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KNOW THE LAW!

Please read this guide carefully to prevent being cited for a violation. Make sure you understand Kentucky's hunting and trapping laws before going afield. If you need help understanding a law call 1-800-858-1549, weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The top five most issued citations related to hunting and trapping are: 1) Hunting or trapping without a license 2) Hunting or trapping without landowner's permission 3) Illegal take of game 4) Taking more game than the bag limit, and 5) Failure to tag or check game.

Be a mentor. Pass on the heritage and traditions of hunting, trapping and shooting sports in Kentucky.

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

— **Theodore Roosevelt**, 26th President and noted conservationist (1910).

I have spent my 14 years at the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources doing work that was worth doing. Together with my Commission, staff, volunteers and most importantly, our sportsmen and women, we have accomplished endeavors that are the envy of the nation.

In the last decade and a half, we have seen the restoration of elk, the recovery of deer, turkey and bears, and the proliferation of bass, crappie, catfish, trout and others, all through the support of our customers and the relentless efforts of the Department to make Kentucky THE destination for hunting and angling. Our efforts have been rewarded through the recognition of our peers. The Quality Deer Management Association has twice recognized the Department as Agency of the Year, as has the Sustainable Forestry Initiative. We have re-formed a relationship with the League of Kentucky Sportsmen that is better than it has ever been in my tenure. And we enjoy the support of more than 80 percent of all sportsmen and women, according to the latest polls.

Mixing government and conservation can be tricky business. In many cases, the two almost seem mutually exclusive. I have always strived to manage the Department from the perspective of our hunters and anglers, even if it has put me at odds with the political winds that frequently blow through Frankfort. I have stood up for the sportsmen and women and for the resource. I have defended the actions and programs that I and my incredible staff undertake, without fanfare, on a daily basis. I have seen the triumph of great achievement, known spectacular failure and experienced the feeling of both victory and defeat. I am marred with dust and blood and sweat, but I have always given it my best while "daring greatly."

The next few years will be critical to our agency and our wild resources, as political, economic and social pressures continue to try and divert us from our mission. But one thing is certain. Regardless of the outcome, I will always stick up for our wild resources and the people that have paid the freight to keep them abundant. I wish you all tight lines and warm barrels for many years to come!

— Dr. Jonathan Gassett

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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This is a summary of the laws regarding hunting and trapping, intended solely for informational use. It is not a reprint of any referenced Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) or Kentucky Administrative Regulation (KAR) in its entirety and should not be used as such. The exact wording of Kentucky's hunting and trapping laws can be viewed at *fw.ky.gov*. Click on Enforcement, Seasons and Laws, then Fish and Wildlife Laws, then Administrative Regulations.

Throughout the year, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife also produces regulation guides for fishing and boating, spring hunting, waterfowl and other migratory bird hunting (dove, wood duck, teal, woodcock, snipe and crow). These guides are available free wherever licenses are sold, and are posted online.

NEW THIS YEAR

Changes from last season are printed in **blue** throughout this guide to assist you in noticing those changes.

BEAR

Bear season regulations were still pending legislative approval when this guide went to press.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife is proposing to expand the number of counties in the Bear Zone, create an Archery/Crossbow season, expand the chase area, and establish a harvest quota for each bear season.

Please call 1-800-858-1549 or visit *fw.ky.gov* for the details on Kentucky's 2013-14 bear seasons.

ELK

The number of elk permits issued through the general quota hunt drawing will increase from 900 to 1,000.

The 16-county elk restoration zone has been divided into North At-Large and South At-Large, and three Limited Entry Areas (LEAs) have been established. This means elk hunters will have a choice of five areas to hunt.

Two WMAs have been designated Active Restoration Areas, and are off limits to elk hunting – Fishtrap WMA in the North At-Large Area, and southernmost parcel of Corrigan WMA in the South At-Large Area.

There is no restriction on the number of people who can accompany an elk hunter.

The three-day youth elk hunt on Paul Van Booven WMA has been replaced with a special youth-only permit (10 permits will be awarded) that allows youth hunters to hunt during all seasons, but they must decide where they wish to hunt, or they will be assigned an area.

On Jan. 1, 2014, applications will go on sale for the 2014-15 Kentucky elk quota hunts. The application period is now Jan. 1 through April 30.

Hazard LEA, with 77,200 acres in Breathitt, Knott and Perry counties. It includes 14,120 acres open to public hunting.

Caney LEA, with 16,665 acres in Floyd and Knott counties. It includes 3,720 acres open to public hunting.

Straight Creek LEA, with 118,081 acres in Bell, Clay, Harlan and Leslie counties. It includes 55,189 acres open to public hunting.

The North At-Large Area is 1.7 million acres and is composed of all or parts of nine counties, bordered by Martin County on the north and Perry County on the South. The South At-Large Area is 2.2 million acres and is composed of all or parts of eleven counties, bordered by Breathitt County on the north and McCreary County on the South. The boundary between the North and South At-Large Areas runs through four counties – Breathitt, Perry, Knott and Letcher.

FURBEARERS

A change in the coyote hunting regulations was still pending legislative approval when this guide went to press.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife is proposing to allow coyote hunting after daylight hours, with restrictions on when lights and night-vision equipment may be used.

Please call 1-800-858-1549 or visit *fw.ky.gov* for the details on coyote hunting after daylight hours.

Air guns, with a minimum of .22 caliber, may be used to take furbearers.

SMALL GAME

.25 caliber air guns may be used to take small game.

An open wild quail hunt will be held on the Sinclair Unit of Peabody WMA during quail season. The shooting hours, Monday through Saturday, are 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., local time; closed on Sundays. Hunters must check in and check out at the Peabody WMA office, and a hunting log must be visibly displayed on the dashboard of the hunter's vehicle.

2013-14 KENTUCKY HUNTING SEASONS

DEER	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
Modern Gun	Nov. 9-24, 2013 (either sex)		Nov. 9-18, 2013 (either sex)	Nov. 9-18, 2013 (antlered only)
Archery	Sept. 7, 2013 - Jan. 20, 2014 (either sex)			Sept. 7, 2013 - Jan. 20, 2014 (either sex, except antlered only Oct. 19-20, Nov. 9-18 and Dec. 14-19)
Crossbow	Oct. 1-20 and Nov. 9 - Dec. 31, 2013 (either sex)			Oct. 1-20 and Nov. 9 - Dec. 31, 2013 (either sex, except antlered only Oct. 19-20, Nov. 9-18 and Dec. 14-19)
Muzzleloader	Oct. 19-20 and Dec. 14-22, 2013 (either sex)			Oct. 19-20, Nov. 9-18 and Dec. 14-19, 2013 (antlered only) and Dec. 20-22 (either sex)
Youth-only Firearms	Oct. 12-13, 2013 (either sex)			
Free Youth Weekend*	Dec. 28-29, 2013 (either sex)			

*During the Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, hunters ages 15 and under may hunt deer with a firearm without a license or deer permit, but must be accompanied by an adult.

QUOTA ELK	Firearms	Archery	Crossbow
Bull (antlered)	**Week 1:** Oct. 5-11, 2013 **Week 2:** Oct. 12-18, 2013	Sept. 21 - Oct. 4, Oct. 19 - Dec. 13 and Dec. 28, 2013 - Jan. 20, 2014	Oct. 19-20, Nov. 9 - Dec. 13 and Dec. 28-31, 2013
Cow (antlerless)	**Week 1:** Dec. 14-20, 2013 **Week 2:** Dec. 21-27, 2013	Oct. 19 - Dec. 13 and Dec. 28, 2013 - Jan. 20, 2014	
Youth-only Quota (either sex)	All seasons as noted above		

Hunters must follow deer season and equipment regulations to take elk from any county not included in the 16-county elk restoration zone (out-of-zone), and must have an out-of-zone elk permit.

BEAR	Chase-only	Firearms, archery and crossbow
	Aug. 1-31, 2013	Dec. 14-16, 2013 Pike, Letcher, Harlan and Bell counties

FALL TURKEY	Shotgun	Archery	Crossbow
	Oct. 26 - Nov. 1 and Dec. 7-13, 2013	Sept. 7, 2013 - Jan. 20, 2014	Oct. 1-20 and Nov. 9 - Dec. 31, 2013

SMALL GAME		Hunting	Trapping
Squirrel		Aug. 17 - Nov. 8 and Nov. 11, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014	Noon, Nov. 11, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014
Rabbit	Eastern Zone	Nov. 1-8 and Nov. 11, 2013 - Jan. 31, 2014	Nov. 11, 2013 - Jan. 31, 2014
	Western Zone	Nov. 11, 2013 - Feb. 10, 2014	
Quail	Eastern Zone	Nov. 1-8 and Nov. 11, 2013 - Jan. 31, 2014	No trapping
	Western Zone	Nov. 11, 2013 - Feb. 10, 2014	
Grouse*		Nov. 1-8 and Nov. 11, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014	
Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week		Dec. 28, 2013 - Jan. 3, 2014	

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

FURBEARERS	Hunting	Trapping
Raccoon & Opossum	Oct. 1, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014, day or night	Noon Nov. 11, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014
Coyote	Year-round, daylight hours only	
Bobcat	Noon Nov. 23 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014, daylight hours only	
River Otter, Muskrat, Mink, Beaver, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Weasel & Striped Skunk	Noon Nov. 11, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014, daylight hours only	
Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week	Dec. 28, 2013 - Jan. 3, 2014	

OTHER SPECIES	Hunting
Crow	Sept. 1 - Nov. 7, 2013 and Jan. 4 - Feb. 28, 2014
Bullfrog	Noon May 17 - Oct. 31, 2013
Falconry	Sept. 1, 2013 - Mar. 30, 2014
Groundhog	year-round
Wild Pig*	year-round, except Big South Fork NRRA

*It is illegal to possess live wild pigs in Kentucky; all trapped pigs must be killed at the trap site, and not released or moved. Wild pigs may not be hunted at night. Wild pigs may be hunted in the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area from Sept. 7, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014. Hunters must have a permit from the National Park Service to hunt wild pigs from Jan. 21 through Feb. 28, 2014.

GENERAL INFORMATION

LICENSES AND PERMITS

GENERAL HUNTER LICENSING

Persons who take or attempt to take game are considered hunters and therefore subject to licensing requirements.

Unless license exempt, hunters must obtain and carry while in the field proof that they have met the license requirements for the kind of hunting they are doing. This proof can be either a paper license/permit or a license authorization number. Persons who can't show they are licensed properly while hunting risk being issued a citation.

Each hunter must have his or her own license or permit. Paper licenses and permits must be signed and the hunter information portion (signature, address, eye and hair color, sex, height and weight) completed before going afield.

Replacements for lost licenses and permits are available free if printed off the department's website. Go to *fw.ky.gov*. Click on "Licenses & Permits," then the "Lost Your License?" tab.

LICENSE-EXEMPT HUNTERS

In some cases, a resident hunter may not be required to buy a hunting license, permits to hunt deer, bear or turkey, or a Kentucky Waterfowl Permit. Here are those situations:

- Kentucky resident owners of farmlands, their spouses and dependent children hunting upon their own farmlands during an open season;
- Tenants, their spouses and dependent children hunting on farmlands where they reside and work; and
- Kentucky residents on military leave of more than three days in this state who carry identification and papers that verify their leave status.
- Members of the U.S. Armed Forces based in Kentucky engaged in sport hunting or fishing on these Kentucky National Guard properties: Hidden Valley Training Area in Powell County, and the Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center in Muhlenberg County.

Resident and nonresident children under the age of 12 are not required to purchase licenses and permits, except the elk lottery application. Hunters eligible to participate in the Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week or Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, and adults who accompany a youth hunter but are not hunting themselves, are not required to have a license or permit during these seasons.

