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for DOVE, EARLY WATERFOWL,
WOODCOCK, SNIPE and CROW

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GENERAL REGULATIONS

Changes from last season are printed in **bright blue** throughout this guide to assist you in noticing those changes.

wing or the head must be left on each bird for identification.

HUNTING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

License: Unless license exempt, hunters must possess a valid Kentucky hunting license when hunting the species listed in this guide.

A Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Hunting Permit, along with a federal migratory bird stamp, authorize the holder to hunt all types of migratory game birds including waterfowl (ducks, geese, coots, mergansers).

For those who hunt migratory birds other than waterfowl, only a Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Permit is required. **Before hunting migratory birds, hunters must go online and fill out the Harvest Information Program (HIP) survey before they are legal migratory bird hunters.**

The process takes less than 5 minutes. Go to "My Profile" to fill out the survey. This takes you to a page that asks for some basic information to confirm your identity. After completing the HIP survey, you will receive a confirmation number that must be written on your hunting license or Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Hunting permit.

BAITED FIELDS

It is illegal to hunt doves or waterfowl over a "baited" field. Baited fields are areas where grain, salt or other attractants have been placed other than those that occur by legitimate agricultural practices. Mature wildlife food plots grown to attract doves are legal hunting areas, as long as no additional attractants have been placed on these areas.

Areas manipulated for dove hunting are not legal for waterfowl hunting.

FIELD DRESSING

When field dressing, or otherwise preparing for transportation, any of the species in this guide, except doves, one fully feathered

HUNTING REQUIREMENTS

All shotguns used to hunt any game species in Kentucky (except deer) must be plugged to hold three shells total; one in the chamber and two in the magazine. Shotguns of 10 gauge or smaller are permitted.

TAGGING

No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following: 1) The hunter's signature and address; 2) The total number of birds involved, by species; 3) The dates such birds were taken. Tagging is required if birds are being transported by another person for the hunter, or if birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment or taxidermy services.

WANTON WASTE

All migratory game birds shall be retrieved, if possible, and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field.

NON-TOXIC SHOT

Possession or use of any lead shot while hunting or attempting to take waterfowl or sandhill cranes is prohibited statewide. Non-toxic shot is required to hunt waterfowl. Most major manufacturers offer non-toxic shotshells. A list of non-toxic shot currently approved by the USFWS can be found at <https://go.usa.gov/xSUwE>.

Only USFWS-approved non-toxic shot may be possessed and used to hunt doves, gallinules, rails, woodcock, snipe or other migratory birds on Ballard, Boatwright, Doug Travis, Duck Island, Kaler Bottoms, Kentucky River, Ohio River Islands, Sloughs, South Shore, Yatesville Lake WMAs and Clarks River NWR and other areas as posted by signs.

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

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

WHICH LICENSE OR PERMIT DO YOU NEED?

NOTE: Licenses and permits are not required for kids under the age of 12.

KENTUCKY RESIDENTS	Ages 12-15	Ages 16-64	Ages 65 and over OR Disabled
Migratory Birds (dove, snipe, woodcock, rails, gallinules, sandhill cranes)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Permit†	Senior/Disabled or Senior Lifetime Sportsman's License
Waterfowl (ducks, geese, coots and mergansers)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Permit† + Federal Duck Stamp	Senior/Disabled or Senior Lifetime Sportsman's License + Federal Duck Stamp

NONRESIDENTS (must buy nonresident licenses/permits)	Ages 12-15	Ages 16 and over
Migratory Birds (dove, snipe, woodcock, rails, gallinules, sandhill cranes)	Youth Hunting License	Annual, 1-Day or 7-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Permit
Waterfowl (ducks, geese, coots and mergansers)	Youth Hunting License	Annual, 1-Day or 7-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Permit + Federal Duck Stamp

*Included in Youth Sportsman's License

†Included in Resident Sportsman's License



HIP survey required (also required for Resident Sportsman's License)

(See preceding page and back cover for new procedures on HIP survey)

HUNTING SEASONS

See next page for further details about these hunting seasons.

