

## General Hunting/Trapping Regulations

- Licensed motorized vehicles permitted on numbered roads only. You can find these roads on our Recreation Map and Motorized Vehicle Use Map online at [www.landbetweenthe lakes.us/maps](http://www.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.
- Do **not** rut fields or roads.
- Unlicensed motorized vehicles are allowed only in the Turkey Bay Off-Highway Vehicle Area and require a permit.
- 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 online at [www.landbetweenthe lakes.us/hunting](http://www.landbetweenthe lakes.us/hunting) under the "Trapping" tab.

## General Guidelines

1. Pack it in, pack it out – leave no trace behind.
2. You are responsible for your own safety
3. See something, say something - call 270.924.2000 or Law Enforcement at 877.861.2457.
4. For campfires, do not bring firewood from home which 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.
5. Wildlife refuges are closed to all human entry from November 1 - March 15.
6. Protect yourself from insect and tick bites.
7. 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.
8. Respect the Resource - Leave historical items, plants and flowers for others to enjoy. Respect roads and trails during wet conditions.

### Find our camping rules online:

[www.landbetweenthe lakes.us/rules](http://www.landbetweenthe lakes.us/rules)

## Please Report

- **Feral hog** sightings, with accurate locations, should be reported at 270.924.2065 or [lblquotahunt@usda.gov](mailto: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: [www.landbetweenthe lakes.us/feral-hogs](http://www.landbetweenthe lakes.us/feral-hogs)
- Report poaching and illegal activities at 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:**

**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](mailto:lblquotahunt@usda.gov)**

## USDA Forest Service

Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area

General Information: 1.800.525.7077 or 270.924.2000

Website: [www.landbetweenthe lakes.us](http://www.landbetweenthe lakes.us)

EMERGENCY or reporting: 911 or 1.877.861.2457

Facebook: [facebook.com/LBLNatlRecArea](https://facebook.com/LBLNatlRecArea)

# 2022-2023 Small Game, Waterfowl & 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 its 170,000 acres in Kentucky and Tennessee. Our seasons and regulations may be different than statewide regulations, so be sure to carefully read all information. To protect the future of hunting at Land Between the Lakes, please remain courteous and helpful to other visitors. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable hunt!

## Hunter Use Permits

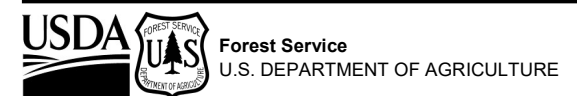
We require a Land Between the Lakes Hunter Use Permit for all hunters ages 16 and older. This is in addition to state licenses and tags. Purchase permits online: [www.landbetweenthe lakes.us/reservations](http://www.landbetweenthe lakes.us/reservations) or at our Welcome Stations and facilities. LBL 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 Cards

All hunters must possess a hunter safety card as required by state regulations. Additionally, all youth hunters not required to carry a hunter safety card by the states, must carry a verification form available at [landbetweenthe lakes.us/hunting](http://landbetweenthe lakes.us/hunting).

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



# 2022-2023 Small Game, Waterfowl & Trapping Information



**LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES**  
*National Recreation Area*

**Hunters with dogs should avoid Hunt Areas 3, 4, 5, 10, 12 and 14 during the January 14—February 28, 2023 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 are available on our website.

## Legal Weapons for Small Game Hunting

Legal weapons follow state and federal regulations. Legal weapons 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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**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](mailto:lblquotahunt@usda.gov)**

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Kentucky			Tennessee		
Season	Limits		Season	Limits	
	Daily	Possession		Daily	Possession
<b>Squirrel</b>					
Aug 20-Sep 2	6	12	Aug 20-Sep 2	10	20
Sep 5 - Nov 3					
Nov 28-Dec15					
Dec 19-Feb 28					
<b>Follow State Seasons and Limits for Spring Squirrel Season 2023</b>					
<b>Quail</b>					
Nov 21–Feb 10	8	16	Nov 21– Feb	6	12
<b>Rabbit</b>					
Nov 21-Feb 10	4	8	Nov 21-Feb 28	5	10
<b>Raccoon</b>					
Nov 28-Feb 28	No limit		Nov 28-Feb 28	2 per person per night	
<b>Opossum</b>					
Nov 28-Feb 28	No limit		Nov 28-Feb 28	2 per person per night	
<b>Dove, Woodcock, Wilson Snipe</b>					
Follow KY State Season and Limits			Follow TN State Season and Limits		
Closed Nov 4-27 & Dec 16-18			Closed Oct 27-Nov 27 & Dec 16-18		
<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 4-6			Oct 27-30		
Nov 17-20			Nov 4-6		
Dec 16-18			Nov 17-20		
			Dec 16-18		
<b>Fox Hunting</b>					
Tennessee prohibits electronic calling devices for taking foxes					
Nov 28-Feb 28	No limit		Nov 28-Feb 28	No limit	
<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.					
Nov 28-Feb 28	Statewide limits		Nov 28-Feb 28	Statewide limits	

Kentucky			Tennessee		
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<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>					
<b>Crow</b>					
Sep 1-Nov 3	No limit		Sep 10 - Oct 26	Fri, Sat, Sun only No limit	
			Nov 28-Dec 15		
			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 2, 6, 7, 9,13 and 15					
Possession of firearms prohibited					
Oct 1-26	None may be taken or shaken out		Oct 1-26	None may be taken or shaken out	
<b>Dog Field Trials</b>					
Special Use Permit from the USDA 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 3, 4, 5, 10, 12, and 14</b>					
All trappers must possess a Hunter Use Permit & 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					
Jan14-Jan 30	Statewide limits		Jan 14-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	