SHOOTING PRESERVE LICENSE

A $5 shooting preserve license, available only online at *fw.ky.gov*, is valid for one license year only, and only at the shooting preserve indicated at the time of purchase.

HIP SURVEYS

When purchasing a Kentucky Waterfowl Permit, Kentucky Migratory Bird Permit, or any license that includes those permits, hunters are required by federal law to complete a Harvest Information Program (HIP) survey at the time of purchase. Your license retailer (or phone operator) will ask you questions to fill out this survey. If you purchase your license online, you will be prompted to answer those questions at the end of your purchase.

Other laws apply!

Hunters exempt from buying licenses and permits are required to follow hunting season laws, bag limits, comply with the hunter orange clothing law, and follow hunter harvest recording, checking and tagging requirements. Kentucky landowners, their legal dependents and their tenants, as described above, are subject to the usual license requirements anytime they hunt somewhere other than their own lands.

You can buy licenses and permits online. Scan this symbol with your smartphone for quick access to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website!

HOW TO BUY LICENSES AND PERMITS

It is the hunter's responsibility to know what type of license/permit is needed.

When buying a license/permit the hunter's date of birth and Social Security number must be provided.

If you have licensing questions call Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

IN PERSON

Licenses/permits can be purchased throughout the state at about 900 locations, including country stores, some county court clerk offices, local hunting and fishing businesses, and some chain stores that sell outdoor sporting goods.

A list of license vendors can be viewed at *fw.ky.gov*.

BY PHONE

Licenses/permits can be purchased over the telephone 24 hours a day, by calling toll-free at 1-877-598-2401. All licenses/permits, except a disability license, elk lottery application and youth licenses/permits, can be purchased by telephone.

Hunters purchasing licenses/permits by phone will be charged a small

fee, and must pay with a Visa, Mastercard, or Discover card, or an e-check. Hunters will be issued an authorization number which serves as the license/permit.

If requested, a paper license/permit (except short-term licenses) will be mailed to the hunter. The paper license must be filled out and signed by the hunter.

The authorization number and a picture ID must be carried in the field while hunting. Both the authorization number and paper license are valid for the license year.

ONLINE

Licenses/permits can be purchased at *fw.ky.gov*.

Hunters purchasing licenses/permits online must pay with a Visa, Mastercard or Discover card, or a Kentucky Fish & Wildlife Gift Certificate. Gift Certificates are available only at *fw.ky.gov*.

While hunting, a print out of their license/permit must be carried. Hunters who buy licenses/permits online will not be mailed a paper license/permit.

WHICH LICENSE OR PERMIT DO I NEED?

KENTUCKY RESIDENTS	Ages 12-15	Ages 16-64	Ages 65 and over OR Disabled
Deer	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Deer Permit*	Annual Hunting License† + Statewide Deer Permit†	Senior/Disabled License
Fall Turkey	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Turkey Permit*	Annual Hunting License† + Fall Turkey Permit†	Senior/Disabled License
Spring Turkey	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Turkey Permit*	Annual Hunting License† + Spring Turkey Permit†	Senior/Disabled License
Small Game & Furbearer	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License	Senior/Disabled License
Trapping	Annual Youth Trapping License	Annual or Landowner/Tenant Trapping License	Annual or Landowner/Tenant Trapping License
Migratory Birds (dove, snipe, woodcock, moorhens, rails, gallinules)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird **or** Kentucky Waterfowl Permit†	Senior/Disabled License
Waterfowl (ducks, geese, coots and mergansers)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Waterfowl Permit† + Federal Duck Stamp	Senior/Disabled License + Federal Duck Stamp

NONRESIDENTS (must buy nonresident licenses/permits)	Ages 12-15	Ages 16 and over
Deer	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Deer Permit*	Annual Hunting License + Statewide Deer Permit
Fall Turkey	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Turkey Permit*	Annual Hunting License + Fall Turkey Permit
Spring Turkey	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Turkey Permit*	Annual Hunting License + Spring Turkey Permit
Small Game & Furbearer	Youth Hunting License*	Annual, 1-Day or 5-Day Hunting License
Trapping	Annual Trapping License	Annual Trapping License
Migratory Birds (dove, snipe, woodcock, moorhens, rails, gallinules)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual, 1-Day or 5-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird **or** Kentucky Waterfowl Permit
Waterfowl (ducks, geese, coots and mergansers)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual, 1-Day or 5-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Waterfowl Permit + Federal Duck Stamp

*Included in Youth Sportsman's License
†Included in Resident Sportsman's License

HIP survey required (also required for Resident Sportsman's License). You will be asked survey questions during your purchase.

Q: Are the Kentucky Waterfowl Permit and the Kentucky Migratory Bird Permit the same?

A: No. The Kentucky Waterfowl Permit covers all migratory birds, including ducks and geese. The Kentucky Migratory Bird Permit covers just doves, snipe, woodcock, moorhens, rails and gallinules.

LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES

	LICENSE / PERMIT	Resident	Nonresident
LICENSES	**Annual Fishing**	$20.00	$50.00
	Joint Husband/Wife Annual Fishing	$36.00	Not available
	1-Day Fishing	$7.00	$10.00
	Nonresident 7-Day Fishing	Not available	$30.00
	Nonresident 15-Day Fishing	Not available	$40.00
	Trout Permit	$10.00	
	Annual Hunting	$20.00	$130.00
	1-Day Hunting (not valid for deer, elk, turkey or bear)	$7.00	$10.00
	5-Day Hunting (not valid for deer, elk, turkey or bear)	Not available	$40.00
	Annual Youth Hunting (ages 12-15 only)	$5.00	
	Shooting Preserve License (available online at *fw.ky.gov* only)	$5.00	
	Annual Trapping	$20.00	$130.00
	Annual Landowner/Tenant Trapping	$10.00	Not available
	Annual Youth (ages 12-15) **Trapping**	$5.00	Not available
COMBO LICENSES	**Annual Combination Hunting/Fishing**	$30.00	Not available
	Senior/Disabled Combination Hunting/Fishing* (includes same license and permits as Resident Sportsman's License, plus additional deer permits.)	$5.00	Not available
	Sportsman's License* (Includes combination hunting/fishing, statewide deer permit, spring and fall turkey permits, state waterfowl permit and trout permit.)	$95.00	Not available
	Youth (ages 12-15) **Sportsman's License*** (Includes youth hunting license, youth deer permit and youth turkey permit.)	$25.00	
DEER	**Statewide Deer Permit** (two deer)	$30.00	$60.00
	Youth (ages 12-15) **Deer Permit** (one deer)	$10.00	
	Additional Deer Permit (two deer)	$15.00	
BIRDS	**Spring Turkey Permit** (statewide) (two turkeys)	$30.00	$60.00
	Youth (ages 12-15) **Turkey Permit** (one turkey, spring or fall)	$10.00	
	Fall Turkey Permit (statewide)(four turkeys)	$30.00	$60.00
	Kentucky Waterfowl Permit	$15.00	
	Migratory Bird Permit	$10.00	
	Federal Duck Stamp (available at post offices and online at *www.duckstamp.com*)	$15.00	
	Pheasant Quota Hunt Permit (if drawn)	$25.00	
ELK	**Elk Lottery Application** (deadline April 30; available at *fw.ky.gov* only)	$10.00	
	Youth WMA Elk Lottery (deadline April 30; available at *fw.ky.gov* only)	$10.00	
	Elk Quota Hunt Permit (if drawn)	$30.00	$365.00
	Out-of-Zone Elk Permit	$30.00	$365.00
BEAR	**Bear Permit**	$30.00	Not available
	Bear Chase Permit	$30.00	Not available
	Youth Bear Chase Permit	$10.00	Not available
AREAS	**Peabody WMA User Permit**	$15.00	
	Land Between the Lakes (LBL) **Hunter Use Permit**	$20.00	
	Otter Creek ORA Admission Fees (per person) (available online at *fw.ky.gov*)	Daily: $3.00, annual: $30.00, children under 12: free.	
	Otter Creek ORA Special Activity Fees (per person, for use of horse trails, mountain bike trails and shooting range) (available online at *fw.ky.gov*)	Daily: $7.00, annual: $70.00	
OTHER	**Temporary Hunter Education Exemption Permit** (available online at *fw.ky.gov* only)	$5.00	

*Peabody, LBL and Otter Creek permits, elk lottery application, elk quota hunt permit, out-of-zone elk permit, additional deer permit, bear permit, federal duck stamp and trapping license not included.

Kentucky's license year begins March 1 and continues through the last day of February. New licenses are required annually. A 1-day or 5-day hunting license is valid only for the period shown on license. Resident and nonresident youth under the age of 12 are not required to purchase licenses or permits (except the elk lottery application).

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

SPORTSMAN'S LICENSE - SAVE $50

Available to Kentucky residents only, the Sportsman's License includes a combination hunting and fishing license, spring and fall turkey permits, statewide deer permit, state waterfowl permit (which also covers dove and other migratory bird hunting) and trout permit.

A federal duck stamp (available at post offices and online at *www.duckstamp.com*) is required for waterfowl hunting.

YOUTH HUNTER LICENSING

Resident and non-resident hunters under the age of 12 are not required to purchase licenses and permits, except for the elk lottery application.

Persons under 12 years old, who have passed a hunter education course, may hunt small game, furbearers and waterfowl without being accompanied by an adult.

Resident and non-resident hunters ages 12-15 are eligible to purchase discounted licenses and permits, which are valid for the entire license year, if they are purchased before the youth's 16th birthday. Persons 15 years of age and under who hunt turkey, elk, deer or bear with a firearm must always be accompanied by an adult.

The $5 Annual Youth Hunting License authorizes the holder to hunt all small game species and migratory bird species. Hunters 15 and younger are exempt from purchasing a Kentucky waterfowl or Kentucky migratory bird permit, and a federal duck stamp.

A youth hunting license shall not be issued without the written permission of a parent or guardian, or person having custody of the youth hunter, who shall sign the youth hunter's license to signify consent.

The $10 Youth Deer Permit allows the hunter to take one deer. A youth

RESIDENT SENIOR AND DISABILITY LICENSES

The following are eligible to purchase the $5 Senior or Disability Combination Hunting and Fishing License (which includes the same license and permits as the Resident Sportsman's License, plus additional deer permits):

- Kentucky residents 65 years of age or older.
- Kentucky residents certified totally and permanently disabled by the Federal Social Security Administration, a state Workers Compensation Board, the Kentucky Teacher Retirement System or the United States Railroad Retirement Board.
- Kentucky resident employees of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, declared totally and permanently disabled by a recognized authority.
- Kentucky resident veterans at least 50% disabled as the result of a service-connected disability.

Seniors need only show proof of age and residency to purchase this license. Persons with disabilities listed above must first obtain a disability authorization card from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

To obtain a disability license authorization card:

If your disability is through the:

- **Federal Social Security Administration:** Contact your local Social Security office and request a form showing your name, address, complete Social Security number and date of birth, which states that you are disabled and drawing benefits. Send form to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.
- **Veteran's Administration:** Contact your local VA office and request a letter that verifies you are at least 50% disabled as a result of a service-connected disability. Send letter to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

If your disability is through other state or federal agencies call 1-800-858-1549.

Once the proper documentation is processed, applicants will receive their authorization card by mail. The authorization card is not a license. It must be presented to the license seller, or the authorization number entered online, at the time of purchase.

License vendors cannot sell a disability license using an expired authorization card.

Senior and Disability Combination Licenses are valid through the end of February each year.

If you lose your card, contact Kentucky Fish and Wildlife for a replacement.

Mail or fax

Except for those who qualify for a Disability License through Worker's Compensation, mail or fax your disability certification to:

KDFWR Disability License
#1 Sportsman's Lane
Frankfort, KY 40601
FAX: (502) 564-9845

You may also bring the documentation in person to the department office in Frankfort at #1 Sportsman's Lane during business hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Monday - Friday.