SPECIES	Season Dates	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26, Nov. 23 - Dec. 3, 2023 and Dec. 23, 2023 - Jan. 14, 2024	15 (including white-winged dove)	45
Wilson's Snipe	Sept. 20 - Oct. 29, 2023 and Nov. 23, 2023 - Jan. 28, 2024	8	24
Virginia & Sora Rail	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9, 2023	25 singly or combined	75
Purple & Common Gallinule	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9, 2023	3 singly or combined	9
American Woodcock	Oct. 28 - Nov. 10 and Nov. 13 - Dec. 13, 2023	3	9
Crow	Sept. 1 - Nov. 7, 2023 and Jan. 4 - Feb. 29, 2024	none	none
Early Wood Duck & Teal (includes blue-winged, green-winged and cinnamon teal)	Sept. 16-20, 2023	6 birds with no more than 2 wood ducks	18 birds with no more than 6 wood ducks
Teal	Sept. 16-24, 2023	6	18
September Canada Goose	Sept. 1-15, 2023 (Western Zone) Sept. 16-30, 2023 (Eastern Zone)	5	15
Youth / Military Waterfowl Days	Nov. 18, 2023 and Feb. 10, 2024 (Youth) Nov. 19, 2023 and Feb. 11, 2024 (Military)	Same as duck and goose seasons	

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

DAILY LIMIT

The total of a specific migratory game bird species that may be taken during legal shooting hours for one calendar day. Migratory birds harvested in another state count toward a hunter's daily and possession limits.

POSSESSION LIMIT

The total limit of a specific migratory game bird species that may be in your possession at any time, whether on your person or stored at another location, including your home or taxidermist.

OTHER SEASON NOTES

DOVE

Eurasian collared doves resemble mourning doves but possess a black slash across the back of their necks. There is no limit on Eurasian doves (leave head and/or wing on during transport for ID). However, hunters should stop after reaching the 15-bird daily limit of mourning doves because the two species cannot be easily distinguished on the wing.



Eurasian collared dove

CROW

Mechanical devices and electronic attracting devices may be used for crow hunting during open seasons. Federal law no longer allows for the shooting of depredating crows outside of legal hunting seasons without specific federal authorization. Persons experiencing depredation problems with crows may apply for authorization online by clicking this [link](#) to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, email PermitsR4MB@fws.gov, or call (404) 679-7070 for more information.

SEPTEMBER SEASON GOOSE ZONES

Western Zone: shaded counties.

Eastern Zone: all other counties.



EARLY WOOD DUCK, TEAL and CANADA GOOSE

USFWS-approved non-toxic shot no larger than size T is required for all waterfowl hunting. Hunters may not possess or use lead shot while hunting or attempting to take waterfowl.

SEPTEMBER CANADA GOOSE

September Canada Goose hunting now includes two zones (Eastern and Western) with separate season dates.

The following areas are closed during this season:

- 1. Cave Run Lake:** Cave Run Lake and the public land inside the boundary of KY 801, KY 1274, KY 36, KY 211, U.S. 60 and KY 826 remain closed during the September Canada Goose season. The other areas of the Northeast Goose Zone are now open to hunting during the September Canada Goose season.
- 2. Ballard Zone:** The portion of Ballard County north or west of the Bal-

lard-McCracken County line to Hwy. 358; Hwy. 358 to U.S. 60; U.S. 60 to the city limits of Wickliffe; the city limits of Wickliffe to the center of the Mississippi River. Private lands in this zone are open to this season, public lands remain closed.

- 3. West Kentucky WMA:** This wildlife management area is closed to the September Canada Goose season.

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YOUTH / MILITARY WATERFOWL DAYS

Seasons are statewide. Youths must be under the age of 16 on the day of the hunt. Military seasons are for military on active duty and honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces only. Per federal rule, National Guard members and reservists are only eligible if they are on active duty. Participants must have proper license and permit, including federal duck stamp.

PUBLIC HUNTING

2023 PUBLIC DOVE FIELDS

WMAs and Cooperative Fields

All public dove fields will be closed to all access from August 15 until sunrise on September 1.

