

**2013 Firearm Season for Bears**  
***All Bear Seasons Open Only to KY Residents***

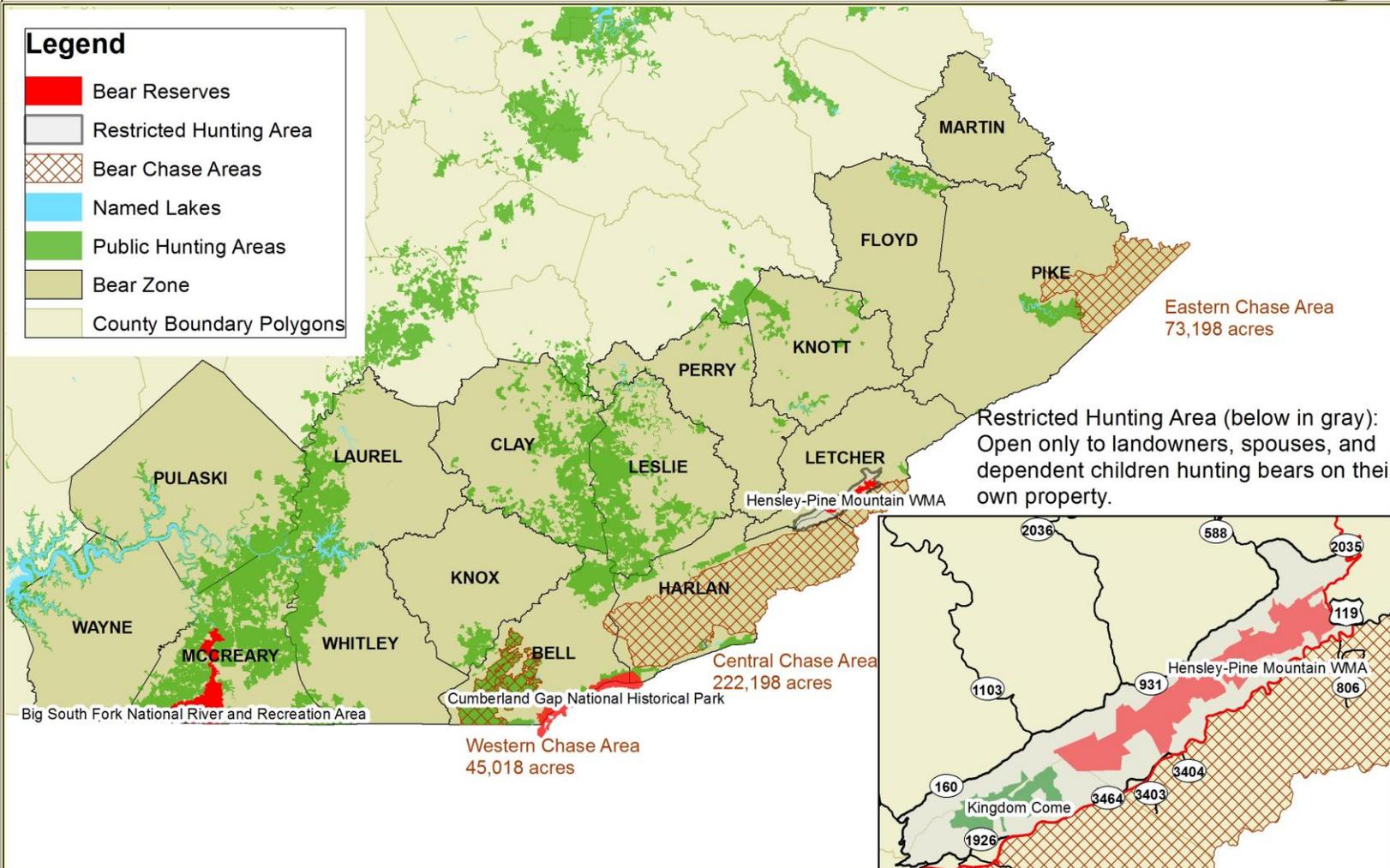
- Season dates: December 14 – 16, 2013.
- Bears may only be hunted in the Bear Zone during the firearm season.
- The Bear Zone includes Bell, Clay, Floyd, Harlan, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Leslie, Letcher, Martin, McCreary, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Wayne, and Whitley counties.
- Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area (McCreary County), Cumberland Gap National Historical Park (Bell County), and Hensley-Pine Mountain WMA (Letcher County) are closed to ALL bear hunting activities (see map below).
- Bear hunting within the Restricted Area around Hensley-Pine Mountain WMA and Kingdome Come State Resort Park (see map below) is restricted to landowners, spouses, and dependent children hunting on their own property.
- Modern firearms, muzzleloaders, archery equipment, and crossbows are legal during this season.
- Unless license exempt, hunters must purchase a hunting license and a Bear Permit (\$30).
- Bear Permits are available over-the-counter, by phone, and online.
- There is a quota of 10 bears or 5 females, whichever limit is reached first.
- All harvested bears must be checked at a KDFWR-operated check station and telechecked before leaving a check station.
- Call the KDFWR Info Center or visit our website in November for locations of bear check stations.
- All bear hunters must call 800-858-1549 after 9:00 PM each day to determine if the bear quota has been met.
- The season shall be closed the day after the season quota is met or after legal hours on Dec 16.
- Hunters shall not take a female bear with young or a bear weighing less than 75 pounds.
- A person shall only take 1 bear in a license year; this includes all bear hunting seasons.
- The use of bait and/or hounds is not permitted to take bears during this season.
- Leashed tracking dogs may be used to recover a wounded bear.

# Bear Season Overview 2013

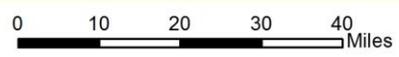


**Legend**

- Bear Reserves
- Restricted Hunting Area
- Bear Chase Areas
- Named Lakes
- Public Hunting Areas
- Bear Zone
- County Boundary Polygons



Restricted Hunting Area (below in gray):  
Open only to landowners, spouses, and dependent children hunting bears on their own property.



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