Q: For how long is a disability authorization card valid?

A: A disability authorization card is valid for three years (check the expiration date on your card). **Every three years**, you must provide updated paperwork (following the instructions to the left) and get a new card. Those who already have a disability authorization card through the Veteran's Administration, Railroad Retirement Board or Office of Personnel Management may call 1-800-310-1873 to get a new card.

hunter may purchase a total of two $10 Youth Deer Permits. To harvest more than two deer, a youth hunter must purchase an Additional Deer Permit ($15 each, for two deer).

The $10 Youth Turkey Permit allows the hunter to take one turkey. A youth hunter may purchase a total of two $10 Youth Turkey Permits. The $10 Youth Turkey Permits may be used during any turkey season.

The $25 Youth Sportsman's License includes a youth hunting license, youth deer permit and youth turkey permit.

During the Free Youth Hunting and Trapping Week (Dec. 28, 2013 - Jan. 3, 2014), resident and nonresident hunters 15 and under may hunt or trap small game and furbearers without a license. All other regulations and limits apply.

Youth hunters who hunt deer or out-of-zone elk with a firearm during the Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend (Dec. 28-29, 2013) are not required to have a deer or out-of-zone elk permit, but must be accompanied by an adult, and follow all other deer/elk hunting regulations.

Hunter education is not required for youth to participate in the Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, or the Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week, but is strongly recommended.

RESIDENT LICENSING

A resident is any person who has established permanent domicile and legal residence and has resided in Kentucky for 30 days prior to purchasing a license, full-time students enrolled in an educational institution for at least a six-month term, and military service personnel on permanent assignment in Kentucky.

NONRESIDENT LICENSING

A person who does not meet the definition of a Kentucky resident is considered a nonresident and must purchase nonresident licenses and permits.

Nonresident youth hunters are subject to the same license and permit requirements as resident youth hunters.

A nonresident who owns land in Kentucky must purchase nonresident licenses and permits.

RECORDING, CHECKING, TAGGING AND TRANSPORTING

Harvested Deer, Elk, Turkey, Bear, Bobcat and Otter

The following regulations apply to all deer, elk, turkey, bear, bobcat and otter taken by hunters or trappers, including landowners and other license-exempt hunters.

HARVEST LOG

All hunters must fill out a harvest log as soon as the animal is taken and before it is moved.

Information that must be written on the harvest log includes the species and sex of animal taken, date, county of harvest and telecheck confirmation number.

A harvest log is on the back of any paper license or permit. Hunters may also print a harvest log off the department's website: *fw.ky.gov*. Click on the yellow icon "Purchase Licenses Here," then "Printable Harvest Log."

License exempt hunters, youth under 12 years of age, and those who only have a license authorization number, may create their own harvest log by writing the information on a piece of paper or note card.

Hunters and trappers must have the completed harvest log in their possession whenever afield during the current season (KAR 2:140).

KENTUCKY COUNTY CODE NUMBERS FOR TELECHECK

001	Adair	025	Clark	049	Harrison	073	McCracken	097	Perry
002	Allen	026	Clay	050	Hart	074	McCreary	098	Pike
003	Anderson	027	Clinton	051	Henderson	075	McLean	099	Powell
004	Ballard	028	Crittenden	052	Henry	076	Madison	100	Pulaski
005	Barren	029	Cumberland	053	Hickman	077	Magoffin	101	Robertson
006	Bath	030	Daviess	054	Hopkins	078	Marion	102	Rockcastle
007	Bell	031	Edmonson	055	Jackson	079	Marshall	103	Rowan
008	Boone	032	Elliott	056	Jefferson	080	Martin	104	Russell
009	Bourbon	033	Estill	057	Jessamine	081	Mason	105	Scott
010	Boyd	034	Fayette	058	Johnson	082	Meade	106	Shelby
011	Boyle	035	Fleming	059	Kenton	083	Menifee	107	Simpson
012	Bracken	036	Floyd	060	Knott	084	Mercer	108	Spencer
013	Breathitt	037	Franklin	061	Knox	085	Metcalfe	109	Taylor
014	Breckinridge	038	Fulton	062	Larue	086	Monroe	110	Todd
015	Bullitt	039	Gallatin	063	Laurel	087	Montgomery	111	Trigg
016	Butler	040	Garrard	064	Lawrence	088	Morgan	112	Trimble
017	Caldwell	041	Grant	065	Lee	089	Muhlenberg	113	Union
018	Calloway	042	Graves	066	Leslie	090	Nelson	114	Warren
019	Campbell	043	Grayson	067	Letcher	091	Nicholas	115	Washington
020	Carlisle	044	Green	068	Lewis	092	Ohio	116	Wayne
021	Carroll	045	Greenup	069	Lincoln	093	Oldham	117	Webster
022	Carter	046	Hancock	070	Livingston	094	Owen	118	Whitley
023	Casey	047	Hardin	071	Logan	095	Owsley	119	Wolfe
024	Christian	048	Harlan	072	Lyon	096	Pendleton	120	Woodford

TELECHECK
1-800-CHK-GAME (1-800-245-4263)

All hunters must telecheck the deer, elk, turkey, bear, bobcat and river otters they harvest, providing the details requested by the automated check-in system.

Hunters may also check in the animals they harvest online at *fw.ky.gov* from a home computer, smartphone or tablet.

Checking a harvested animal takes about five minutes. Entering false information is unlawful. Multiple animals may be telechecked during the same call.

All harvested animals must be telechecked by midnight on the day the animal is recovered.

Bears must be telechecked before the hunter leaves the department check-in station. Deer and elk must be telechecked before removing the hide or head.

Telecheck is in service 24 hours a day while hunting seasons are open. Listen to each question carefully and provide the requested information using the keypad on any touch tone phone.

Callers will be asked their Social Security number and code for the county in which the animal was taken. All youth hunters must use their social security number when telechecking an animal.

Callers must also indicate the animal's species and sex. Deer hunters who take button bucks should check the deer as "male" and then choose "no visible antler" when prompted.

Next, callers will be asked about the type of equipment used to harvest the animal, whether the land was private or public, and the type of license they have. License choices may include: Statewide License, $5 Senior/Disabled License, Landowner, Deer Control Tag, Trapping License, Elk Permit or Out-of-Zone Elk Permit.

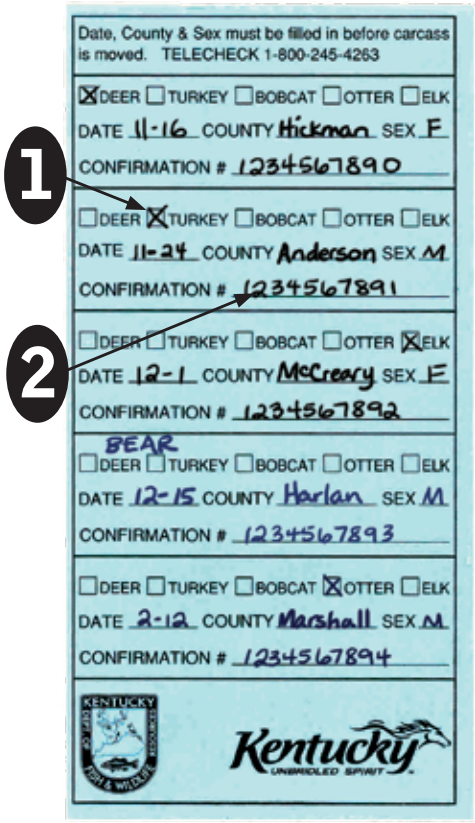
Youth under 12, youth who check deer taken during the Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, or license exempt military personnel should select "Statewide License."

Once the harvest information has been entered correctly, the caller will be asked to hold for several seconds while the system submits the survey information.

Then the hunter will be given a confirmation number which is proof that the harvested animal was legally reported. This number must be recorded on the hunter's log and retained throughout the season.

Q: Due to a cell phone dropped call, a hunter loses a confirmation number. Should the animal be checked in again?

A: No. To get that Telecheck confirmation number, call the department at 1-800-858-1549 the next business day.



HOW TO FILL OUT THE HUNTER HARVEST LOG

BEFORE YOU MOVE THE ANIMAL FROM THE SPOT IT WAS FOUND:

Step 1: Mark the box for the appropriate species and fill in the date, county and sex of the animal. Bear hunters will need to write "bear." Put the harvest log back in your pocket.

WHEN YOU CALL OR GO ONLINE TO CHECK IN THE ANIMAL:

Step 2: Write the Telecheck confirmation number on the harvest log, and keep the log information in your possession whenever you are in the field during the deer, elk, turkey, bear, bobcat or otter season.

Reminder: All hunters must fill out a hunter harvest log. Carcass tags are only required if the carcass leaves your possession.

CARCASS TAG

All hunters shall attach a handmade tag to the carcass of deer, elk, turkey, bear, bobcat, or otter they have harvested, when the animal leaves the hunter's possession.

For example, a carcass tag is required if the hunter gives the animal to another person, drops it off to be processed, or takes the head and cape to a taxidermist.

A harvested animal in a hunter's possession is assumed to be his or hers, unless the carcass tag states otherwise. It is recommended that a carcass tag be attached to any harvested animals left hanging unattended anywhere (deer camp, barn or in a yard, for example).

Hunters who harvest bears must bring them to a department operated check station where they will be issued a permanent carcass tag.

Meat processors and taxidermists are prohibited by law from accepting any harvested animal without a carcass tag attached.

The carcass tag must include hunter's name, phone number and telecheck confirmation number.

CITES TAGS

A Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) tag, issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, must be attached to the raw fur of any bobcat or river otter taken in Kentucky, if the hunter or trapper intends to sell or export internationally.

To request a CITES tag go online to *fw.ky.gov* or call 1-800-858-1549, and provide the animal's telecheck con-

firmation number.

CITES tags must be attached to the animal or pelt per the instructions included with the mailed tag and remain with the pelt until it is processed. Possession of an unused bobcat or otter CITES tag is prohibited.

TRANSPORTING HARVESTED ANIMALS

Hunters bringing any deer or elk, or parts of deer or elk, into Kentucky shall have proof that the animal was legally harvested elsewhere and shall do so in compliance with the carcass importation law. See page 15.

An unchecked animal may not be transported out of Kentucky.

Furs and hides may only be sold to a licensed fur buyer, fur processor of taxidermist.

OTHER HUNTING REGULATIONS

LANDOWNER PERMISSION

A person shall not enter upon the lands of another to hunt, trap, fish or retrieve game or hunting dogs without the oral or written permission of the landowner, tenant or person who has authority to grant permission. Those who fail to obtain permission are subject to arrest and prosecution.

Railroad tracks and rights of way are privately owned property and permission to hunt, trap or fish must be obtained prior to entry.

Landowners are under no obligation to allow hunters to retrieve game or hunting dogs from their property.

HUNTER EDUCATION LAW

Persons born on or after Jan 1, 1975 must carry a valid hunter education course completion card while hunting unless they are license exempt.

Persons not required to have licenses or permits are also exempt from hunter education certification.

Hunters under 12 years old are exempt from hunter education certification, but must be accompanied by an adult who meets the hunter education requirement.

The adult shall be in a position to take immediate control of the child's bow or firearm at all times while hunting. This law applies even if the exempted hunter is an adult. One adult may not accompany more than two youth hunters at the same time.

A bowhunter not in possession of a firearm while hunting may carry a valid National Bowhunter Education Program course completion card instead of the hunter education card.

Hunter education cards obtained from other states are valid in Kentucky.

HUNTER EDUCATION COURSES

Hunter education courses are held statewide throughout the year.

A course schedule is available at *fw.ky.gov* or by calling 1-800-858-1549. Children must be at least nine years of age to take the hunter education course. Persons who complete the course are issued an orange (certification) card.

