

PUBLIC LANDS HUNTING

OVERVIEW

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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife owns, leases or manages more than 80 wildlife management areas (WMAs) for public use. On some areas, a user permit is required. Please refer to specific area listings for that information. The rest are open to hunting free of additional charge.

Many public-use areas have special regulations and hunting season dates that are different from statewide seasons.

The information here applies to users of all WMAs owned or managed by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. If you intend to hunt (or otherwise visit) public lands listed under "Wildlife Management Areas," you must comply with the following guidelines.

1. For game listed in this guide, hunting seasons on the WMAs listed on the following pages are open only as stated.
2. County zone deer bag limits apply to all WMAs unless otherwise noted under the area listing. Hunters are limited to one deer per day on WMAs, except during quota hunts that allow more deer to be taken, and on Zone 1 WMAs.
3. Quota deer hunters may take up to two (2) deer on a quota hunt in Zones 2, 3 and 4, only one of which may be antlered, unless otherwise noted under the area listing.
4. Squirrel, rabbit, quail, grouse and furbearer hunting is closed the first two days of modern gun deer season on WMAs, if gun deer hunting is permitted.

5. Unless otherwise noted, persons shall not allow unleashed dogs from March 1 until the third Saturday in August, except during department-authorized field trials, or when training a retriever or other water dog if the activity is authorized by a sign at the body of water. The dog must remain leashed except while training, or within 100 feet of the water, or as stated under the area listing or posted on the WMA.
6. Quota hunts for pheasant, deer, quail, upland bird, waterfowl and elk hunts require advance application. (Refer to "Quota Hunts" and "Elk Hunting" sections.) Advance application is not required for other listed hunts.
7. Camping is permitted only in designated areas. Check WMA maps online at fw.ky.gov or call the WMA office for camping availability through Kentucky Fish and Wildlife or other campgrounds. Parking must be confined to designated parking areas if such areas exist. If no parking area is designated, parking is generally allowed alongside maintained roads in such a manner that does not block a road or gate or prevent access to a portion of the area. Unless otherwise authorized by the department, mechanized vehicles (excluding wheelchairs) are permitted only on maintained roads open to public use. It is unlawful to cut trees or fences, dump trash or litter, or damage any property or habitat in any fashion.
8. Trapping requires permission. Obtain permission from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife by calling the WMA office.
9. Hunters shall not enter or hunt in areas that have been designated closed by signs.
10. A person shall not discharge a firearm within 100 yards of a residence or occupied building located on or off the area.
11. A person shall not distribute or place bait, hunt over bait or other-

During quota hunts...

During a WMA deer quota hunt, and the open firearm deer hunts at Grayson Lake and West Kentucky WMAs, only participating hunters and accompanying non-hunting assistants (limit one per hunter) are allowed to be on those WMAs, except waterfowl hunters in some areas that may be open, or if a part of the WMA is otherwise open as noted in the following area listings. **Non-hunting assistants must check in and check out with the quota hunter that they are accompanying and abide by hunter orange requirements.**

wise participate in baiting wildlife on a WMA.

12. A group of ten (10) or more people who gather for any event or organized activity on a WMA shall apply to the Department at least 30 days before the date of the event. Groups shall apply on a form provided by the department. The Department shall retain the authority to deny events, or otherwise restrict, institute additional requirements for, or direct the rescheduling of, any event to avoid user conflicts or for other legitimate reasons. Permit requests for events that do not meet WMA user guidelines shall be denied, and events may be canceled in progress if participants fail to comply with user guidelines or create hazards or disruption for others.
13. Horseback riding is permitted on some WMAs during certain times of the year and under certain restrictions. Unless hunting, horses shall only be ridden on designated horse riding trails or a maintained public road open to vehicular traffic. Horses may not be ridden on WMAs during firearms seasons for turkey, deer, bear or elk unless participating or as-

Public shooting ranges are available on Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA, Higginson-Henry WMA, John A. Kleber WMA, Jones-Keeney WMA, Miller Welch-Central Kentucky WMA, Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area, Peabody WMA, Taylorsville Lake WMA and West Kentucky WMA. The ranges are self-serve and all users must comply with the rules posted by sign. Shooting ranges are closed during deer quota hunts at applicable WMAs. Ranges can be reserved for special events by contacting the WMA manager 30 days in advance of the event. Public shooting ranges also are available on Daniel Boone National Forest. Details are available online at www.fs.usda.gov/dbnf by clicking on "Recreation" and then "Other Activities."

sisting in a legal elk hunt.