Quota Dove Hunts: There will be two quota dove hunting opportunities in 2023. There will be a field at Big Rivers WMA and a field at Kentucky River WMA. Quota Hunt fields are closed, except to drawn hunters, September 1-9, 2023. These fields will open for public dove hunting beginning Sept. 10, 2023.

Special rules for quota hunts include:

- Drawn hunter may bring one guest hunter
- Drawn hunter and guest must check in

- prior to hunting
- No hunting before 1 p.m. (Eastern)
- Carry a copy of the selection letter (notification). This applies to both drawn and guest hunter.
- Drawn hunter must be present for guest to hunt
- Hunters must have exited the field by 6 p.m. (Eastern)
- Check out by completing post hunt survey
- Not possess more than 50 shells

Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) are open during regular seasons under statewide regulations unless otherwise specified in this guide. Field conditions may vary considerably, even on the same WMA. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife recommends hunters scout fields listed below to ensure they are ready for the time you plan to hunt. From August 15 until sunrise on September 1, there is no access allowed in the dove fields. All scouting must be done from the road or parking lot.

Private fields in the Cooperative Dove Field Program are open for public dove hunting Sept. 1 - Oct. 26, 2023. Private cooperative fields are closed to public access except on the dates listed above. Prior to the season, hunters may drive by private cooperative fields but may not leave their vehicles to scout.

When hunting a public area, hunt safely and be courteous of others. Do not leave trash behind. The future of the cooperative dove field program depends on you.

Dove fields near you

Click on the "More" tab, followed by "Maps," "Game Maps," then "Public Dove Fields." You may also find them using this link: <https://arcg.is/1DLrmi0>


WESTERN KENTUCKY


BALLARD COUNTY

• **Ballard WMA:** 5 fields. Travel U.S. 60 west from Paducah about 16 miles then right onto KY 310. Travel about 6 miles to stop sign and cross KY 358, continuing on KY 310 to stop sign at KY 1105. Cross KY 1105 onto Mitchell Lake Rd. (Turner Landing Rd.) then travel about 1 mile. Go through the gate at Oscar. Field 1 is a sunflower field on the right. Field 2 is a milo field on your left after entering the gate turn left 0.2 miles on right. Field 3 is a sunflower field next to the grain bins. Travel past Field 1, crossing Mitchell Lake levee to crossroads, turn left, Field 4 is wheat/oat fields on both sides of the road or turn right, **Field 5 is an oat field 0.5 miles on the right.** Signs will be posted for all fields. *U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)-approved, non-toxic shot only for all fields.*

• **Boatwright WMA:** U.S. 60 west from Paducah to Barlow. At the blinking light in Barlow turn right onto N 4th St. Go one block (0.1 miles) and turn

Special closings

 Indicates a Mentor/Youth Hunt site, where all or part of the area is reserved for Mentor/Youth Hunt participants on certain dates. Reservations are required for these hunts. See page 6 for more information, or call 1-800-858-1549 or visit fw.ky.gov.


 Indicates a quota hunt site, reserved for drawn hunters on Sept. 1 and Sept. 9. Apply online Aug. 7-18 at fw.ky.gov. Open to all hunters beginning Sept. 10.

left on Holloway Landing Road. Stay on it 2.8 miles and turn right on Sallie Crice Rd. In 1.6 miles turn left at Olmsted unit sign and follow for 0.1 miles, sunflower field on the left. Signs will be posted for all fields. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)-approved, non-toxic shot only.