APPRENTICE HUNTING OPPORTUNITY

Persons new to hunting who have not taken the hunter education course may buy a one-time temporary hunter education exemption permit for $5 online at *fw.ky.gov*.

This apprentice hunting opportunity allows new hunters in Kentucky to hunt for up to one year (from date of purchase) without a hunter education card. The permit requires its holder to hunt with a licensed, adult hunter (at least 18 years old) who meets the hunter education requirement. The adult shall be in a position to take immediate control of the exempted hunter's bow or firearm at all times while hunting. This law applies even if the exempted hunter is an adult.

After the hunter education exemption permit expires, the hunter is no longer exempt and must successfully complete a hunter education course. The temporary hunter education exemption permit is valid only in Kentucky, and is not accepted at Blue Grass Army Depot or Fort Campbell.

Hunter education cards and temporary hunter education exemption permits are not required when buying a license or permits, but must be in the hunter's possession while hunting.

REPLACEMENT HUNTER EDUCATION CARDS

Free replacement hunter education cards can be printed online at *fw.ky.gov*. On the homepage, click on How Do I… Replace my hunter education card.

HUNTER ORANGE CLOTHING LAW

All hunters, and persons accompanying them, must wear outer garments of hunter orange color visible from all sides on the head, back and chest when hunting for any species during the modern gun, muzzleloading, and youth firearm deer seasons, or a firearm elk or bear season.

Garments can be of mesh type material, as long as openings in the mesh weave are no wider than one-quarter inch by any measurement. Garments may display a small portion of another color.

Hunter orange clothing is not required when hunting waterfowl or doves during a gun deer season, or when hunting opossum or raccoon at night.

The following are common examples of violations related to hunter orange clothing:

- Wearing camouflage-patterned hunter orange garments without additional solid hunter orange clothing on the head, back and chest.
- Wearing hunter orange clothing while walking to a stand and taking it off when you get there.
- Hunting squirrel, rabbit or quail when and where a firearm deer or elk season is also open without wearing hunter orange clothing.

Hunters using archery equipment during deer firearms seasons must wear hunter orange clothing, and follow all firearm season restrictions, zone guidelines and hunting requirements in effect.

But, archery hunters are not required to wear hunter orange clothing during a firearms season on a state owned or managed WMA where firearms hunting for deer, elk or bear is pro-

hibited. On these areas hunters are not required to wear hunter orange while hunting for deer or elk with archery equipment during firearms seasons.

SHOOTING HOURS

Shooting hours for all species listed in this guide, except raccoons, opossums, and frogs are during daylight hours only – a half-hour before sunrise to a half hour after sunset. However, hunters may be in the field or stands before and after shooting hours.

Raccoons and opossums may be taken day or night, except during modern gun deer season when raccoon and opossum hunting is permitted only at night.

HUNTING METHOD EXEMPTIONS

The department grants exemptions to hunters with certain physical disabilities to hunt with a crossbow during archery-only seasons, or to use a stationary vehicle as a hunting platform. However, persons with qualifying physical disabilities must first have an exemption form completed and signed by a licensed physician certifying why the exemption is necessary.

Forms are available from the department and online at *fw.ky.gov*. A completed exemption form serves as the hunter's exemption permit. It should not be returned to the department. Persons who obtain an exemption are still required to have the appropriate hunting license and permits, and must carry the signed exemption form with their hunting license and permits while in the field.

PROHIBITED HUNTING METHODS

- No person shall discharge any firearm, bow and arrow, crossbow or other similar device, upon, over or across any public roadway. Hunting is prohibited in highway or interstate medians and rights of way.
- No person shall take or attempt to take wildlife from an automobile, or other vehicle, except as prescribed by regulation. Hunting from boats is permitted for small game.
- A person shall not pursue, chase or take a deer, elk, or turkey (during the spring turkey season) with the aid of dogs; while on horseback; or when the deer, or elk is swimming. Dogs may be used to locate and flush turkeys during the fall turkey seasons only.
- It is illegal to feed bears directly or indirectly for any reason.
- No person shall take wildlife with the aid of fire, smoke, explosives or gas.
- Baiting is prohibited on all WMAs, Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Daniel Boone National Forest, Jefferson National Forest and state parks open to hunting.
- Deer and elk hunters shall not use electronic decoys or calls.
- No person shall take a turkey when the turkey is roosting. (A roost is the place where a turkey spends the night.)
- A person hunting wild turkeys shall not use live turkeys as decoys.
- Wild turkeys or bears shall not be hunted by the aid of bait, nor shall areas be hunted where bait is present (this includes private lands baited for deer). An area is considered baited for 30 days after all bait has been removed. A baited area is any place where feed, grains or other substances capable of luring wild turkeys or bears have been placed. An area where grains or other feeds exist as the result of legitimate agricultural practices, or as the result of growing or manipulating a crop for wildlife management, is legal for hunting.

CONCEALED CARRY DEADLY WEAPONS PERMITS

Anyone who may legally possess firearms may carry firearms while hunting, but only persons with valid concealed carry deadly weapons permits may carry their firearms concealed.

CONVICTED FELONS

A person convicted of a felony is prohibited from possessing or hunting with a firearm in Kentucky. The prohibition on handguns applies to those convicted after Jan. 1, 1975. The prohibition on other firearms applies to those convicted after July 15, 1994. (See KRS 527.040 for more details.)

SPOTLIGHTING

No person may deliberately cast the rays of a spotlight or other artificial light into any field, pasture, woodlands or forest, whether public or private, where wildlife or domestic livestock may reasonably be expected to be located.

Shining artificial lights into private residences or other structures is also prohibited.

This does not apply to: the rays of headlights of vehicles engaged in a normal course of travel; lights being used in legitimate agricultural activities; anyone involved in activities legitimate to his or her business or occupation; circumstances including lawful hunting activities; or any landowner, his or her immediate family or any paid employee while working on his or her land at that time.

No person shall take wildlife, except raccoons, opossums, fishes and frogs, using lights or other means designed to blind wildlife or make wildlife visible at night.

GAME CALLING DEVICES & RESTRICTIONS

- Hand or mouth-operated calls may be used in hunting all species.
- Mechanical and electronic (digitally reproduced or tape-recorded sound) calls or attracting devices may only be used to take groundhogs, coyotes, wild hogs, English sparrows and starlings during daylight hours year-round.
- A hunter may use electronic calls or attracting devices for furbearers during the furbearer season. Mechanical and electronic calls may be used to take crows only during crow season.
- Deer, turkey and elk hunters shall not use or possess electronic calling devices.

TRANSPORTATION AND HOLDING OF LIVE NATIVE WILDLIFE

A person may not take or possess live wildlife without first obtaining a permit when prescribed by regulation.

A person shall not hold live native wildlife in captivity that was not legally taken or possessed. A person shall not buy or sell, offer to buy or sell, trade, or barter native wildlife or parts thereof obtained from the wild. Wildlife acquired prior to obtaining the proper permits may be confiscated and the holder fined.

Orphaned wildlife may only be possessed by a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Persons transporting live deer or other types of cervids (members of the deer family) without proper documentation or permits, or holding live deer captive in unpermitted facilities or pens, are subject to severe fines and may have their animals confiscated or destroyed.

DOG TRAINING & HUNTING WITH DOGS

Hunters may run or train dogs for rabbits, foxes, coyotes, raccoons and opossums year-round as long as game is harvested only during an open hunting season.

Some WMAs have special restrictions on using dogs, so check ahead of time. All members of the party must have a valid hunting license (unless license-exempt) to pursue rabbits or furbearers, even when training dogs without taking game.

Dogs may not be used to chase, molest or hunt deer and elk. Dogs may be used to chase or hunt bears if a legal season is open.

Dogs are permitted for locating and flushing turkeys during the fall turkey season only, and dogs on leash are permitted for tracking and locating wounded deer, elk and bear. Except during the hunting season, raccoon and opossum hunters shall not use any device to force a raccoon or opossum from trees or dens. Raccoon squallers may be used year-round.

BOBWHITE SHOOT-TO-TRAIN SEASON

For the purpose of bird dog training on private lands only, pen-reared bobwhite quail may be harvested August 15 through May 15 (excluding bobwhite hunting season), provided that prior to shooting a person must:

- Possess a valid hunting license, or be license-exempt
- Submit a completed application to the department
- Possess proof of the sale/ownership of the birds
- Possess a captive wildlife permit for pen-reared bobwhite if more than 100 birds in possession, or if kept for more than 10 days
- Make sure that the training area is free of wild quail
- Pen-reared birds must be banded (No.7 leg bands or department-supplied bands) before release.

MIGRATORY BIRD & WATERFOWL HUNTING

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) governs migratory bird and waterfowl hunting.

Season dates for these species are finalized by the USFWS in August, which is too late to be included in this guide. However, the first portion of the Kentucky dove season usually opens September 1 each year and runs through late October.

Hunters should consult the Early and Late Season Migratory Bird and Waterfowl Hunting guides for complete details on migratory bird and waterfowl hunting in Kentucky, or check the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at *fw.ky.gov* a few days before the season is expected to open.

DEER HUNTING

TYPES OF DEER PERMITS

STATEWIDE DEER PERMIT

All deer hunters, unless license exempt, must first buy and carry proof of purchasing a statewide deer permit while deer hunting. This permit allows a hunter to take two deer: one antlered and one antlerless, or two antlerless. It doesn't matter if the antlered or antlerless deer is taken first.

ADDITIONAL DEER PERMIT

To take more than two deer, an Additional Deer Permit must be purchased.

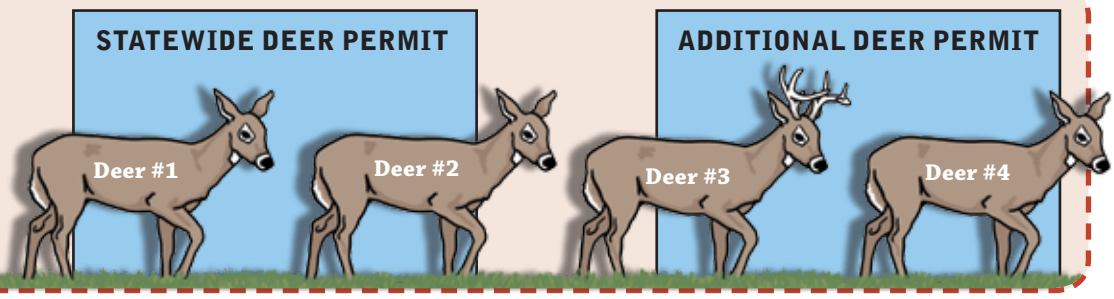
The Additional Deer Permit is valid for deer of either sex. Regardless of what permit a deer hunter carries, the statewide season limit for antlered deer is one per hunter.

The Additional Deer Permit is not valid unless the hunter has first purchased an annual hunting license and statewide deer permit and is able to show proof of that in the field. A statewide or Additional Deer Permit may be used on public and private land, and during some quota hunts.