14. On all WMAs, Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area and Daniel Boone National Forest, a person shall not use a nail, spike, screw-in device, wire, or tree climber for attaching a tree stand or climbing a tree. A portable stand or climbing device that does not injure a tree may be used. Stands must be marked with the hunter's name and address, placed no more than two (2) weeks before the opening of the season and removed within one (1) week following the last day of each hunting period. A person shall not use an existing permanent tree stand.

MOBILITY-IMPAIRED HUNTER ACCESS TO WMAs

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife offers special exceptions to hunting and fishing regulations for persons who are mobility-impaired and want to hunt and fish on select WMAs. (Eligibility requirements appear in the Quota Hunts section.) Persons interested in applying for a Mobility-Impaired Access Permit should contact the department for an application or print one from the agency's website at fw.ky.gov.

Applicants for a Mobility-Impaired Access Permit shall fill out the required information on the application and ob-

tain the attestation and signature from a licensed physician describing the mobility impairment.

A mobility-impaired individual shall have a completed Mobility-Impaired Access Permit application on his or her person at all times while participating in such activities, along with the appropriate hunting licenses and permits.

Mobility-impaired access areas have been designated on portions of the following WMAs: Barren River, Fish-trap Lake, Green River Lake, Griffith Woods, Kentucky River, Lake Cumberland, Mill Creek, Miller Welch-Central Kentucky, Mullins, Peabody (Sinclair Unit), Redbird, Taylorsville Lake, West Kentucky, Yatesville Lake and Yellow-bank WMAs.

The Mobility-Impaired Access Permit allows the following activities by a mobility-impaired individual:

- Discharge of a firearm or other legal hunting device from a motor vehicle when the vehicle is motionless and has its engine turned off. The motor vehicle shall be used as a place to wait or watch for game and shall not be used to chase, pursue, or drive game.
- May operate electric wheelchairs, ATVs, and other passenger vehicles on or off gated, ungated or open-gated roads otherwise closed to vehicular traffic, but only on designated tracts of designated WMAs.
- Roads may be accessed March 1 through the third Friday in August.
- Tracts designated as mobility-impaired access areas shall be posted with signs.
- Vehicular access shall not be permitted on fields, openings, roads, paths, or trails planted with annual grains or agricultural crops.
- It shall be permissible to access areas which are not roads the third Saturday of August until the end of February.
- ATV users shall adhere to manufacturer recommendations including wearing a helmet, wearing safety glasses, and restricting riding to one (1) person, while using ATVs on WMAs.

A person with a Mobility-Impaired Access Permit may designate one (1) qualified assistant. The assistant may:

- Track and dispatch a wounded animal, retrieve an animal, or render other assistance in accordance with all other Kentucky Fish and Wildlife and WMA laws and regulations.

A qualified assistant shall not:

- Operate his or her own ATV; or hunt or shoot from an ATV.

STATE PARK and OTHER OPEN DEER HUNTS

Open deer hunts are offered on the following areas. All statewide bag limits, hunter licensing and other deer hunting requirements and zone restrictions apply, in addition to those given below. Discharging firearms within 100 yards of maintained roads or buildings is prohibited. Baiting deer is prohibited.

- **Yatesville Lake State Park and Lawrence County Recreation Area (2,106 acres, 606-673-1492):** Open under statewide regulations for archery, crossbow and muzzleloading deer hunting the second Monday of December for three days. All hunters must check in at the state park campground booth between 12-8 p.m. (Eastern) on the day before the hunt. Check in is not permitted on hunt days or at any other time. Check out is not required, but deer taken must be telechecked as required under statewide regulations. Hunters will receive a map at check-in showing the area open to hunting and containing any other special instructions. No other hunting is permitted on Yatesville Lake State Park property.

- **Jenny Wiley State Resort Park (1,415 acres, Floyd County, 1-800-325-0142):** Open the first Saturday of January for two consecutive days, limit two deer, only one of which may be antlered. Limited to the first 15 mobility-impaired hunters who check in at the park Ranger's Station on the day before the hunt. Check in and check out each day at Kentucky Fish and Wildlife district headquarters located one mile from the Ranger's Station. Hunters must meet the mobility-impaired eligibility requirements outlined on page 25. (Mobility-Impaired Access Permit required at check-in.) Hunters must also check in and out on hunt days, and must telecheck deer taken. Hunters may be accompanied by another person, but that person will not be permitted to hunt. Minimum 15-inch outside antler spread for bucks.

- An open youth hunt is held at **Grayson Lake WMA** on the first Saturday in November for two consecutive days and is limited to youths ages 15 and under. See page 32 for details.

PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS QUICK REFERENCE

The charts in this section should be used as a quick reference only. WMAs and other public lands may be open to hunting and trapping during statewide seasons or

have different dates and regulations, as determined by the managing agency. For all the details on these public lands visit fw.ky.gov. Also note that some of these public

lands may have areas that are off-limits to hunting or trapping, as noted by signs, and that units within these areas may have different season dates or regulations.

