



# FALL TURKEY HUNTING

## SEASON DATES & RESTRICTIONS

| FALL TURKEY | Shotgun                        | Archery                       | Crossbow                             |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|             | Oct. 25-31 and Dec. 6-12, 2014 | Sept. 6, 2014 - Jan. 19, 2015 | Oct. 1-19 and Nov. 8 - Dec. 31, 2014 |

**BAG LIMITS**

- Four (4) birds total;
- No more than two (2) birds may be taken during archery and crossbow seasons.
- No more than two (2) birds may be taken during shotgun season, regard-

less of weapon.

- No more than one (1) bird may have a beard length of three (3) inches or longer.

**PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

Adult hunters: Unless exempt, all

fall turkey hunters ages 16 and older must carry a Fall Turkey Permit or have been issued an authorization number for a Fall Turkey Permit before hunting.

The Fall Turkey Permit is valid for fall archery, crossbow and shotgun turkey seasons. The permit is good for a to-

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                      |   |
| 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](http://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 furbearer section.

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