

ELK HUNTING OUTSIDE THE ELK ZONE

Elk may be taken from any county outside the zone by hunters who possess an annual Kentucky hunting license and an Out-of-Zone Elk Permit. These hunters must follow deer season regulations and use only the legal elk hunting equipment outlined on page 15, but are not required to possess a Statewide Deer Permit.

CHECKING and TAGGING

All elk must be telechecked. Hunters must call 1-800-245-4263 and report the harvest. See the “General Information” section for details.

Once an elk is harvested, a hunter may remove the head of the animal to facilitate its removal from the field prior

to the elk being telechecked. It is still necessary to fill out the harvest log immediately after harvest and telecheck the animal before midnight on the day the elk is harvested or recovered. If the hide or head of the elk is removed in the field – to quarter the animal, for example – it is now necessary to demonstrate proof of sex by retaining the head or keeping the genitalia attached to the carcass.

A carcass tag is required if a harvested elk leaves the hunter’s possession for any reason.

VOUCHER COOPERATOR ELK PERMIT PROGRAM

A recently developed access program by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has created

additional elk hunting opportunity for drawn elk hunters.

The Voucher Cooperator Elk Permit Program links people who own or lease elk hunting land with hunters who have drawn an elk tag. Hunter access is accomplished by offering landowners/lessees an elk tag when they accumulate 20 points (harvested bull = 2 points, harvested cow = 1 point). Hunters will sign up to hunt voucher properties on a first come, first served basis through an online system after the area drawing is complete.

Interested landowners and lessees may contact Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549 to learn more about the Voucher Cooperator Elk Permit Program.

BEAR HUNTING

SEASON DATES & RESTRICTIONS

| BEAR | Chase-only | Archery/Crossbow | Modern Gun | Quota Hunt w/Dogs | Youth-only |
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| | Aug. 1-31, 2016 | Oct. 22-28, 2016 | Dec. 10-12, 2016 | Nov. 26-27 and Dec. 17-18, 2016 | Dec. 31, 2016 – Jan 1, 2017 |

| BEAR HARVEST QUOTAS | |
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| Archery/Crossbow | 10 bears or 5 female bears, whichever is reached first. |
| Modern Gun | 15 bears or 5 female bears, whichever is reached first. |
| Quota Hunt with Dogs | 5 bears, either sex |
| Youth Only | 5 bears, either sex |

light hours. Hunters shall not chase bears from an area where bait is present or has been present for 30 days. Individual chase groups shall include no more than five (5) people and eight (8) dogs, except a chase party may total seven (7) people if two (2) additional youths accompany the party.

ARCHERY/CROSSBOW SEASON

Unless license exempt, hunters must purchase a Bear Permit, in addition to an Annual Hunting License. Bear Permits are available for purchase over-the-counter, by phone (1-877-598-2401), or online at fw.ky.gov.

If either harvest quota limit is reached, the season will close 30 minutes after sunset that day. Successful hunters must telecheck their bear by 8 p.m. Eastern time and also call 1-800-858-1549 within 24 hours of harvest to arrange for a physical check of the animal and re-

ceive a tag issued by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. Bears physically checked during the archery/crossbow season must include a carcass or an intact hide that contains the skull and proof of sex.

Hunters must call 1-800-858-1549 after 9 p.m. each day of the season to check if the bear quota has been reached. If the quota has not been reached, the season will continue through next day.

