

tal of four turkeys, following fall turkey bag limits and equipment restrictions.

Youth hunters: Youth under the age of 12 are exempt from license and turkey permit requirements. Youth ages 12-15 are eligible to purchase a Youth Turkey Permit, which is valid during any turkey season for one turkey. Youth hunters must abide by season bag limits and harvest restrictions but can use the youth permit throughout the license year. The Youth Sportsman's License includes two (2) Youth Turkey Permits. Anyone may call turkeys, or assist in the hunt, for a legal hunter. Callers and assistants don't have to possess hunting licenses or turkey permits if they are not turkey hunting, and may carry equipment while in the field.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS

Turkey hunters may not use firearms to take turkeys during archery or crossbow-only seasons. On some WMAs, special equipment restrictions may apply.

YOUTH SUPERVISION

Firearm turkey hunters 15 years old

and younger must be accompanied by an adult, who shall remain in a position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm at all times.

HARVEST RECORDING and TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

The process and requirements for recording, checking and tagging harvested turkeys are the same as for deer and elk.

POSSESSION/RELEASE OF LIVE TURKEYS

Because of potential disease problems and genetic pollution, it is illegal to possess live wild turkeys. For the same reasons, domestic or pen-raised turkeys should not be released into the wild.

HUNTING TURKEYS OVER BAIT IS ILLEGAL

It is illegal to hunt turkeys over bait – an area where feed, grains or other substances capable of luring wild turkeys have been placed. An area is considered baited until 30 days after the bait has been removed. An area where grain, feed or other substance exists as the result of

LEGAL FALL TURKEY EQUIPMENT

- Breech-loading or muzzleloading shotguns no larger than 10-gauge and no smaller than 20-gauge.
- Breech-loading shotguns must be plugged to hold a maximum of three shells (two in magazine and one in chamber).
- Lead or non-toxic shot no larger than number 4.
- Longbows, recurve bows, and compound bows, of any draw weight (no minimum).
- Crossbows, of any draw weight (no minimum), with a working safety.
- Broadheads at least 7/8" wide, which aren't barbed, chemically-treated, or have attachments that contain chemicals.

bona fide agricultural practice or manipulating a crop for a wildlife management purpose is legal for turkey hunting.

SMALL GAME HUNTING & TRAPPING

SEASON DATES & RESTRICTIONS

SMALL GAME		Hunting	Trapping
Squirrel		Aug. 16 - Nov. 7 and Nov. 10, 2014 - Feb. 28, 2015	One-half hour before sunrise, Nov. 10, 2014 - Feb. 28, 2015
Rabbit	Eastern Zone	Nov. 1-7 and Nov. 10, 2014 - Jan. 31, 2015	One-half hour before sunrise, Nov. 10, 2014 - Jan. 31, 2015
	Western Zone	Nov. 10, 2014 - Feb. 10, 2015	One-half hour before sunrise, Nov. 10, 2014 - Feb. 10, 2015
Quail	Eastern Zone	Nov. 1-7 and Nov. 10, 2014 - Jan. 31, 2015	No trapping
	Western Zone	Nov. 10, 2014 - Feb. 10, 2015	
Grouse*		Nov. 1-7 and Nov. 10, 2014 - Feb. 28, 2015	
Falconry		Sept. 1, 2014 - Mar. 30, 2015	
Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week		Dec. 27, 2014 - Jan. 2, 2015	

* In Grouse Zone only. Information about grouse hunting on public areas is available online at fw.ky.gov.

SMALL GAME

The following animals are considered small game: squirrels, rabbits, northern bobwhite (quail) and grouse.

Only rabbits and squirrels may be trapped. Quail and grouse may not be trapped. Hunting bag limits apply. Trapping equipment and restrictions

are the same as those listed in the fur-bearer section.

A trapping license is required for anyone 12 years of age and older.

LEGAL SMALL GAME EQUIPMENT and METHODS

Hunting small game with sling-shots is prohibited.

Hunters may only use the following to take small game during the fall and winter seasons:

- Rifles that shoot rimfire ammunition, or .22 caliber handguns.
- Muzzle-loading or breech-loading shotguns no larger than 10-gauge. Breech-loading shotguns must be plugged to hold a maximum of three shells (two in magazine and one in chamber).
- Lead or non-toxic shot no larger than number 2.
- Muzzleloading rifles.
- Archery or crossbow equipment.
- Pellets fired from .177, .20, .22 or .25 caliber air guns.
- Dogs may be used to aid in the hunt.
- Falconry.

Trappers must harvest squirrels and rabbits upon capture, unless they possess a captive wildlife permit from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

Seasons on WMAs and other public hunting lands not managed by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife may be different from statewide seasons. Individual area listings are available online at fw.ky.gov.

BAG LIMITS

- Squirrel: Daily limit is 6; possession limit is 12.
- Rabbit: Daily limit is 4; possession limit is 8.
- Quail: Daily limit is 8; possession limit is 16.
- Grouse: Daily limit is 4; possession limit is 8.

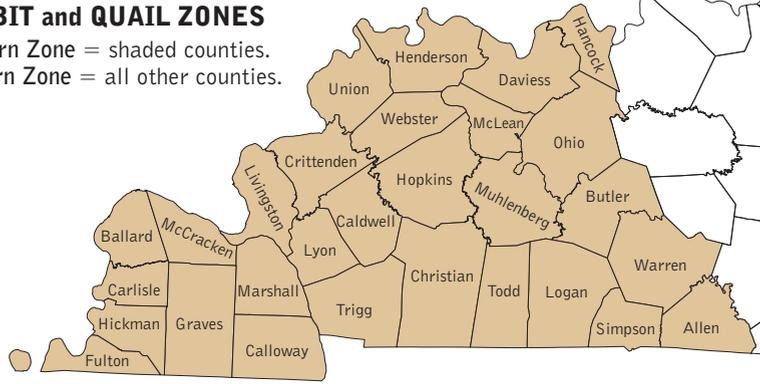
FREE YOUTH WEEK

Resident and nonresident youth hunters and trappers ages 15 and under may hunt and trap small game without a hunting or trapping license for seven consecutive days starting the Saturday after Christmas.

Hunter orange clothing must be

RABBIT and QUAIL ZONES

Western Zone = shaded counties.
Eastern Zone = all other counties.



Rabbit trapping permitted only when rabbit hunting season is open in each zone.

GROUSE HUNTING ZONE

Shaded counties only.



Grouse hunting is also allowed on Pennyryle State Forest, Tradewater WMA and Ft. Knox during the month of December, except during quota deer hunts.

worn by all hunters on Dec. 27-28, 2014 since youth hunters are also permitted to hunt deer with firearms at that time.

Youth hunters must comply with all equipment regulations and bag limits for small game when hunting or trapping. Hunter education is not required for license-exempt hunters. Adults accompanying youth hunters/trappers during the Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week do not need a license if they are not hunting/trapping.

FALCONRY SEASON

The limit for this hunting method is two (2) of any small game or furbearer species per falconer per day, except dur-

ing the fall and winter hunting season when the limits are the same as for other methods. Falconers must possess a falconry permit, as well as a valid Kentucky hunting license, and obey all applicable state and federal laws.

Q: Is there a limit on the number of rounds a magazine can hold when hunting small game with a rimfire .17 or .22?

A: No. There is no limit on a rimfire gun's magazine capacity when hunting small game.