@usda.gov)

It is not legal to hunt feral hogs in Land Between the Lakes. It interferes with removal efforts.

- o Poaching: 877.861.2457

## All State and Federal Regulations Apply

The two most common hunting violations are carrying a loaded or uncased firearm in a vehicle and driving on illegal roads or fields.

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

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Monday - Friday 8am - 4pm central time

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**Land Between the Lakes**

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800.525.7077 or 270.924.2000

[www.landbetweenthelakes.us](http://www.landbetweenthelakes.us)

**EMERGENCY or reporting: 911 or 877.861.2457**

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# 2021-2022 Small Game, Waterfowl and Trapping

~ Fact Sheet ~

## Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area Kentucky | Tennessee

Land Between the Lakes offers a variety of hunting opportunities on approximately 90% of 170,000 acres in Kentucky and Tennessee. Our seasons and regulations may be different than statewide regulations so be sure to read all information carefully.

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable hunt!

## Hunter Use Permits

We require a Land Between the Lakes Hunter Use Permit for all hunters age 16 and older. This is in addition to state licenses and tags. Purchase permits online at [landbetweenthelakes.us/reservations](http://landbetweenthelakes.us/reservations) or at our Welcome Stations and facilities. Tennessee 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 from March 1, 2021 - February 28, 2022
- Hunt season dates may be different on Land Between the Lakes than statewide seasons.

To protect the future of hunting at Land Between the Lakes, please remain courteous and helpful to other visitors.

# 2021-2022 Small Game, Waterfowl, and Trapping Facts

## Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area

Kentucky				Tennessee			
Season	Limits		Season	Limits		Daily	Possession
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<b>Squirrel</b>							
Aug 21-Sep 10	6	12	Aug 28-Sep 10	10	20		
Sep 13 - Nov 4							
Nov 15-Feb 28							
<b>Follow State Seasons and Limits for Spring Squirrel Season 2022</b>							
<b>Quail</b>							
Nov 15-Feb 10	8	16	Dec 5-Feb 28	6	12		
<b>Rabbit</b>							
Nov 15-Feb 10	4	8	Dec 5-Feb 28	5	10		
<b>Raccoon</b>							
Dec 1-Feb 28	No limit		Dec 5-Feb 28	2 per person per night			
<b>Opossum</b>							
Dec 1-Feb 28	No limit		Dec 5-Feb 28	No limit			
<b>Dove, Woodcock, Wilson Snipe</b>							
Follow KY State Season and Limits				Follow TN State Season and Limits			
Closed Nov 1-30				Closed Oct 22-Dec 7			
<b>Waterfowl</b>							
Steel shot required; lead shot not allowed -- even in your possession							
We close waterfowl hunting during quota deer hunts for safety							
Follow KY State Season and Limits				Follow TN State Season and Limits			
<b>Closed:</b>				<b>Closed:</b>			
Nov 6-7				Oct 23-24			
Nov 12-14				Nov 20-21			
				Dec 3-4			
<b>Fox Hunting</b>							
Tennessee prohibits electronic calling devices for taking foxes							
Dec 1-Feb 28	No limit		Dec 1-Feb 28	No limit			
<b>Fox Chasing</b>							
Chasing is permitted south of US68/KY80 only, from sunset to sunrise							
Aug 14-Sep 19	None may be taken		Aug 14-Sep 19	None may be taken			
<b>Bobcat, Otter</b>							
Statewide limits, reporting and tagging regulations apply							
Legal weapons are the same for small game hunting, during deer archery season, and in February -- the same for coyote hunting.							
Dec 1-Feb 28	Statewide limits		Dec 5-Feb 28	Statewide limits			
<b>Coyote, Armadillo, Groundhog</b>							
Hunt during daylight hours only during any open hunting season with weapons for that season							
During February, centerfire rifles and handguns, and shotguns with shot size T or smaller may also be used. <b>No harvest limit.</b>							

Kentucky				Tennessee			
Season	Limits		Season	Limits		Daily	Possession
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<b>Crow</b>							
Sep 1-Nov 4	No limit		Sep 10 - Oct 21	Fri, Sat, Sun only No limit			
Jan 4-Feb 28							
				Jan 1- Feb 28	No Limit		
<b>Bird Dog, Rabbit Dog, and Raccoon Hound Training</b>							
Land Between the Lakes Hunter Use Permit required							
Dogs must have a current rabies vaccination and wear a collar with owner's name, address, and phone number							
Horses may be used							
Raccoon dog training permitted only in Hunt Areas 3, 4, 5, 12 and 14							
Possession of firearms prohibited							
Oct 1-28	None may be taken or shaken out		Oct 1-28	None may be taken or shaken out			
<b>Dog Field Trials</b>							
Special Use Permit from the Forest Service and approval by the appropriate State wildlife agency required							
Trials must be scheduled at least 2-months in advance to prevent conflicts with hunting seasons or recreational events							
Jul 1-Mar 31	None may be taken or shaken out		Jul 1-Mar 31	None may be taken or shaken out			
<b>Trapping-Areas 2, 6, 7, 9, and 13</b>							
All trappers must possess a Hunter Use Permit plus state trapping license							
All state and federal regulations apply for trapping including legal traps, sets, species, limits, reporting and tagging requirements							
All traps must display owner's name and address							
Areas closed to hunting are also closed to trapping							
Jan 15-Jan 30	Statewide limits		Jan 15-Jan 30	Statewide limits			
<b>Beaver Trapping</b>							
All rules and regulations for trapping apply							
Feb 1-28	Statewide limits		Feb 1-28	Statewide limits			

Hunters with dogs should avoid hunt areas 2, 6, 7, 9, and 13 during the January 15-February 28, 2022 trapping season.

**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 state, must receive basic hunter safety instructions and carry a verification form signed by a responsible adult. The form and additional information is available on our website.

**Legal Weapons for Small Game Hunting**  
Legal weapons follow state and federal regulations. These include shotguns, rimfire rifles and handguns, air guns, muzzleloaders, and archery equipment. Prohibited weapons include shotguns loaded with slugs or buck shot, centerfire rifles, and centerfire handguns. During February, centerfire rifles and handguns, and shotguns with shot size T or smaller, may only be used for hunting coyotes, armadillos, bobcat, otter and groundhogs.



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