PURCHASE REGION PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS			Deer - Archery/ Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Modern Gun	Deer - Youth Firearm	Squirrel	Rabbit	Grouse	Quail	Turkey	Furbearer	Bear	Elk Quota	Other
	Open under statewide regulations														
	Closed														
	Quota hunt														
	Open with exception(s)														
MAP # and AREA NAME	PHONE														
1 Ballard WMA* Main Unit	(270) 224-2244		1			3	2								
2 Boatwright WMA* Swan Lake Unit	(270) 224-2244		1			3	2								
3 Coil Estate WMA*	(270) 224-2244														
4 Doug Travis WMA*	(270) 488-3233														
5 Lake Barkley WMA* Duck Island Refuge	(270) 753-6913		1	4		3	2				1				
6 Livingston County WMA & SNA*	(270) 753-6913														
7 Ohio River Islands WMA* Stewart Island Unit	(270) 753-6913		1	4		3	2				1				
8 Pennyriple State Forest*	(270) 797-3241								5						
9 Tradewater WMA*	(270) 753-6913								5						
10 West Kentucky WMA*	(270) 488-3233				7			6		6					

OPEN UNDER STATEWIDE REGULATIONS FOR ALL SPECIES in accordance with the county in which they are located: **11.** Beechy Creek WMA (270-753-6913), **12.** Jones-Keeney WMA (270-753-6913), **13.** Kaler Bottoms WMA (270-753-6913), **14.** Kentucky Lake WMA (270-753-6913), **15.** Obion Creek WMA (270-488-3233) and **16.** Winford WMA (270-224-2244). **CALL FOR DETAILS: A.** Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge (270-527-5770); **B.** Fort Campbell Military Reservation (270-798-2175); **C.** Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area (270-924-2065); **D.** Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge (731-538-2481).

EXCEPTIONS:

- Open under statewide archery/crossbow seasons through Oct. 14 only.
- Open Aug. 20 – Oct. 14, 2016
- Open during the youth-only firearm season; closed for free youth weekend.
- Open during early muzzleloader season; closed during late muzzleloader season.
- December 1-31; daily limit 2.
- Tracts 1, 4, 5 and "A" tracts open Jan. 1-10 except if harvest limits are reached before Jan. 10; Tracts 2, 3, 6 and 7 open with statewide seasons and close Dec. 31.
- Open shotgun/muzzleloader deer hunt from Jan. 14-16, 2017; Limited to 140 hunters; Check in and check out required.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

* **Ballard WMA:** The main unit is closed to unauthorized public access Oct. 15 – Mar. 15; The area west of Hwy 473 within the two-mile driving loop is closed to all hunting as marked by signs; The 400-acre tract located south of Sallie Crice/Terrell Landing Road is open under statewide regulations for hunting and trapping seasons; A hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread less than 15 inches at any time, on any part of this WMA.

* **Boatwright WMA:** Olmsted, Peal and all other units open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, except some portions may be closed to public access as marked by signs.

* **Coil Estate WMA:** Eastern portion open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons; Western portion closed to all hunting and trapping as marked by signs.

* **Doug Travis WMA:** Some areas closed to public access as marked by signs Nov. 1 – Mar. 15.

* **Lake Barkley WMA:** North Island Refuge is closed Nov. 1 – Feb. 15; Duck Island Refuge is closed Oct. 15 – March 15, with the exception of the October muzzleloader deer season; All non-refuge tracts open under statewide regulations.

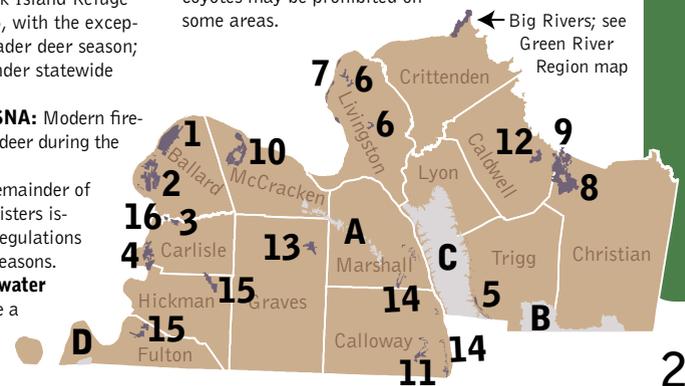
* **Livingston County WMA & SNA:** Modern firearms may not be used to take deer during the modern gun deer season.

* **Ohio River Islands WMA:** Remainder of WMA (Pryor, Rondeau and Sisters islands) open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

* **Pennyriple State Forest-Tradewater WMA:** A hunter shall not take a deer with an outside antler spread less than 15 inches.