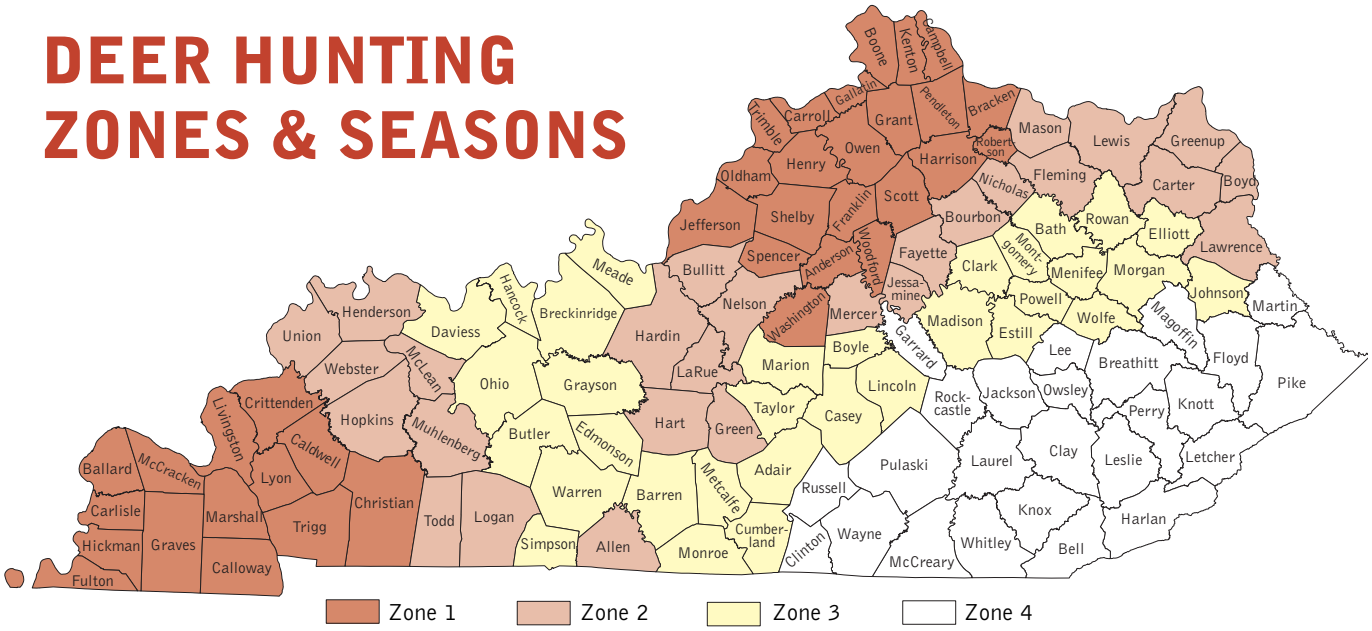
Carry proof

Hunters who buy their license or permit by phone or internet must carry while hunting: a picture ID and proof of purchase (an authorization number, paper license or computer print out). Paper licenses/permits must be signed and all information completed before hunting.

It is now legal to take a buck after first filling your statewide deer permit with two antlerless deer.



DEER HUNTING ZONES & SEASONS



SEASON DATES

DEER	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
Modern Gun	Nov. 9-24, 2013 (either sex)		Nov. 9-18, 2013 (either sex)	Nov. 9-18, 2013 (antlered only)
Archery	Sept. 7, 2013 - Jan. 20, 2014 (either sex)			Sept. 7, 2013 - Jan. 20, 2014 (either sex, except antlered only Oct. 19-20, Nov. 9-18 and Dec. 14-19)
Crossbow	Oct. 1-20 and Nov. 9 - Dec. 31, 2013 (either sex)			Oct. 1-20 and Nov. 9 - Dec. 31, 2013 (either sex, except antlered only Oct. 19-20, Nov. 9-18 and Dec. 14-19)
Muzzleloader	Oct. 19-20 and Dec. 14-22, 2013 (either sex)			Oct. 19-20, Nov. 9-18 and Dec. 14-19, 2013 (antlered only) and Dec. 20-22 (either sex)
Youth-only Firearms	Oct. 12-13, 2013 (either sex)			
Free Youth Weekend*	Dec. 28-29, 2013 (either sex)			

*During the Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, hunters ages 15 and under may hunt deer with a firearm without a license or deer permit, but must be accompanied by an adult.

BAG LIMITS

Bag limits and harvest restrictions apply to all hunters.

A person may take no more than one (1) deer with visible antlers (excluding button bucks) in Kentucky on private land.

On some public hunting areas – Land Between the Lakes, Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge, Ft. Campbell and Ft. Knox Military Reservations and Blue Grass Army Depot – a bonus antlered deer may be taken, as determined by the governing agency for each area.

In Zone 1 counties, there is no season limit on antlerless deer.

In Zone 2, 3 and 4 counties, the combined season limit is four (4) per hunter. Hunters may choose to take up to one (1) antlered deer and three (3) antlerless deer, or take up to four (4) antlerless deer total.

In summary, hunters may take a total of four deer statewide, except in Zone 1, where hunters may take an unlimited number of antlerless deer using Additional Deer Permits.

In Zone 3 a hunter may take no more than two (2) deer with a firearm.

In Zone 4 a hunter may take no more than two (2) deer with a firearm (one with a modern firearm and one with a muzzleloader, or both with a muzzleloader). In Zone 4 antlerless deer may only be taken with a firearm by a youth during Youth Season or Free Youth Weekend, or by any hunter during the final three days of the December muzzleloader season.

DEER HUNTERS TAKE NOTE!

There is no daily bag limit on deer, but the number of deer taken shall not exceed the season bag limit.

HUNTING EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

MODERN GUN SEASON

During modern gun deer season, hunters may hunt with modern firearms, muzzleloading firearms, archery and crossbow equipment, and must follow season restrictions, zone guidelines and hunting requirements in effect.

All hunters, including archery and crossbow hunters, and persons accompanying hunters, must wear hunter orange clothing.

ARCHERY SEASON

During portions of the deer season when only archery equipment can be used, deer hunters shall not use firearms or crossbows to take deer.

Hunters using archery equipment during a deer firearms season must follow all firearm season restrictions, zone guidelines and hunting requirements in effect, and must wear hunter orange clothing.

The only exception is on state owned or managed WMAs where firearms hunting for deer or elk is prohibited. On these areas hunters are not required to wear hunter orange while hunting for deer or elk with archery equipment during firearms seasons.

Youth hunting

Persons ages 15 and under hunting deer with a firearm must be accompanied by an adult who shall remain able and in a position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm at all times.

LEGAL FIREARMS EQUIPMENT

- Any caliber centerfire rifle or centerfire handgun.
- Rifle or handgun magazines may not be capable of holding more than 10 rounds.
- Rifles or handguns 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
- Shotguns, no larger than 10-gauge, shooting slug ammunition (includes saboted bullets) only.
- Muzzleloading rifles, handguns, or shotguns shooting round balls, conical bullets, or saboted bullets.

LEGAL MUZZLELOADING EQUIPMENT

- Muzzleloading rifles or handguns of any caliber, with flint or percussion ignition (including in-lines), shooting round balls, conical bullets or saboted bullets.
- Muzzleloading firearms equipped with open sights or telescopic sights (scopes).
- Muzzleloading shotguns no larger than 10-gauge, shooting round balls, conical bullets or saboted bullets.

LEGAL ARCHERY EQUIPMENT

- Longbows, recurves and compound bows of any draw weight (no minimum).
- Wood, carbon or metal arrows, but arrows may not be chemically-treated.
- Fixed blade or mechanical broadheads at least 7/8" wide (when blades extended), but broadheads may not be barbed, or chemically-treated.

LEGAL CROSSBOW EQUIPMENT

- Crossbows of any draw weight (no minimum), with a working safety.
- Wood, carbon or metal arrows (bolts), but arrows (bolts) may not be chemically treated.
- Fixed blade or mechanical broadheads at least 7/8" (when blades extended), but broadheads may not be barbed, or chemically treated.

CROSSBOW SEASON

Hunters may take deer with crossbows and archery gear during crossbow seasons, but shall not use firearms to take deer during crossbow seasons.

Hunters using crossbows during a deer firearms season must follow all firearm season restrictions, zone guidelines and hunting requirements in effect, and must wear hunter orange clothing.

The only exception is on state owned or managed WMAs where firearms hunting for deer or elk is prohibited. On these areas hunters are not required to wear hunter orange while hunting for deer or elk with crossbows during firearms seasons.

MUZZLELOADING SEASON

Muzzleloaders, archery and crossbow equipment may be used during this season.

All hunters must comply with the hunter orange clothing law.

TREE STANDS

Construction and use of tree stands on private lands is regulated by landowners.

Q: Can a hunter take a deer for someone else?

A: No. Hunters must claim any deer they take as their own. They must use their own license/permit and harvest log, and telecheck the deer using their own Social Security number.

Maps online

See statewide harvest maps, hunting zones and more at *fw.ky.gov.* Click "Maps & Online Services," then "Game Maps."

YOUTH DEER HUNTING

YOUTH DEER HUNTING

- Youth may hunt deer during any open season, including two special deer seasons for resident and non-resident hunters who have not reached their 16th birthday.
- Any legal deer hunting equipment is permissible.
- All other deer season regulations apply.
- Adults accompanying youth deer hunters during either of these hunts may not use firearms to take deer. Adults accompanying youth hunters are not required to possess a hunting license or deer permit if the adult is not deer hunting, but by law, the hunter and the accompanying adults must wear hunter orange clothing.

OCTOBER YOUTH-ONLY FIREARMS SEASON

The first special youth deer season is on the second weekend of October. In 2013, the dates are Oct. 12-13. Youth hunters may take deer with firearms, or any other legal method, statewide. During the October youth-only firearms season the appropriate hunting license and deer permits are required for hunters ages 12-15, and all bag limits, zone restrictions and deer hunting requirements apply. Youth hunters under age 12 are not required to have a hunting license or deer permit.

FREE YOUTH DEER HUNTING WEEKEND

On the first weekend following Christmas, this year on Dec. 28-29, 2013, resident and nonresident youth 15 years of age and under, who are accompanied by an adult, are eligible to participate in this hunt. Youth hunters may hunt deer with firearms, or any other legal method, statewide without a hunting license or deer permit, but all bag limits, zone restrictions, and deer hunting requirements apply.

Hunter orange required!

Kentucky's Hunter Orange Clothing Law requires ALL HUNTERS and persons accompanying them, hunting for any species during the modern gun, muzzleloading, and youth firearm deer seasons, or a firearm elk or bear season, to wear solid, unbroken hunter orange color visible from all sides on the head, back and chest.

Keep up-to-date on what's been telechecked in your area! Scan this symbol with your smartphone for quick access to Telecheck Review on Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website!

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

If you hunt deer in Illinois, Missouri, Virginia and West Virginia and any other CWD positive state you may not bring a deer back into Kentucky unless the brain and spinal column have been removed first.

Allowed parts from CWD-infected states and provinces include: quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached, boned-out meat, antlers, antlers attached to a clean skull plate, a clean skull, clean teeth, hides and finished taxidermy products.

CWD has not been detected in Kentucky.

CWD has been found in **22** states and 2 Canadian provinces: Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, **Pennsylvania,** South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

KENTUCKY HUNTERS FOR THE HUNGRY

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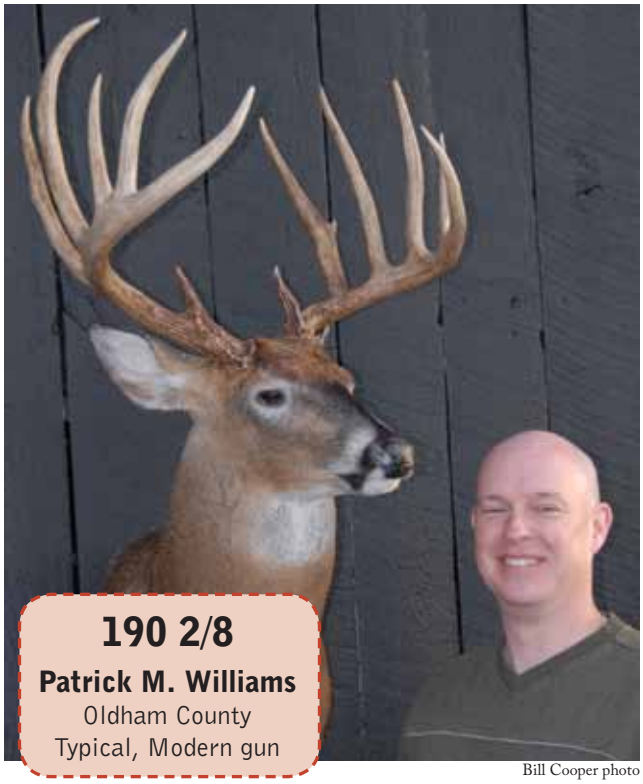
Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry (KHFH), a non-profit, volunteer-run organization, encourages hunters to harvest and donate deer each season, to be distributed to homeless shelters and food banks throughout the state.