CARLISLE COUNTY

• **Doug Travis WMA:** 1 field, 10 acres in sunflowers. From Bardwell, take KY 123 west to Berkley, then turn right on Fish Lake Road for 5.3 miles. Turn right onto gravel WMA road for 0.3 miles and field is on the right. *USFWS-approved, non-toxic shot only.*

CRITTENDEN COUNTY

 **Big Rivers WMA:** **Closed, except for quota hunt only Sept. 1 and Sept. 9. Opens for all hunters beginning Sept. 10. From Sturgis, KY take highway 365 south 2.7 miles. Field will be located off of the highway, 200 yards south of the WMA office.**

GRAVES COUNTY

• **Cooperator Field:** **From Mayfield: Head south on KY 303 until the intersection of KY 339. Turn right onto KY 339, continue for ~3 miles, then turn left onto KY 129. Continue for 1.5 miles then veer left onto Hazel Ln.**

MCCRACKEN COUNTY

• **West Kentucky WMA:** **Tract 4: 2 fields totaling 6 acres of sunflowers.** From I-24 exit 4 in Paducah, take U.S. 60 west for 10.5 miles to Bethel Church Rd. Take Bethel Church Road north for 3.4 miles and turn east (right) onto gravel WMA road. Fields will be on the north side of the WMA

road behind the Disabled Access Pond. **Tract 5: 23 acres of sunflowers in 2 fields.** From I-24 exit 4 in Paducah, take U.S. 60 west for 7.1 miles to KY 996 (Metropolis Lake Rd.). Turn right (north) onto Metropolis Lake Rd. for 3.2 miles to KY 358 (Ogden Landing Rd.), turn left (west) onto KY 358 for 2.3 miles to Boldry School Rd. **Field 1: Turn north (right) onto Boldry School Rd for 0.8 miles to first gravel WMA road. Turn west (left) onto gravel WMA road and 12 acre field will be on the north (right) side of the gravel road. Field 2: Turn north (right) onto Boldry School Rd for 0.9 miles and take a 45-degree right onto gravel WMA road, 11 acres of sunflowers are on either side of this road behind Metzger Pond.**

Tract 7A: 5 acres of sunflowers in the field behind the Tracts 7A check-in box on the north side of KY 358 (Ogden Landing Rd.) From I-24 exit 4 in Paducah, take U.S. 60 west for 7.1 miles to KY 996 (Metropolis Lake Rd.). Turn right (north) onto Metropolis Lake Rd. for 3.2 miles to KY 358 (Ogden Landing Rd.), turn left (west) onto KY 358 for 1.2 miles to field on the right (north) side of KY 358. **Check in is required before hunting at the A' tract check in box.**

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

• **Livingston County WMA:** From Salem, take KY 133 north (Lola Rd.) for 13.8 miles. Turn left onto Hughes Rd. Parking area will be approx. 0.5 miles through the yellow gate and on the right. From Smithland, KY take U.S. 60 east for 3.3 miles and turn left onto Ky 137 towards Birdsville/Bayou. Continue 15.3 miles and at the stop sign turn right onto KY 133 south (Lola Rd.) In approx. 1.3 miles turn right onto Hughes Rd. and parking area will be 0.5 mile ahead through yellow gate on right.

WEST-CENTRAL KENTUCKY

BARREN COUNTY

• **Barren River Lake WMA:** 5 fields. From U.S. 31 E, turn north on KY 1318 towards Lucas, turn left on S. Lucas Rd. Travel 1.6 miles to the Goose Island Unit entrance on the right, down gravel road, signs posted. All 5 fields are adjacent to each other. 36.882834, -86.072005.

BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY

• **Yellowbank WMA:** 20 miles north

of Hardinsburg on KY 259; 20 miles west of Brandenburg on KY 144 to KY 259. Tract 1 field (13 acres): 38.0265, -86.5058. Tract 4 field (11 acres): 37.9659, -86.5092. *USFWS-approved, non-toxic shot only on Tract 4.*

HENDERSON COUNTY

- **Sloughs WMA: 2 fields. Field 1 (25 acres): 37.851993, -87.794056. From the Sloughs WMA office, travel west on Hwy 268 approximately 0.3 miles and turn left onto gravel road (signs will be posted). Field is located 1 mile down gravel road on the left. Parking available along gravel road. Field 2 (10 acres): 37.797210, -87.899980. From Uniontown, take Mt Vernon Road 2.1 miles north to the gravel road leading to Highland Creek Unit (signs will be posted). Turn right and travel 0.5 miles and field will be on the right. Parking available along gravel road. *USFWS-approved, non-toxic shot only.***