* **West Kentucky WMA:** Check-in required before entering any area marked with an "A"; A hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread less than 15 inches at any time on any part of this WMA; Only shotguns may be used for small game or furbearer hunting; Hunters may not use centerfire rifles or handguns to take deer.

NOTE: Trapping on WMAs requires permission. Obtain permission from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife by calling the WMA office. Night hunting for coyotes may be prohibited on some areas.



GREEN RIVER REGION PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

- Open under statewide regulations
- Closed
- Quota hunt
- # Open with exception(s)



Deer - Archery/ Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Modern Gun	Deer - Youth Firearm	Squirrel	Rabbit	Grouse	Quail	Turkey	Furbearer	Bear	Elk Quota	Other
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MAP # and AREA NAME	PHONE	Deer - Archery/ Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Modern Gun	Deer - Youth Firearm	Squirrel	Rabbit	Grouse	Quail	Turkey	Furbearer	Bear	Elk Quota	Other
1 Barren River Lake WMA*	(270) 646-5167						1		1	2				
2 Big Rivers WMA & State Forest	(270) 374-3025	3												
3 Higginson-Henry WMA	(270) 389-3580						4		4	5				
4 Nolin River Lake WMA	(270) 646-5167						1		1					
5 Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area*	(502) 942-9171						6							
6 Peabody WMA*	(270) 476-1889			7					8					
7 Sloughs WMA - Sauerheber Unit*	(270) 827-2673	9	9	9	9	10			9					
8 Yellowbank WMA	(270) 547-6856						1		1					11

OPEN UNDER STATEWIDE REGULATIONS FOR ALL SPECIES in accordance with the county in which they are located: **9.** Clear Creek WMA (270-476-1889); **10.** Green River State Forest (270-797-3241); **11.** L.B. Davison WMA (270-476-1889); **12.** Lee K. Nelson WMA (270-389-3580); **13.** Marrowbone State Forest & WMA (270-646-5167); **14.** Rough River Lake WMA (270-646-5167).

CALL FOR DETAILS: A. Fort Knox Military Reservation (502-624-7311 or 502-624-2712).

EXCEPTIONS:

- Rabbit and quail hunting seasons open Nov. 1 - Dec. 31; Closed at Yellowbank WMA during pheasant quota hunts.
- On the Peninsula Unit, including Narrows, Goose and Grass islands, hunters may use a muzzleloading shotgun or crossbow during the fall firearm season and may use a crossbow during the fall archery season.
- During quota hunts, all deer hunting seasons on this WMA are closed, except to drawn hunters. Archery/Crossbow quota hunt from the Monday following the October youth-only weekend through Nov. 30, except when closed during the quota hunt that starts the first Saturday in November.
- Rabbit and quail hunting seasons open Nov. 14 – Dec. 31.
- Wild turkeys may not be harvested with a firearm (archery/crossbow only).
- Open Dec. 1-31, except during deer quota hunts.
- Open under statewide regulations for 10 consecutive days starting the second Saturday in November.
- Call the WMA's office for information regarding quail hunting.
- On the Sauerheber Unit, the archery, crossbow, muzzleloader and youth firearm deer seasons open under statewide regulations through Oct. 31; Crenshaw and Duncan II tracts open under statewide regulations through the end of modern gun season and waterfowl hunting Nov.

- Mar. 15. The remainder of the unit is closed to all public access Nov. 1 – Mar. 15, as designated by signs.
- Open Aug. 20 – Oct. 31.
- Pheasant quota hunts, either sex, limit two, Dec. 9, 10, 11. Open Dec. 12 only to drawn quota hunters, either sex limit three. Open Dec. 13-31, either sex, daily limit three.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