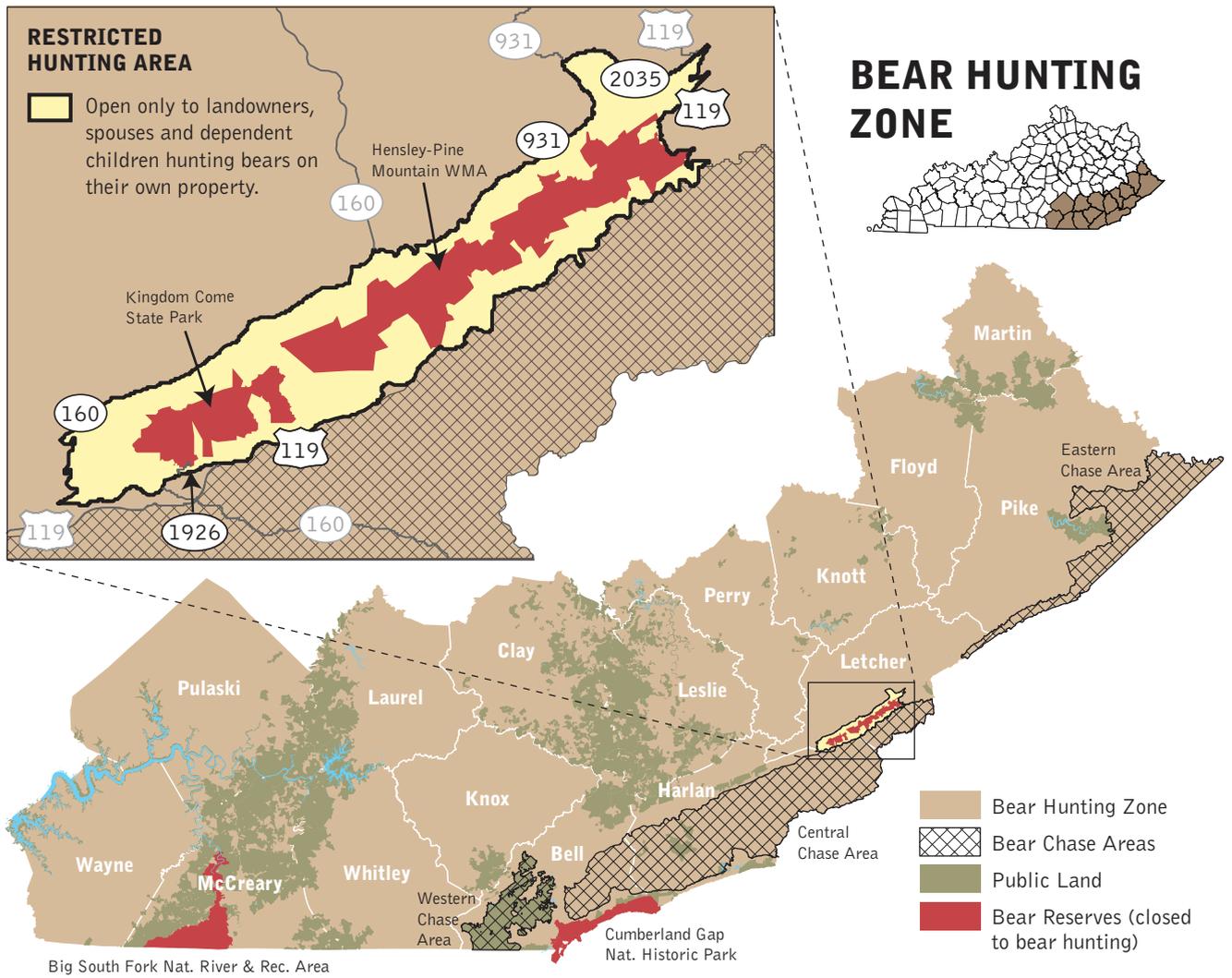
MODERN GUN SEASON

Unless license exempt, hunters must purchase a Bear Permit, in addition to an Annual Hunting License. Bear Permits are available for purchase over-the-counter, by phone, or online. If either harvest quota limit is reached, the season will close 30 minutes after sunset that day. Bears taken during the modern gun season must be checked immediately after leaving the field at a department oper-

CHASE-ONLY SEASON WITH DOGS

Unless license exempt, participants must purchase a Bear Chase Permit or Junior Bear Chase Permit. Bear Chase Permits may be purchased online at fw.ky.gov from July 1 - Dec. 31.

Bears may be chased with dogs only within the Eastern, Central, and Western Bear Chase Areas (see map). Bears shall only be chased during legal day-



PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS Only portions of these public hunting areas within the bear zone are open to bear hunting.

Asher Hunting Access Area, Beaver Creek WMA, Boone Forestlands WMA, Buck Creek WMA, Buckhorn Lake WMA, Burchell-Beech Creek WMA, Cane Creek WMA, Carr Creek Lake WMA, Corrigan WMA, Cranks Creek WMA, Czar Hunting Access Area, Daniel Boone National Forest, Dewey Lake WMA, Elk Forest WMA, Fishtrap Lake WMA, Fortner-Davis WMA, Jefferson National Forest, Kentenia State Forest, Kentucky Fuel Corporation WMA, Kentucky Ridge Forest WMA, Kentucky Ridge State Forest, Lake Cumberland WMA, Martins Fork Lake WMA, Martins Fork WMA & State Natural Area, Paul Van Booven WMA, Ping-Sinking Valley WMA, Redbird WMA, [Revelation Energy Hunting Access Area](#), Robinson Forest WMA, Shillalah Creek WMA, Stone Mountain WMA & State Natural Area and Wells Hunting Access Area

ated check station by 9 p.m. Eastern time, where successful hunters will be issued a permanent tag by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. Hunters must telecheck their bear before leaving the station. Locations of check stations are available online at fw.ky.gov or by calling 1-800-858-1549.