HOPKINS COUNTY

- **Harris-Dickerson WMA: Entrance to WMA is just northeast of the KY 70 bridge over the Pond River. Field is located 0.3 miles from the entrance on the right. Field is 7 acres: 37.320637, -87.362838.**

MUHLENBERG / OHIO COUNTIES

- **Peabody WMA: Sinclair Unit: 3 fields (14 acres) located on the north and south side of the PM Haul Road just west of KY 176. Field 1 (4 acres): 37.249291, -87.031519. Field 2 (7 acres): 37.249462, -87.027743. Field 3 (3 acres): 37.247583, -87.030361. Ken Unit: 3 fields (33 acres) located on the west side of KY 369 just south of the K1 Road junction. Field 1 (9 acres): 37.277685, -86.889265. Field 2 (11 acres): 37.274167, -86.889351. Field 3 (13 acres): 37.272528, -86.889522. User permit required for Peabody WMA access, call (270) 476-1889 for more information.**

UNION COUNTY

-  **Higginson-Henry WMA: Field 1 is a Mentor/Youth Field. Closed Sept. 1; Mentor/Youth quota hunt only Sept. 2 (15 slots; apply online at fw.ky.gov Aug. 7-18). Opens for public hunting beginning Sept. 3. From the intersection of KY 56 and 141, go north on KY 141 for 0.25 miles, turn right and watch for signs. 37.631111, -87.822386. Field 2**

(30 acres): **From the intersection of KY 56 and 141, go west on KY 56 for 2.7 miles, field is on the left. 37.641541, -87.871121.**

- **Big Rivers WMA: From Sturgis, Kentucky at the intersection of U.S. 60 and KY 109, travel north on KY 109 for 1.65 miles, turn left (west) onto KY 1508 and proceed 1 mile to the first Union County WMA entrance on left.**

CENTRAL KENTUCKY

FRANKLIN COUNTY

- **T.N. Sullivan WMA: From Frankfort, take U.S. 127 north for 4.1 miles to a right onto Steele Branch Rd. and proceed to the "T" (Owenton Rd.). Turn left and travel 0.4 mile to a right onto KY 1262 (Sullivan Lane) for 0.75 mile to WMA. Follow signs to field.**


GRANT COUNTY

- **Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA: 2 fields. Take Crittenden exit from I-75. Follow U.S. 25 south to KY 491. Turn left across railroad tracks and take immediate right onto Wildlife Rd.**

HARRISON COUNTY

- **Griffith Woods WMA: From I-75, take Georgetown exit 126 and travel east on U.S. 62 toward Cynthia. Field is on the left 0.5 mile past KY 353 (Russell Cave Rd.) located approximately 15 miles east of Georgetown and 25 miles northeast of Lexington.**

HENRY COUNTY

-  **Kentucky River WMA: 3 fields, Welch Tract. Closed, except for quota hunt only Sept. 1 and Sept. 9. Opens for all hunters beginning Sept. 10. U.S. 421 to KY 561, 1 mile west of Gest (near Lock 3). *USFWS-approved, non-toxic shot only.***
- **Cooperator Field: 794 Baugh Road, Pleasureville. From New Castle, travel north on U.S. 421 for 0.5 miles then turn right (east) on KY 202 (Drennon Rd.) for 4.8 miles, then turn right (south) onto Bullitt Hill Rd. for 2.1 miles, then turn left (north) onto KY 1360 (Franklinton Rd.) for 0.4 miles, then turn right (east) onto Baugh Rd. for 1 mile. Drive to the house and beyond, the parking lot for Field 1 is at the barns behind the house.**
- **Cooperator Field: 915 Penny Winkle Road, Pleasureville. From New Castle,**

travel north on U.S. 421 for 0.5 miles then turn right (east) on KY 202 Drennon Rd. for 4.8 miles, then turn right (south) onto Bullitt Hill Rd. for 2.1 miles then turn left (north) onto KY 1360 (Franklinton Rd.) for 1.2 miles, then turn right (east) onto Penny Winkle Rd. for 0.9 miles, the field will be on your right to the south.