You can also donate $2 when renewing your car or truck's registration and help pay the cost of turning venison into a nutritious meal for the less fortunate in local communities across Kentucky.

KENTUCKY'S TROPHY BUCKS

BOONE & CROCKETT TROPHY DEER 2012 SEASON - TYPICAL			
SCORE	Hunter	County	Method
190 2/8	Patrick M. Williams	Oldham	Modern gun
180 5/8	Aaron Cochran	Robertson	Archery
180 2/8	Danny G. Smith	Wayne	Modern gun
178 6/8	Joshua D. Prewitt	Rockcastle	Modern gun
177 3/8	Jim Hill	Boone	Archery
176 2/8	Aaron Flanagan	Russell	Modern gun
174 0/8	Jason Lancaster	Trigg	Archery
173 4/8	Ben Burd	Marion	Modern gun
172 1/8	Brian L. Pusch, Jr.	Henry	Archery
168 1/8	Troy J. Herald	Powell	Modern gun
166 7/8	David Hayes	Grayson	Modern gun
166 6/8	Kelly Jolly	Mason	Muzzleloader
166 5/8	Robert S. Rison	Kenton	Modern gun
166 3/8	Michael C. Gordon	Garrard	Modern gun
166 1/8	Stephen L. Gabbard	Owen	Modern gun
166 0/8	David Lanham	Caldwell	Modern gun
165 3/8	Michelle R. Oney	Elliott	Modern gun
165 3/8	Dylan Thomas	Leslie	Modern gun
165 0/8	Greg Schmidt	Boone	Modern gun
165 0/8	Steven P. Otten	Gallatin	Modern gun
165 0/8	Dan F. Cooley	Scott	Modern gun
164 4/8	Kenneth Mullins	Pike	Archery
164 1/8	Barry Littlejohn	Trigg	Modern gun
163 5/8	Chris Redmon	Henry	Modern gun
163 4/8	Lucio Mucignat	Hart	Modern gun
163 3/8	Steven Ritchey	Owen	Modern gun
163 1/8	Randy Newsome	Pike	Archery
161 6/8	Kevin Cox	Bracken	Modern gun
161 3/8	Samantha Turner	Leslie	Modern gun
161 2/8	Kevin Williams	Scott	Modern gun
161 1/8	Joe Lacefield	Woodford	Archery
161 0/8	Tim Pike	Henderson	Modern gun
160 7/8	John Land	Garrard	Modern gun
160 6/8	Bobby G. Reed	Garrard	Crossbow
160 4/8	Connie Willoughby	Grayson	Modern gun
160 2/8	Michael Koch	McLean	Modern gun



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BOONE & CROCKETT TROPHY DEER 2012 SEASON - NON-TYPICAL			
SCORE	Hunter	County	Method
252 6/8*	Thad Cartwright	Muhlenberg	Archery
223 7/8	Larry H. Finley	Pendleton	Modern gun
208 5/8	George D. Morrison	Carroll	Modern gun
207 0/8	Wayne Jordan	Christian	Modern gun
203 1/8	Robert T. Strong	Jefferson	Archery
200 5/8	Ashley M. Bugg	Henderson	Modern gun
196 6/8	Tim Lauer	Campbell	Archery
195 5/8	Cody Weathers	Marshall	Modern gun
195 0/8	Shawn Boggs	Powell	Modern gun
191 1/8	Lauren Martin	Hopkins	Modern gun
189 1/8	Michael D. Gregory	Henry	Modern gun
188 5/8	Jeremy T. Miller	Grant	Modern gun
187 2/8	Jake Stanton	Carroll	Modern gun
186 3/8	Hayden Jones	Pulaski	Modern gun

This list includes deer scored and reported to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife by May 1. It is possible unreported bucks taken last year in Kentucky may have scored 160 typical or 185 non-typical or higher.

*Antlers in velvet; not eligible for entry with the Boone & Crockett Club (however, it can be entered with the Pope & Young Club).

HOW TO GET ON NEXT YEAR'S TROPHY LIST

To be eligible for next year's trophy list a hunter must take a white-tailed deer in Kentucky this season that officially net scores 160 or higher typical, or net scores 185 or higher non-typical, as determined by the Boone & Crockett scoring system.

No later than May 1, send the completed and signed score sheet with a photo to: Kentucky Hunting & Trapping Guide, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601. Be sure to include the county in which the deer was taken, and the equipment used to harvest the deer. Please send a copy as score sheets and photos will not be returned.

To get a list of official Boone & Crockett Club scorers in Kentucky visit: *www.boone-crockett.org*.

ELK HUNTING

DATES, RESTRICTIONS AND HOW TO APPLY

QUOTA ELK	Firearms	Archery	Crossbow
Bull (antlered)	**Week 1:** Oct. 5-11, 2013 **Week 2:** Oct. 12-18, 2013	Sept. 21 - Oct. 4, Oct. 19 - Dec. 13 and Dec. 28, 2013 - Jan. 20, 2014	Oct. 19-20, Nov. 9 - Dec. 13 and Dec. 28-31, 2013
Cow (antlerless)	**Week 1:** Dec. 14-20, 2013 **Week 2:** Dec. 21-27, 2013	Oct. 19 - Dec. 13 and Dec. 28, 2013 - Jan. 20, 2014	
Youth-only Quota (either sex)	All seasons as noted above		

Hunters must follow deer season and equipment regulations to take elk from any county not included in the 16-county elk restoration zone (out-of-zone), and must have an out-of-zone elk permit.

HOW THE QUOTA HUNTS WORK

- On Jan. 1, 2014, applications will go on sale for the 2014-15 Kentucky elk quota hunts.
- Elk quota hunt applications can only be purchased online from the department's website at *fw.ky.gov*. Residents and nonresidents are eligible to apply for elk quota hunts.
- Each application costs $10. Only individuals may purchase elk applications, not a party of hunters together.
- Hunters may apply for up to two of four tag types (bull firearms, bull archery or crossbow, cow firearms, and cow archery or crossbow), but may not apply twice for one tag type.
- Hunters 15 years of age and under may apply for a youth-only quota hunt during the same application period as the regular elk quota hunt drawing.
- Applicants for this youth-only hunt may also purchase elk applications for the regular elk quota hunts. A youth may not be drawn for the youth-only quota hunt and the regular quota hunt for elk in the same year, and if drawn for the youth-only hunt, a youngster will be permanently blocked from applying for the youth-only hunt again.
- Hunters must buy their elk quota hunt applications before midnight EDT April 30, 2014.
- After the application period ends, a computer drawing is held which randomly selects the hunters that are awarded permits from the pool of applicants. Hunters may check to see if they were drawn on *fw.ky.gov*.
- It's the hunter's responsibility to find a place to hunt in the area they are assigned to hunt. Hunters must get landowner permission to hunt private land.
- **There's no limit to the number of assistants an elk hunter may take into the field, but only the permit holder is allowed to hunt.**
- **For the 2013-14 elk season two WMAs have been designated Active Restoration Areas, and are off limits to elk hunting – Fishtrap WMA in the North At-Large Area, and southernmost parcel of Corrigan WMA in the South At-Large Area.**
- Quota elk permits must be purchased from the department's website prior to hunting.
- Resident hunters drawn for a quota elk permit are required to buy a $30 elk quota hunt permit in addition to an annual hunting license.
- Non-residents drawn are required to buy a $365 nonresident quota elk permit in addition to an annual Kentucky nonresident hunting license.
- Hunters awarded a bull elk permit will be blocked for three years from applying for another bull elk permit.

LEGAL EQUIPMENT FOR ELK SEASON

- 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 muzzleloading or breechloading shotgun no larger than 10-gauge, and no smaller than 20-gauge, firing a single projectile (slug, round ball, conical bullet or saboted bullet) only.
- A handgun with a barrel length of six (6) inches, or longer, with a bore diameter of .270 inches or larger, when firing a bullet, producing at least 550 ft/lbs of energy at 100 yards.
- 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. Hunters under 16 years of age and over 65 years of age may use a crossbow during all crossbow and archery seasons.

QUOTA HUNTS WITHIN THE RESTORATION ZONE

The elk restoration zone includes the following 16 counties: Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Floyd, Harlan, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Perry, Pike and Whitley. Inside this restoration zone, elk may only be taken by hunters drawn for a quota hunt as previously described. Permits for quota elk hunts are non-transferable. All quota elk hunters must display a department-issued hang tag in their vehicles while hunting.

ELK HUNTING OUTSIDE THE RESTORATION ZONE

Elk may be taken from any county outside the restoration zone by hunters who possess an annual Kentucky hunting license and an out-of-zone elk permit. These hunters must follow deer season and equipment regulations, but are not required to possess a deer permit.

BAITING

Elk may not be hunted over bait on public or private lands within the elk restoration zone.

SHOOTING HOURS

Elk may only be hunted during daylight hours, from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

BAG LIMIT/HUNTER ORANGE

The season bag limit on elk is one per hunter per season, regardless of permit type. Hunters may not take an elk during a quota elk hunt and also take an elk out-of-zone during the same season. Elk hunters and those who accompany them, or any other person hunting public or private lands in the elk restoration zone during firearm elk seasons, must comply with the hunter orange clothing law.

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.)

Hunters who fail to properly report harvested elk are subject to severe fines and other penalties. A carcass tag is required if a harvested elk leaves the hunter's possession for any reason.

KENTUCKY'S TROPHY BULLS

Top 10 bull elk taken by hunters

SCORE	Hunter	County	Method	Year
*372 6/8	Terrell Royalty	Knott	Modern gun	2009
371 0/8	Greg Neff	Bell	Modern gun	2007
*367 7/8	Kelvin Jackson	Harlan	Modern gun	2008
367 0/8	Bill Auxier	Knott	Modern gun	2007
361 4/8	Franklin Scott	Knott	Modern gun	2006
*357 0/8	Bruce Brantley	Perry	Crossbow	2011
*356 6/8	Chris Godby	Knott	Modern gun	2009
353 2/8	Daniel Ware	Breathitt	Modern gun	2012
353 1/8	Wesley Gage Fultz	Leslie	Modern gun	2007
*349 2/8	Andy Kidd	Perry	Modern gun	2006

* Non-typical

This list includes the 10 largest bull elk scored and reported to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. The department is compiling a list of the top 100 elk taken in Kentucky. Please send copies of signed score sheets to: Kentucky Trophy Elk List, KDFWR, 1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, Ky 40601.

Maps online

See statewide harvest maps, hunting zones and more at *fw.ky.gov*. Click "Maps & Online Services," then "Game Maps."

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BEAR HUNTING

SEASON DATES & RESTRICTIONS

BEAR	Chase-only	Firearms, archery and crossbow
	Aug. 1-31, 2013	Dec. 14-16, 2013 Pike, Letcher, Harlan and Bell counties

PROPOSALS FOR 2013

Bear season regulations were still pending legislative approval when this guide went to press.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife is proposing to expand the number of counties in the Bear Zone, create an Archery/Crossbow season, expand the chase area, and establish a harvest quota for each bear season.

Please call 1-800-858-1549 or visit *fw.ky.gov* for the details on Kentucky's 2013-14 bear seasons.

BEAR SEASONS AND LICENSING

Unless license exempt, hunters must purchase a Bear Permit ($30), in addition to an Annual Hunting License. Bear Permits are available for purchase over-the-counter, by phone, and online.

The season bag limit is one bear per hunter.