Hunters must call that same number after 9 p.m. on each day of the season to check if the bear quota has been reached. If the quota has not been reached, the season will continue through next day.

BEAR QUOTA HUNT WITH DOGS

Unless license exempt, hunters must purchase a Bear Permit and a Bear Chase Permit or Junior Bear Chase Permit, in addition to an Annual Hunting License. Bear Chase Permits are available for purchase online at fw.ky.gov.

If the harvest quota limit is reached, the season will close 30 minutes after sunset that day. Successful hunters must telecheck their bear by 8 p.m. Eastern time and also call 1-800-858-1549 within 24 hours of harvest

to arrange for a physical check of the animal and receive a tag issued by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. Bears physically checked during the bear quota hunt with dogs season must include a carcass or an intact hide that contains the skull and proof of sex.

Hunters must call 1-800-858-1549 after 9 p.m. on each day of the season to check if the bear quota has been reached. If the quota has not been reached, the season will continue through the next day.

LEGAL BEAR HUNTING EQUIPMENT

- A modern rifle of .270 caliber or larger, with a magazine capable of holding no more than 10 rounds.
- A muzzleloading rifle of .50 caliber or larger.
- A muzzle-loading or breech-loading shotgun no larger than 10-gauge, and no smaller than 20-gauge, firing a single projectile (slug, round ball, conical bullet or sabot bullet) only.
- A handgun loaded with centerfire cartridges with a case length of 1.285 inches or larger, firing bullets of .270 caliber or larger designed to expand upon impact.
- Firearms may not be fully automatic (capable of firing more than one round with one trigger pull).
- Full metal jacketed or tracer bullet ammunition is prohibited.
- Archery and crossbow equipment that is legal for deer hunting.

YOUTH-ONLY SEASON

Unless license exempt, hunters must purchase a Bear Permit, in addition to a Youth or Annual Hunting License. Bear Permits are available for purchase

over-the-counter, by phone (1-877-598-2401), and online at fw.ky.gov.

If the harvest quota limit is reached, the season will close 30 minutes after sunset that day. Successful hunters must telecheck their bear by 8 p.m. Eastern time and also call 1-800-858-1549 within 24 hours of harvest to arrange for a physical check of the animal and receive a tag issued by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. Bears physically checked during the archery/ crossbow season must include a carcass or an intact hide that contains the skull and proof of sex.

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HUNTER ORANGE REQUIREMENT

Bear hunters and those who accompany them, or any other person hunting on public or private lands in the bear hunting zone during a firearm season for bears, must comply with the hunter orange clothing law. This requirement also applies to any person chasing bears during the Bear Quota Hunt with Dogs season.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS

- Bear hunting is open to Kentucky residents only.
- Hunters and houndsmen may not disturb or take bears from dens.

Q: Is it legal to shoot a bear that is feeding at a trash can or dumpster?

A: No. Garbage is considered bait.

- Bear hunting is prohibited on Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, Kingdom Come State Park, and the Hensley-Pine Mountain WMA. Additionally, bear hunting within the 12,094 acres surrounding Hensley-Pine Mountain WMA and Kingdom Come State Park is limited to landowners, their spouses and dependent children hunting on their own property.
- See map for detailed bear reserve boundaries.
- Hunters may not take female bears with cubs, or any bear weighing less than 75 pounds.
- Hunters may not use bait during any bear season.
- Dogs may not be used to hunt bears during the archery/crossbow or modern gun seasons, but leashed tracking dogs may be used to recover wounded bears.
- Hunters 15 years old and younger who use a firearm must be accompanied by an adult, who shall remain in a position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm.

FALL TURKEY HUNTING

SEASON DATES & RESTRICTIONS

| FALL TURKEY | Shotgun | Archery | Crossbow |
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| | Oct. 22-28 and Dec. 3-9, 2016 | Sept. 3, 2016 – Jan. 16, 2017 | Oct. 1-16 and Nov. 12 – Dec. 31, 2016 |

BAG LIMITS

- Four birds total, no more than two (2) of which may be taken with a shotgun.
- 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

Adult hunters: Unless exempt, all fall turkey hunters ages 16 and older must carry with them in the field proof of purchase of a valid Kentucky hunting license and a valid Fall Turkey Permit. Short-term (1- or 7-day) hunting li-

censes are not valid for turkey hunting. The Fall Turkey Permit is valid for the fall archery, crossbow and shotgun turkey seasons and allows a hunter to harvest up to the fall season bag limit of turkeys.

Youth hunters: Youths under the