MADISON COUNTY

- **Miller Welch-Central Kentucky WMA: 9 miles southeast of Richmond. From U.S. 421 at Kingston, take a left (east) onto KY 3376 (Dreyfus Rd.) for about 2 miles. Turn right (south) onto Muddy Creek Rd. (just past WMA office) to dove fields on right.**


MERCER COUNTY

- **Cooperator Field: From exit 59A off Bluegrass Parkway (towards Harrodsburg/Danville), travel south on U.S. 127 for 2 miles, turn right onto Wheat School Rd. and travel 1.4 miles to a right turn onto Bondville Rd. for approximately 2 miles, turn right onto Hawkins Lane and follow signs to field on the right.**
- **Cooperator Field: From exit 59A off Bluegrass Parkway (towards Harrodsburg/Danville), travel south on U.S. 127 for 3.8 miles and turn right onto Kirkwood Rd. and travel 0.25 mile and turn right onto Bondville Rd., turn right onto Crews Street, field will be on the right.**

NELSON COUNTY

- **Rolling Fork WMA: From exit 21 off Bluegrass Parkway for U.S. 31E, turn left off exit ramp towards Hodgenville, and travel south for 18 miles. Turn left onto KY 84E, field will be on the right in 8.5 miles.**

OWEN COUNTY

- **Kentucky River WMA: 3 tracts.**
-  **Gilbert Tract (2 fields): Closed Sept. 1; Mentor/Youth quota hunt only Sept. 2 (20 slots; apply online at fw.ky.gov Aug. 7-18). Opens for public hunting beginning Sept. 3. From U.S. 127 take KY 355. Travel 5.5 miles and turn onto Browns Bottom Rd. Travel 2.4 miles to WMA and follow signs to parking. *USFWS-approved, non-toxic shot only.***
- **Chesney Tract (1 field): From U.S. 127 take KY 355. Travel 2.6 miles to parking area on the left. *USFWS-approved, non-toxic shot only.***

SHELBY COUNTY

- **Cooperator Field:** U.S. 60 to KY 395, travel north about 3 miles, take left onto KY 1005 for 2 miles, then left onto Harley-Thompson Rd. for 0.25 mile to field on right.

SPENCER COUNTY

- **Taylorville Lake WMA:** 2 fields. From Taylorville, travel east on KY 248 about 2.1 miles, turning right onto KY 2239 (Overlook Rd.). Field will be on the right and parking at first and second gravel parking lot.

NORTHEASTERN KENTUCKY

BATH COUNTY

- **Clay WMA:** Justice Tract: From I-64 at exit 110, take KY 11 north for 17.8 miles to a left onto Little Flat-Ledford Rd. Travel 0.7 mile to parking area on right.
- **Cooperator Field:** From Owingsville, take KY 111 north 6.5 miles. Field is on right off Old Wyoming Rd.

CARTER COUNTY

- **Grayson Lake WMA: Rosedale Fields:** From KY 60 in the town of Grayson, follow KY 7 south towards Grayson Lake for 8 miles and turn left onto WMA access road. *USFWS-approved, non-toxic shot only.*

FLEMING COUNTY

- **Clay WMA:** Marietta Booth Tract: From Carlisle, take KY 32 east for about 12 miles then right at WMA sign. Go 0.3 mile to WMA parking area on left.

GREENUP COUNTY

- **South Shore WMA:** From South Shore take U.S. 23 east to a left (north) at the South Shore WMA sign for 0.4 mile. Field is adjacent to parking area. *USFWS-approved, non-toxic shot only.*

MORGAN COUNTY


- **Paintsville Lake WMA:** Fields near intersection of KY 172 and Patoker Rd. at Relief, KY. From West Liberty follow KY 172 east for 20 miles. Dove field will be on the right side of KY 172. From Paintsville travel KY 40 west for 1.5 miles to Staffordsville, turn right (west) on KY 172 and continue for 14 miles. Dove field will be on the left along KY 172. *USFWS-approved, non-toxic shot only.*

SOUTHEASTERN KENTUCKY

ADAIR COUNTY

- **Green River Lake WMA (Snake Creek):** From Columbia head north on HWY 55 for 1.6 miles, turn right onto HWY 551. Stay on HWY 551 for 4.3 miles and turn right onto Snake Creek Road, travel 2.2 miles to field on the left.