The total season harvest quota is 10 bears or 5 female bears, whichever limit hunters reach first. If either limit is reached, the season will close a half-hour after sunset that day.

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

Unless license exempt, a person must purchase a Bear Chase Permit ($30) or Junior Bear Chase Permit ($10) to pursue bears with hounds. Bears may only be chased on Bear Chase Areas. Visit *fw.ky.gov* to view and download bear chase maps. Bear Chase Permits may only be purchased online from July 1-Aug. 31, 2013.

CHECKING REQUIREMENT

Bears taken during the firearms, archery and crossbow season must also be checked at a department operated check station, where successful hunters will be issued a permanent tag. Hunters must telecheck their bear before leaving the station. Locations of check stations are available at *fw.ky.gov* or by calling 1-800-858-1549.

HUNTER ORANGE REQUIREMENT

During any season when bears may be taken, all hunters and those who accompany them, hunting on public or private lands in the bear hunting zone, must comply with the hunter orange clothing law.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS

Bear hunting is open to Kentucky residents only.

Hunters may not disturb or take bears from dens.

Bear hunting is prohibited on the Hensley-Pine Mountain WMA. Additionally, bear hunting within the 13,572 acres surrounding this WMA is limited to landowners, their spouses and dependent children hunting on their own property.

See map for detailed bear sanctuary 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 firearm, archery and crossbow season, but leashed tracking dogs may be used to recover wounded bears.

Firearm bear 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.

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

A: No. Garbage is considered bait.

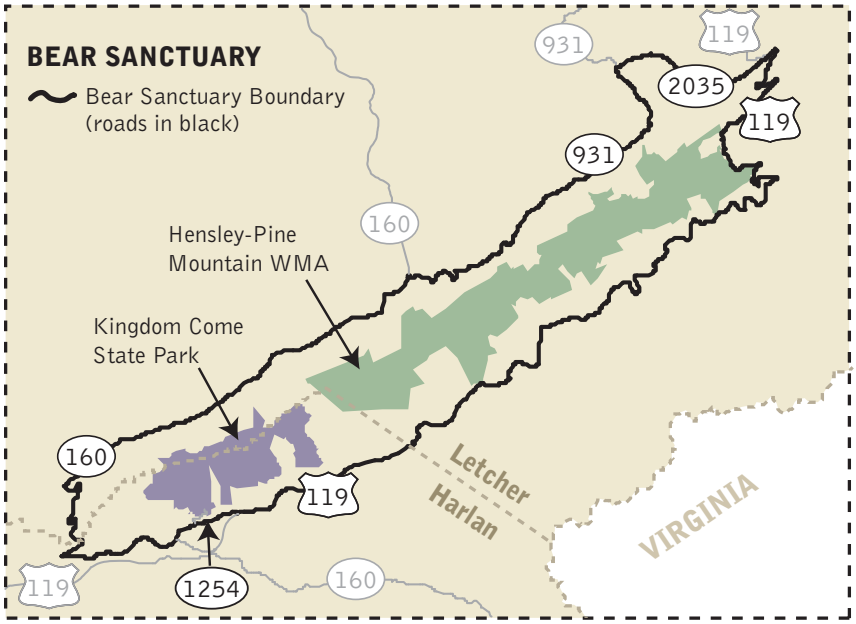
LEGAL BEAR EQUIPMENT

- 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 saboted bullet) only.
- A handgun with a barrel length of six (6) inches, or longer, with a bore diameter of .270 inches or larger, when firing a bullet, producing at least 550 ft/lbs of energy at 100 yards.
- 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.

WHERE TO HUNT BEAR

PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS
Firearms, archery and crossbow season (**Dec. 14-16, 2013**)

Asher Hunting Access Area
Boone Forestlands WMA
Corrigan WMA
Cranks Creek WMA
Daniel Boone National Forest
Elk Forest WMA
Fishtrap Lake WMA
Fortner-Davis WMA
Jefferson National Forest
Kentenia State Forest
Kentucky Ridge Forest WMA
Kentucky Ridge State Forest
Martins Fork Lake WMA
Martins Fork WMA & State Natural Area
Shillalah Creek WMA
Stone Mountain WMA & State Natural Area



Closed to hunting!

Hensley-Pine Mountain WMA and Kingdom Come State Park are closed to bear hunting.

FALL TURKEY HUNTING

SEASON DATES & RESTRICTIONS

FALL TURKEY	Shotgun	Archery	Crossbow
	Oct. 26 - Nov. 1 and Dec. 7-13, 2013	Sept. 7, 2013 - Jan. 20, 2014	Oct. 1-20 and Nov. 9 - Dec. 31, 2013

BAG LIMITS

Four (4) birds total, either sex:

- 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, regardless of weapon.
- 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 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 total 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 one Youth Turkey Permit. 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 acompanied by an adult, who shall remain in a position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm at all times.

HARVEST RECORDING & TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

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

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. Hunters also take note: only licensed taxidermists may buy or sell the inedible parts from harvested wild turkeys, including tail fans, beards and spurs.

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

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.

SMALL GAME HUNTING & TRAPPING

SEASON DATES & RESTRICTIONS

SMALL GAME		Hunting	Trapping
Squirrel		Aug. 17 - Nov. 8 and Nov. 11, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014	Noon, Nov. 11, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014
Rabbit	Eastern Zone	Nov. 1-8 and Nov. 11, 2013 - Jan. 31, 2014	Nov. 11, 2013 - Jan. 31, 2014
	Western Zone	Nov. 11, 2013 - Feb. 10, 2014	
Quail	Eastern Zone	Nov. 1-8 and Nov. 11, 2013 - Jan. 31, 2014	No trapping
	Western Zone	Nov. 11, 2013 - Feb. 10, 2014	
Grouse*		Nov. 1-8 and Nov. 11, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014	
Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week		Dec. 28, 2013 - Jan. 3, 2014	

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

LEGAL SMALL GAME EQUIPMENT

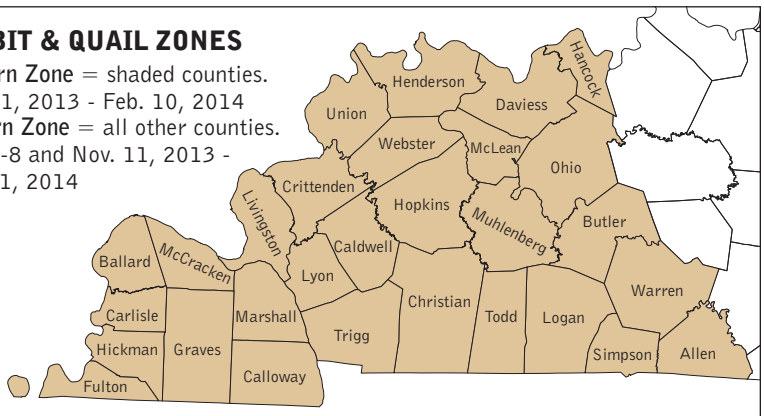
Hunting small game with slingshots is prohibited.

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 breechloading 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.

RABBIT & QUAIL ZONES

Western Zone = shaded counties.
Nov. 11, 2013 - Feb. 10, 2014
Eastern Zone = all other counties.
Nov. 1-8 and Nov. 11, 2013 - Jan. 31, 2014



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

GROUSE HUNTING ZONE

Shaded counties only. Nov. 1-8 and Nov. 11, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014

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

SMALL GAME

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

Only rabbits and squirrels may 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.

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

Quail and grouse may not be trapped.

Seasons on WMAs and other public hunting lands not managed by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife may be different from statewide seasons. Visit *fw.ky.gov* to check individual area listings.

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 Dec. 28 - Jan. 3, 2014.

Hunter orange clothing must be worn by all hunters on Dec. 28-29, 2013 since youth hunters are also permitted to hunt deer with firearms at that time.

Youth hunters must abide by 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.

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.

FURBEARER HUNTING & TRAPPING

SEASON DATES & RESTRICTIONS

FURBEARERS	Hunting	Trapping
Raccoon & Opossum	Oct. 1, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014, day* or night	Noon Nov. 11, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014
Coyote	Year-round, daylight hours only**	
Bobcat	Noon Nov. 23 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014, daylight hours only	
River Otter, Muskrat, Mink, Beaver, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Weasel & Striped Skunk	Noon Nov. 11, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014, daylight hours only	
Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week	Dec. 28, 2013 - Jan. 3, 2014	

*See exception in Special Hunting Restrictions
**Call KDFWR to inquire about proposed changes

FURBEARER BAG LIMITS	
Raccoon & Opossum	No limit
Coyote	No limit
Bobcat	5; no more than 3 of which shall be taken with a gun
River Otter	10; only 6 of which can be taken from Otter Zone 2
Muskrat, Mink, Beaver, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Weasel & Striped Skunk	No limit

LEGAL METHODS & EQUIPMENT FOR HUNTING FURBEARERS

(see Special Hunting Restrictions section for exceptions)

- Centerfire or rimfire gun
- Shotgun no larger than 10-gauge and plugged to hold a maximum of 3 shells (two in magazine and one in chamber). There is no limit on shot size. Shot shells with a single projectile may only be used during daylight hours.
- Bow and arrow or crossbow
- **Air guns with pellets that are at least .22 caliber in size**
- Hand or mouth operated calls, electronic calls, or attracting devices.

SPECIAL HUNTING RESTRICTIONS

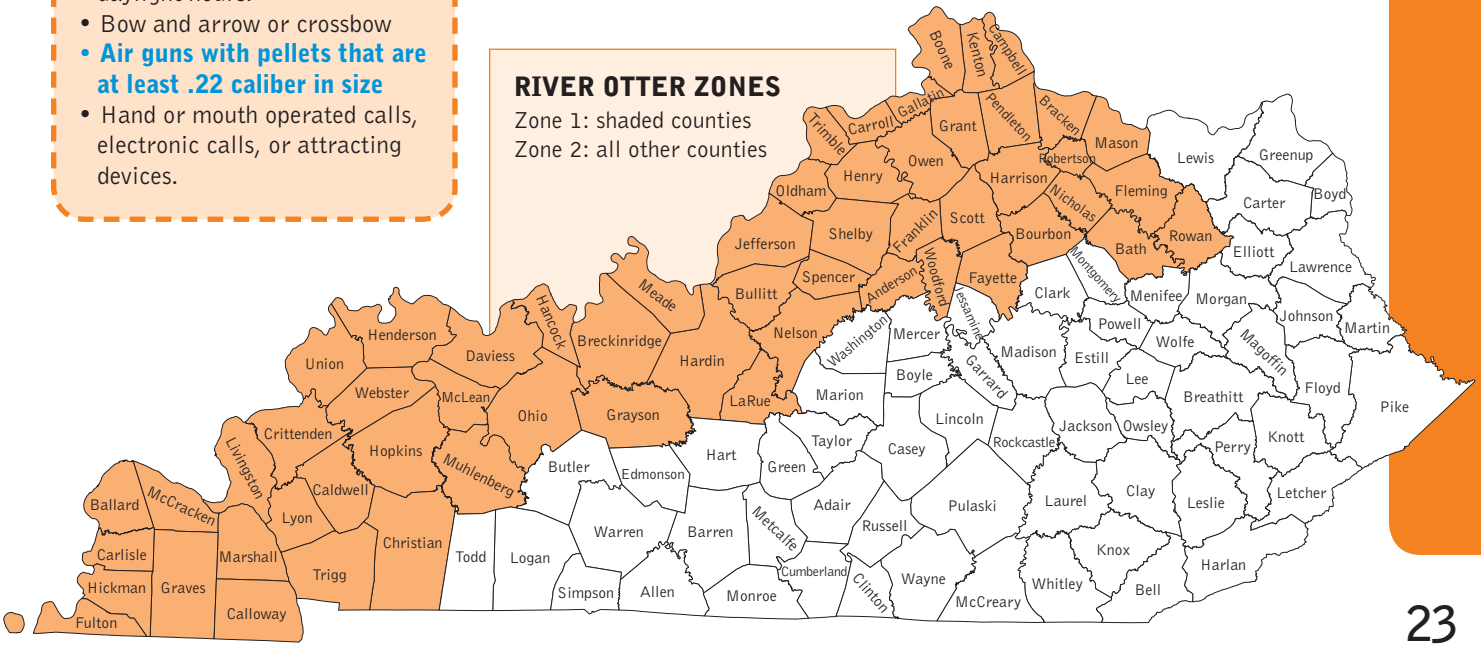
(Daylight hours are defined as one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)

During modern gun deer season, raccoon and opossum hunters may not hunt during daylight hours. Night hunting on Friday, Nov. 8, 2013 shall conclude by a half-hour before sunrise on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013, which is when shooting hours open for modern gun deer season.