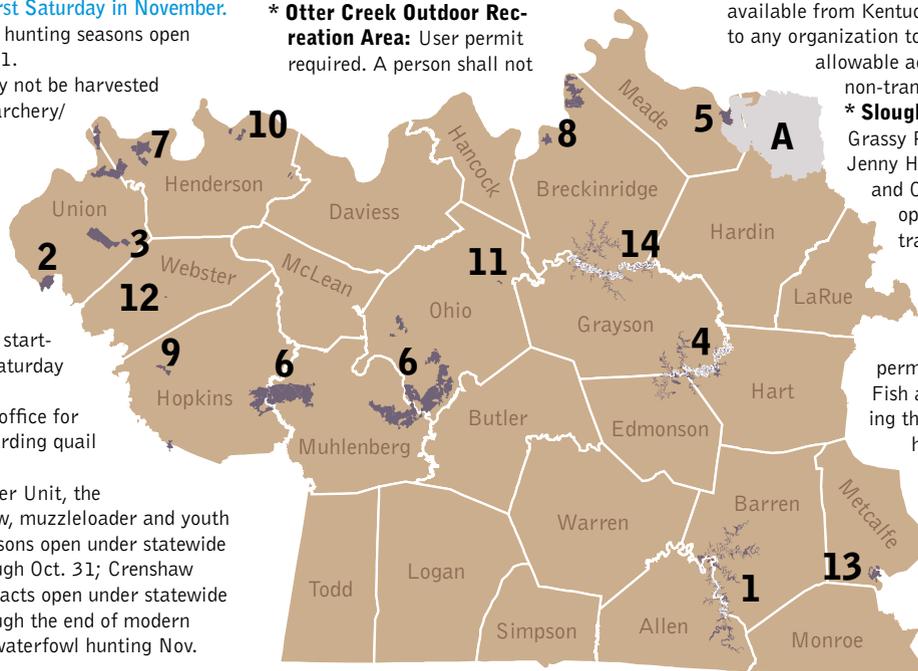
- * Barren River Lake WMA:** On the Peninsula Unit, including Narrows, Goose and Grass islands, hunters shall not use a modern firearm to take game.
- * Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area:** User permit required. A person shall not

enter the area during the deer quota hunt without a valid quota hunt confirmation number. All small game and turkey seasons closed during the quota deer hunt. Hunters may not use rifles or ball or slug ammunition to take furbearers and may not use a rimfire gun to take small game unless participating in the deer quota hunt. Trapping season open Jan. 1 through the last day in February.

*** Peabody WMA:** Any person ages 16 and older entering the area must obtain and carry a Peabody WMA user permit. Individual permits may be obtained through any license vendor. An event permit is available from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife to any organization to use the area for any allowable activity. Permits are non-transferable.

*** Sloughs WMA:** Ash Flats, Grassy Pond, Powells Lake, Jenny Hole, Highland Creek, and Cape Hills units are open for all hunting and trapping seasons.

NOTE: Trapping on WMAs requires permission. Obtain permission from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife by calling the WMA office. Night hunting for coyotes may be prohibited on some areas.



BLUEGRASS REGION PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

- Open under statewide regulations
- Closed
- Quota hunt
- # Open with exception(s)



MAP # and AREA NAME	PHONE	Deer - Archery/ Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Modern Gun	Deer - Youth Firearm	Squirrel	Rabbit	Grouse	Quail	Turkey	Furbearer	Bear	Elk Quota	Other
1 Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA*	(859) 428-2262						1		1					
2 Dr. James R. Rich WMA	(502) 535-6335													
3 Dr. Norman & Martha Adair WMA	(859) 428-2262													
4 Griffith Woods WMA	(859) 428-2262													
5 John A. Kleber WMA	(502) 535-6335						1		1					
6 John C. Williams WMA	(502) 477-9024													
7 Kentucky River WMA	(502) 535-6335			4										
8 Knobs State Forest & WMA	(502) 477-9024													
9 Miller Welch-Central Kentucky WMA*	(859) 986-4130	2									3			
10 Mullins WMA	(859) 428-2262						1		1					
11 T. N. Sullivan WMA	(502) 535-6335													
12 Taylorsville Lake WMA	(502) 477-9024						1		1					
13 Twin Eagle WMA	(502) 535-6335													
14 Veterans Memorial WMA*	(859) 428-2262													

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- 15.** Marion County WMA & State Forest (502-477-9024). **CALL FOR DETAILS: A.** Bluegrass Army Depot (859-779-6651).