GREEN COUNTY

-  **Cooperator Fields:** *Closed Sept. 1; Mentor/Youth quota hunt only Sept. 2 (25 slots; apply online at fw.ky.gov Aug. 7-18). Opens for public hunting beginning Sept. 3.* Take U.S. 68/70 south from Greensburg 5.9 miles; turn right onto KY 218 for 2 miles, then left onto Roy Bagby Rd. Fields at the end of

road on right.

- **Cooperator Field:** From Greensburg, take KY 61 north for 8.1 miles, turn left onto KY 569 for 5.3 miles, turn right on to KY 566 for 2.5 miles to designated parking areas. Fields are on the right (east) side of KY 566.
- **Cooperator Field:** From Greensburg, take KY 61 north 0.9 miles. Turn left onto KY 88 for 7.8 miles. Turn left onto Pierce-Donansburg Rd. for 2.7 miles. Turn left onto R.L. Gentry Rd. to dove fields on both sides of R.L. Gentry Rd.

LINCOLN COUNTY

- **Cooperator Field:** From Stanford, take U.S. 27 north for 0.16 mile to a left onto KY 590. Travel 1.5 miles to a gravel lane on left. Turn left and proceed to marked parking area.

PULASKI COUNTY

- **Rockcastle River WMA:** From Somerset, take KY 80 east for 13.2 miles, turn right onto Rocky Tree Rd. for 292 ft. and then turn left on KY 1675 for 4.7 miles to Acorn-Ano Rd. Turn left on Acorn-Ano Rd. and travel 3.0 miles to the marked gravel parking area.

TAYLOR COUNTY

- **Green River Lake WMA (Elkhorn):** From Campbellsville, take KY 70 east for 4.1 miles. Gravel parking lot will be on the left through gate to top of the hill.
- **Green River Lake WMA (Robinson Creek):** From Campbellsville, take KY 70 east for 5.3 miles. Gravel parking lot will be on the right, go through gate to field.

CLOSED AREAS

CLOSED TO MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING

1) The main block of Robinson Forest WMA; 2) the portion of Grayson Lake WMA within three-quarters of a mile of the dam, the Deer Creek Branch, the shores of Camp Webb and the state park; 3) the Greenbrier Creek Branch of Yatesville Lake, including all islands, north of the mouth of Greenbrier Creek Branch; 4) Land Between The Lakes NRA from Sept. 30 - Nov. 30.

CLOSED TO WATERFOWL HUNTING

All designated goose refuge lakes within the Western Kentucky coalfields region are closed to all waterfowl hunting.

WATERFOWL REFUGES

The following areas are waterfowl refuges: portion of Lake Cumberland WMA including Wesley Bend (bounded by Fishing Creek, Fishing Creek Road and Beech Grove Road) and Yellowhole (bounded by Fishing Creek Road and Hickory Nut Road) are closed to the public Oct. 15 - March 15. Ohio River Waterfowl Refuge (From Smithland Lock and Dam upstream to powerline crossing at river mile 911.5) is closed to hunting Oct. 15 - March 15 and Stewart Island is closed to the public Oct. 15 - March 15. On Peabody WMA, portions of Sinclair and Homestead mines as marked by signs are closed to the public Oct. 15 - March

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.

15. On Sloughs WMA, the Sauerheber Unit is closed to the public Nov. 1-March 15 except the Crenshaw and Duncan tracts which are open for waterfowl hunting only. The area of Yellowbank WMA posted by signs is closed to the public Oct. 15 - March 15.

SPECIAL WMA RESTRICTIONS

Wildlife Management Areas not listed here or in the "Closed Areas" section are open under statewide regulations.