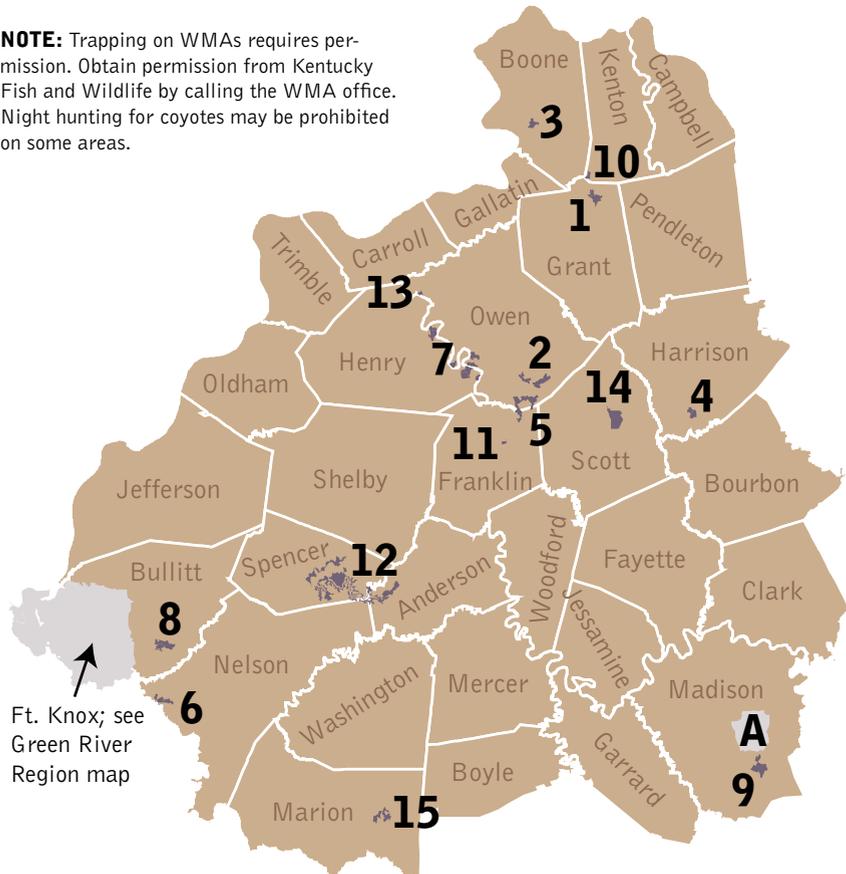
EXCEPTIONS:

1. Open Nov. 1 – Dec. 31.
2. Open archery hunt, either sex, Monday through Thursday only, from the first Saturday in September through Dec. 17, and daily from Dec. 18 through the third Monday in January; Open crossbow hunt, either sex, Monday through Thursday only, Oct. 1 through third full weekend of October and Nov. 12 through Dec. 17, and daily from Dec. 18-31; Closed during scheduled field trials as posted on bulletin board at WMA office.
3. Open for furbearer trapping; Closed for furbearer hunting.
4. Check-in, check-out required at John A. Kleber WMA office.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS

- * **Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA:** Unleashed dogs are prohibited April 1 until the third Saturday in August, except during department-authorized field trials and the spring squirrel season.
- * **Miller Welch-Central Kentucky WMA:** Unleashed dogs are prohibited April 1 until the third Saturday in August, except during department-authorized field trials and the spring squirrel season. At other times of the year, unleashed dogs are permitted on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.
- * **Veterans Memorial WMA:** Access within the WMA may be restricted due to construction.

NOTE: Trapping on WMA's requires permission. Obtain permission from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife by calling the WMA office. Night hunting for coyotes may be prohibited on some areas.



NORTHEAST REGION PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

- Open under statewide regulations
- Closed
- Quota hunt
- # Open with exception(s)



MAP # and AREA NAME	PHONE	Deer - Archery/ Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Modern Gun	Deer - Youth Firearm	Squirrel	Rabbit	Grouse	Quail	Turkey	Furbearer	Bear	Elk Quota	Other
1 Clay WMA - Main Unit*	(859) 289-8564	1					2	3	3					4/5
2 Czar Hunting Access* - Beech Fork Tract	(606) 889-1814											15	16	
3 Dewey Lake WMA*	(606) 226-9133			14	14							14	14	
4 Fishtrap Lake WMA	(606) 671-1113											15		
5 Fleming WMA	(859) 289-8564						6	7	6					
6 Grayson Lake WMA*	(606) 474-8535	8	20		9									
7 Paintsville Lake WMA*	(606) 226-9133			10	10								10	
8 Pioneer Weapons WMA	(606) 784-6428	17	11	11	11	19	19	19	19	17	19			
9 South Shore WMA*	(606) 474-8535			12	12									
10 Yatesville Lake WMA	(606) 686-3312			13										
11 Revelation Energy Hunting Access	(606) 783-8634											15	21	
A Daniel Boone National Forest	(859) 745-3100											15	16	

OPEN UNDER STATEWIDE REGULATIONS for all species in accordance with the county in which they are located:

12. Ed Mabry-Laurel Gorge WMA (606-474-8535); **13.** Tygarts State Forest (502-564-4496).

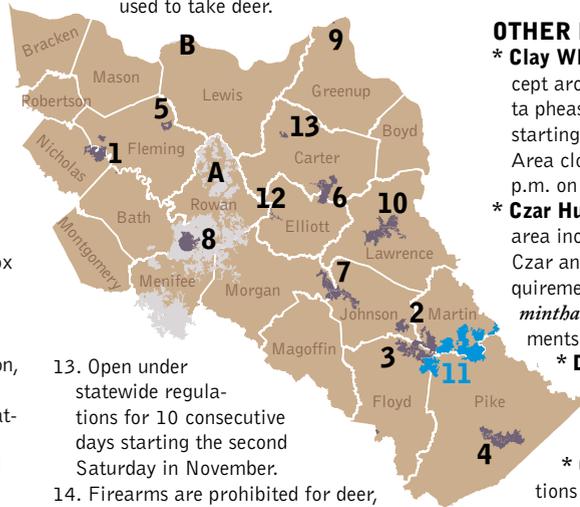
CALL FOR DETAILS: B. Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge (304-375-2923).