BALLARD WMA and SWAN LAKE PORTION of BOATWRIGHT WMA (Ballard County)

Dove: Sept. 1 - Oct. 13, 2023

Snipe: Sept. 21 - Oct. 13, 2023

Rails, Moorhens, Gallinules:

Sept. 1 - Oct. 13, 2023

No woodcock hunting permitted.

Areas designated by signs are closed to all hunting.

MILLER WELCH-CENTRAL KENTUCKY WMA

(Madison County)

Dove: Sept. 1 - Oct. 13, 2023

Snipe: Sept. 21 - Oct. 13, 2023

No woodcock hunting permitted.

PIONEER WEAPONS AREAS

Breech- and muzzle-loading shotguns

may be used to take wood ducks and teal on the shoreline portions of the Pioneer Weapons Areas at 1) Cave Run Lake, and 2) all waterfowl at Barren River Lake.

WEST KENTUCKY WMA (McCracken County)

Dove, snipe and woodcock: Open under statewide seasons, except closed during deer gun seasons. (*WMA closed to September Canada goose season.*)

OTHER HUNTING AREAS

The following areas have special seasons and regulations for all hunting. Contact the individual areas at the addresses and telephone numbers listed below.

FORT KNOX MILITARY RESERVATION

Hunt Control Office

4916 Wilson Road, Building 9297

Fort Knox, KY 40121

(502) 624-7311 or (502) 624-2712

<https://fknnox.isportsman.net>

FORT CAMPBELL MILITARY RESERVATION

6645 101st Airborne Division Road

Fort Campbell, KY 42223

(270) 798-9824

<https://frcampbell.isportsman.net>

OHIO RIVER ISLANDS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

3982 Waverly Rd.,

Williamstown, WV 26187

(304) 375-2923, ext. 117

LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

100 Van Morgan Drive

Golden Pond, KY 42211

(270) 924-2000

www.landbetweenthe lakes.us

REELFOOT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

4343 Hwy. 157, Union City, TN 38261

(731) 538-2481

<http://reelfoot.fws.gov>

YOUTH HUNTING

MENTOR/YOUTH DOVE HUNTS

Fields set aside for Mentor/Youth hunts are open Sept. 2 only to pre-registered hunters. On this day, adult dove hunters can introduce young hunters to the challenge and tradition of the early season dove hunt. Hunts require online pre-registration (see rules below for details). Thereafter, unreserved slots will be available on a first come, first served basis. Mentor/Youth dove fields on wildlife management areas reopen to the public Sept. 3. The following rules describe the hunt.

MENTOR/YOUTH HUNT RULES

1. Open only to adults accompanied by a youth (ages 15 and under), though not necessary for the youth to hunt.
2. Both mentor and youth can hunt, but must do so from the same field location

(stake). All hunters must stay within 15 feet of their assigned shooting location except when retrieving downed doves.

One adult may take two youths to these hunts. Two shotguns are allowed per stake. Each hunter is allowed 15 doves.

3. The number of hunters in Mentor/Youth Hunt fields will be strictly limited to ensure a safe and quality hunt.
4. Field slots will be available only by advanced registration *online* from 8 a.m. EDT Aug. 7, until 4:30 p.m. EDT, Aug. 18. Unreserved slots will be available on a first come, first served basis at the field on the day of the hunt until all slots are filled.
5. Hunting groups *must check in prior to hunting and check out prior to leaving* the field with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife staff.
6. After the field is filled no new hunting

groups will be allowed in.

7. Hunting groups in the field may move to different staked sites when the assigned group vacates that site.
8. Hunters *must* leave their guns at their shooting location (stake) when retrieving downed birds.
9. Shooting hours limited to 2-7 p.m., local time. All hunting groups must be out of the field by 7:30 p.m., local time.
10. All hunters will be responsible for cleaning up their shooting location (including empty shells) prior to leaving the field.
11. Mentors and youths must conduct themselves in a safe manner and abide by these and other rules posted at the hunt field. Failure to do so will result in termination of hunting privilege for that field that day.
12. Hunter education and licensing requirements apply.

BE LEGAL!

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