EXCEPTIONS

1. Archery hunting prohibited during the quota fox hunting field trials.
2. Open Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, except closed Nov. 5-6 for the deer quota hunt and Dec. 2-5 for the pheasant quota hunt, and closed until 2 p.m. on Nov. 9, Nov. 20, Dec. 17 and Dec. 27 for upland bird quota hunt.
3. Upland bird quota hunts on Nov. 9, Nov. 20, Dec. 17 and Dec. 27.
4. Pheasant quota hunts, either sex, limit two, Dec. 2, 3 and 4; Open Dec. 5, only to drawn pheasant quota hunters, either sex, limit three; Open Dec. 6-31, either sex, daily limit three.
5. The Upper and Lower Units of the management area are closed to public use Sept. 8-11 and Sept. 22-25, except for those registered to participate in quota fox hunting field trials on those days.
6. Open Nov. 1 – Dec. 31.
7. Open Oct. 1 – Dec. 31.
8. Crossbows legal during entire archery season, except closed during the open youth hunt.
9. An open youth hunt is held on the first Saturday in November for two consecutive days and is limited to youths ages 15 and under. Check in and check out required. Limit of two deer, only one of which may be antlered. Closed to all other hunting during the two-day event.
10. Firearms prohibited for deer and elk hunting on three areas near the dam: 1) the area extending eastward from the drainage of Glade Branch, along the north edge of the lake, to the No Hunting Area surrounding Rocky Knob Recreation Area and enclosing all property from the WMA boundary downslope to the lake edge, and 2) the islands visible from the state park boat ramp at the end of Ky 2275, and 3) the area extending eastward along the southern edge

of the lake from the drainage of Shoal Branch to the No Hunting Area surrounding the dam and ranger station, and extending downslope to the edge of the lake.

11. Hunters shall not use a modern firearm or in-line muzzleloading gun. Hunters shall use only open or iron sights on any weapon.
12. Centerfire rifles and handguns may not be used to take deer.



13. Open under statewide regulations for 10 consecutive days starting the second Saturday in November.
14. Firearms are prohibited for deer, bear, and elk hunting on two areas near the dam: 1) on the east side of the dam, the area extending southward from the dam to old Shoreline Campground No. 1, and 2) on the west side of the dam, the area extending westward from the dam along Ky 302 to Terry Boat Ramp.
15. Only portions of these public hunting areas within the bear zone are open to bear hunting.
16. Portions open during quota elk hunts to persons who possess the appropriate elk hunting permit.
17. Hunters may use a crossbow during the archery season.

18. Open for early muzzleloader season only.
19. Hunters shall not use any type of breech-loading firearm.
20. Open for December muzzleloader season only.
21. For elk hunting specifics, refer to Martin County, Bevin's Branch, Floyd-Knott, Breathitt County, Bledsoe and Wallin's Creek tract descriptions online at fw.ky.gov

OTHER RESTRICTIONS

- * **Clay WMA:** Area closed to all hunting except archery deer hunting and the quota pheasant hunt for four consecutive days starting on the first Friday in December. Area closed to small game hunting until 2 p.m. on upland bird quota hunt dates.
- * **Czar Hunting Access:** This hunting access area includes three tracts – Beech Fork, Czar and Bow. Special landowner area requirements and restrictions apply. Email mintha@czarky.net for further requirements before accessing the area.
- * **Dewey Lake WMA:** A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15 inches at any time.
- * **Grayson Lake WMA:** Some portions of the WMA are closed to all hunting or have special weapons restrictions; see online guide for details.
- * **Paintsville Lake WMA:** A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15 inches.
- * **South Shore WMA:** Closed to all hunting and public access November 15 – January 15, except open for waterfowl and dove hunting when statewide seasons are open.

NOTE: Trapping on WMAs requires permission. Obtain permission from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife by calling the WMA office. Night hunting for coyotes may be prohibited on some areas.

SOUTHEAST REGION PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

- Open under statewide regulations
- Closed
- Quota hunt
- # Open with exception(s)



Deer - Archery/ Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Modern Gun	Deer - Youth Firearm	Squirrel	Rabbit	Grouse	Quail	Turkey	Furbearer	Bear	Elk Quota	Other
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1 Asher Hunting Access Area	(606) 269-8164	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	10	■
2 Beaver Creek WMA	(606) 376-8083	■	■	■	■	■	1	2	1	■	■	■	10	■
3 Big South Fork NRRRA*	(606) 376-5073	■	■	■	■	■	1	2	1	■	■	■	10	■
4 Cane Creek WMA	(606) 376-8083	■	■	■	■	■	1	2	1	■	■	■	■	■
5 Cedar Creek Lake WMA	(270) 465-5039	■	■	■	■	■	1	■	■	■	7	■	■	■
6 Dennis-Gray WMA	(270) 465-5039	4	■	■	■	■	1	■	1	■	■	■	■	■
7 Dix River WMA	(270) 465-5039	■	■	■	■	■	1	2	1	■	■	■	■	■
8 Green River Lake WMA*	(270) 465-5039	4	■	■	■	■	1	■	1	■	■	■	■	6
9 Hensley-Pine Mountain WMA	(606) 269-8164	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	10	■
10 Hidden Valley Training Area*	(606) 878-9595	■	■	■	■	8	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
11 Lake Cumberland WMA	(606) 376-8083	■	■	■	■	■	1	2	1	■	■	5	10	■
12 Mill Creek WMA	(606) 878-9595	■	■	■	■	■	1	2	1	■	■	■	■	■
13 Mud Camp Creek WMA	(270) 465-5039	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
14 Paul Van Booven WMA	(606) 878-9595	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	9/10	■
15 Ping-Sinking Valley WMA	(606) 878-9595	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	5	■	■
16 R. F. Tarter WMA	(270) 465-5039	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
17 Redbird WMA	(606) 878-9595	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	10	■
18 Revelation Energy Hunting Access	(606) 337-9317	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	5	10	■
19 Robinson Forest WMA	(606) 878-9595	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	5	10	■
A Daniel Boone National Forest	(859) 745-3100	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	5	10	■

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for all species in accordance with the county in which they are located: **20.** Ashland WMA (606-878-9595), **21.** Boone Forestlands WMA (606-269-8164), **22.** Buck Creek WMA (606-878-9595), **23.** Buckhorn Lake WMA (606-878-9595), **24.** Burchell-Beech Creek WMA (606-878-9595), **25.** Carr Creek Lake WMA (606-269-8164), **26.** Corrigan WMA (606-269-8164), **27.** Cranks Creek WMA (606-269-8164), **28.** Dale Hollow Lake WMA (270-465-5039) **29.** Elk Forest WMA (606-269-8164), **30.** Fortner-Davis WMA (606-269-8164), **31.** Jefferson National Forest (888-265-0019), **32.** Kentenia State Forest (502-564-4496), **33.** Kentucky Fuel Corporation WMA (606-269-8164), **34.** Kentucky Ridge Forest WMA (606-269-8164)/Kentucky Ridge State Forest (502-564-4496), **35.** Martins Fork Lake WMA (606-269-8164), **36.** Martins Fork WMA & State Natural Area (606-269-8164), **37.** Shillalah Creek WMA (606-269-8164), **38.** Stone Mountain WMA & State Natural Area (606-269-8164), **39.** Wells Hunting Access Area (606-435-6229).

EXCEPTIONS

- Open Nov. 1 – Dec. 31.
- Open Oct. 1 – Dec. 31.
- Open under statewide regulations for two consecutive days starting the second Saturday in November.
- A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside spread of less than 15 inches.
- Only portions of these public hunting areas within the bear zone are open to bear hunting.
- Pheasant quota hunts, either sex, limit two, Nov. 18, 19 and 20; Open Nov. 21, only to drawn pheasant quota hunters, either sex, limit three; Open Nov. 22 – Dec. 31, either sex, daily limit three.
- Furbearer trapping open with permission; Closed for furbearer hunting.
- Open from Sept. 1 through the last day of February.

- Archery and crossbow only.
- Portions open during quota elk hunts to persons who possess the appropriate elk hunting permit.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS

*** Big South Fork NRRRA:** Open for wild pigs from the first Saturday in September through the end of February, but a

Big South Fork hog hunting permit is required at times. Call for specific dates and details. Permits may be purchased at park visitor centers or online at www.nps.gov/biso/planyourvisit/hog-hunting.htm.

*** Green River Lake WMA:** Area closed to all hunting except archery deer hunting and the quota pheasant hunt for four consecutive days starting on the third Friday in November.

*** Hidden Valley Training Area:** Area closes periodically for training exercises. Call (606) 878-9595 for more information about training dates.

NOTE: Trapping on WMAs requires permission. Obtain permission from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife by calling the WMA office. Night hunting for coyotes may be prohibited on some areas.