A hunter shall not use a light from a boat to take raccoon or opossum.

RIVER OTTER ZONES

Zone 1: shaded counties
Zone 2: all other counties



LEGAL METHODS & EQUIPMENT FOR TRAPPING FURBEARERS

Trappers may use lights from boats or vehicles to check traps.

Traps may not be set in trails/paths commonly used by humans or domestic animals.

There are no restrictions on traps used as water sets.

The following equipment is permitted for dry-land sets, but traps may not be set closer than ten (10) feet apart.

- Deadfall
- Wire cage or box trap.
- Foothold traps with a maximum inside jaw spread of six (6) inches measured perpendicular to the hinges.
- Body-gripping traps with a maximum inside jaw spread of seven and one-half (7.5) inches measured parallel with the trigger.
- Snares; a wire, cable or string with a knot, loop or single piece closing device which is not power or spring assisted.

A person shall not use the following while chasing raccoon or opossum from noon on March 1 through September 30

- A firearm
- Slingshot
- Tree climber
- Any device to kill, injure, or force a raccoon or opossum from a tree or den

SPECIAL TRAPPING RESTRICTIONS

- All traps must bear a metal tag giving either the name and address of the trapper, or a unique identification number issued by the department AND the 1-800-25ALERT phone number.

Sample trap tags

- Any trap found without a tag can be immediately confiscated by the department without a court order.
- All traps must be visited at least once every twenty-four (24) hours and all animals removed.
- Trappers must harvest furbearers, squirrels and rabbits upon capture, unless they possess a captive wildlife permit from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.
- Spotted skunks are protected year round and may not be taken or possessed. Report incidental trappings to KDFWR.
- It is illegal to intentionally obstruct or disrupt the right of a person to lawfully take wildlife by trapping.

TELECHECK & CITES TAGGING

Harvested bobcats and otters must be telechecked by calling 1-800-245-4263 by midnight on the day the animal is recovered. A hunter or trapper who wants to have a bobcat or otter mounted shall provide his or her telecheck confirmation number to the taxidermist. Taxidermists cannot legally accept an unchecked otter or bobcat for mounting.

A Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) tag, issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, must be attached to the raw fur of any bobcat or river otter taken in Kentucky, if the hunter or trapper intends to sell or export internationally.

To request a CITES tag go online to *fw.ky.gov* or call 1-800-858-1549, and provide the animal's telecheck confirmation number. CITES tags must be attached to the animal or pelt per the instructions included with the mailed tag and remain with the pelt until it is processed. Possession of an unused bobcat or otter CITES tag is prohibited.

A person who transfers, but does not sell, a river otter or bobcat to another person or taxidermist, is not required to request a CITES tag.

But, this person must attach a handmade carcass tag to the animal that contains the telecheck confirmation number and the hunter or trapper's name and phone number.

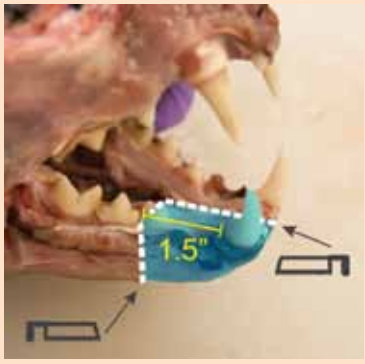
BUYING AND SELLING HIDES

There is no time restriction on the holding of raw furs of furbearers by a trapper or hunter after the close of furbearer season. Raw furs may be sold only to licensed taxidermists, licensed fur buyers or licensed fur processors.

FREE YOUTH WEEK

Resident and nonresident youth hunters and trappers ages 15 and under may hunt and trap furbearers without a hunting or trapping license Dec. 28 - Jan. 3, 2014. Hunter orange clothing must be worn by all hunters on Dec. 28-29, 2013 since youth hunters are also permitted to hunt deer with firearms at that time.

Youth hunters must abide by all equipment regulations and bag limits for furbearers 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.



FURBEARER HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Kentucky Fish & Wildlife is collecting lower canines from harvested bobcats and river otters for a population study. Please contact the department at 1-800-858-1549 to request a sample packet and instructions. Thank you for your contribution to furbearer management.

Have questions? Scan this symbol with your smartphone for quick access to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website!

OTHER SPECIES

SEASON DATES & RESTRICTIONS

OTHER SPECIES	Hunting
Crow	Sept. 1 - Nov. 7, 2013 and Jan. 4 - Feb. 28, 2014
Bullfrog	Noon May 17 - Oct. 31, 2013
Falconry	Sept. 1, 2013 - Mar. 30, 2014
Groundhog	year-round
Wild Pig*	year-round, except Big South Fork NRRA

*It is illegal to possess live wild pigs in Kentucky; all trapped pigs must be killed at the trap site, and not released or moved. Wild pigs may not be hunted at night. Wild pigs may be hunted in the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area from Sept. 7, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014. Hunters must have a permit from the National Park Service to hunt wild pigs from Jan. 21 through Feb. 28, 2014.

FALCONRY SEASON

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

CROW SEASON

A hunting license is required unless the hunter is license exempt. A Kentucky Migratory Bird Permit is not required.

Electronic or mechanical calling devices may be used during the open seasons. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. However, hunters may be in the field before and after shooting hours.

There is no daily or possession limit on crows.

Crows observed committing or about to commit acts of depredation may be taken year-round; however, persons attempting to take depredating crows shall not use blinds, decoys, calls or other lures to attract birds into shooting range during the closed season.

BULLFROG SEASON

Bullfrog season opens at noon on the third Friday in May, and runs through the end of October (May 17-Oct. 31, 2013).

The daily limit (noon to noon) is 15; possession limit is 30. If bullfrogs are taken by gun or bow and arrow, a hunting license is required. If taken by pole and line, a fishing license is required.

If frogs are taken by gig or by hand, either a hunting or fishing license is valid. It is illegal to possess a gig on a stream or lake, or in a boat, from Nov. 1 through Jan. 31.

TURTLES

Snapping turtles and soft shell turtles may be taken year-round with no bag limit. Alligator snapping turtles cannot be harvested.

A hunting license is required if turtles are taken by gun or bow and arrow. Consult the 2013-14 Kentucky Fishing & Boating Guide for information on other legal means of harvest.

WILD PIGS

Wild pigs may be hunted statewide, year-round, with no bag limit, except Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area (BSF).

Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. However, hunters may be in the field before and after shooting hours. A hunting license is required unless the hunter is license exempt.

Wild pigs may be hunted in the BSF from Sept. 7, 2013- Feb. 28, 2014.

Hunters on BSF are required to have a valid hunting license from Sept. 7 through Jan. 20, 2014. Additionally, hunters must have a valid hunting and wild pig hunting permit from the National Park Service, to hunt wild pigs on BSF from Jan. 21 through Feb. 28, 2014.

Wild pigs are in Kentucky because of criminal releases. They out-compete native wildlife for food, damage crops, and carry diseases. Landowners are strongly encouraged to work with the department to remove wild pigs from their property. Trapping, which is legal year-round, is the most effective method of removal.

Tell your local conservation officer about the use of snares and/or corral traps on your property. Traps and snares should be tagged and checked in accordance with trapping regulations.

Wild pigs must be killed at the trap site, and not released. It is illegal to possess, sell or transport wild pigs in Kentucky.

Report sightings, illegal activities related to wild pigs, and get advice on effective control by calling Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549.

GROUNDHOGS

Groundhogs may be hunted statewide, year-round, with no bag limit. A hunting license is required unless the hunter is license exempt.

BIRDS

- Some species of exotic, non-native birds (pheasant, chukar, and Eurasian collared dove) may be hunted year-round, with no hunting license required and no bag limit.
- English sparrows and starlings may be hunted year-round, with no bag limit, but a hunting license is required, unless license exempt.
- However, pheasants released during quota hunts are not open to year-round hunting on Green River Lake WMA,

Yellowbank WMA and Clay WMA.
- All birds of prey and native songbirds are protected under state and federal laws and may not be taken.

HOOFED STOCK (OTHER THAN WHITE-TAILED DEER & ELK)

- Exotic, non-native hoofed stock may be hunted year-round
- No license required.
- No bag limit or checking requirement.
- Fallow deer on Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area are not open to year-round hunting.

MAMMALS AND OTHER WILDLIFE

- The spotted skunk, a rare species found in eastern Kentucky, is a protected species and may not be taken.
- All threatened or endangered species are protected under state and federal laws and may not be taken.

QUOTA HUNTS

OVERVIEW

COMPLETE DETAILS FOR ALL QUOTA HUNTS ARE NOW ONLINE AT *fw.ky.gov*.

This includes: information needed to apply, application preference points, dates, bag limits, hunter orange requirements, antler spread restrictions for deer hunts, licensing requirements, accepted payment methods, permit costs, access and pre-hunt scouting, check-in instructions, eligibility for mobility-impaired deer hunts, bonus hunt days, and days in which hunting may be closed on certain WMAs.

INTRODUCTION

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources conducts quota hunts for deer, small game (pheasant, wild quail and upland birds) and migratory birds (waterfowl and mourning doves).

Some hunts are mentored hunts for youth and accompanying adults. Some hunts are open to mobility-impaired hunters only.

Any resident or nonresident may apply for quota hunts. Only the person(s) successfully drawn for quota hunts may hunt. Substitutions are not allowed.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for quota hunts: Go online to *fw.ky.gov* or call 1-877-598-2401. The non-refundable fee is $3 per hunter to apply.

The application period is September 1-30 only. Hunters may apply for any or all of these quota hunts at the same time.

Applicants will be given the option to pick a first and second hunt choice, but may be drawn to participate in only one quota hunt. Applicants will receive a confirmation number.

When the draw is completed, the results will be posted on *fw.ky.gov*.

Applicants may also call Kentucky Fish and Wildlife weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (EDT) at 1-800-858-1549 and provide either their confirmation number or Social Security number to find out if they were drawn.

PROPOSED BEAR QUOTA HUNT WITH DOGS

A bear quota hunt with dogs (five-bear quota) for Kentucky residents only has been proposed and was awaiting legislative approval when this guide went to press. Chec*k fw.ky.gov* for details.

Only persons that possess a valid Bear Chase Permit may apply. Hunt parties shall not exceed five adults or five adults and two youth. Each hunt party may take one bear.

QUOTA DEER HUNTS

Deer quota hunts are held on 13 WMAs, three state parks (Greenbo Lake, Green River Lake and Lake Barkley), Pennyrile State Forest, and Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area.

Additionally, there is a youth-only deer quota hunt on Grayson Lake WMA, and quota deer hunts for mobility-impaired hunters on Green River Lake WMA, Taylorsville Lake WMA, and Zilpo-Twin Knobs Campgrounds (on Cave Run Lake).

PHEASANT QUOTA HUNTS

Pheasant quota hunts are held on Yellowbank WMA, Green River Lake WMA and Clay WMA.

WILD QUAIL QUOTA HUNTS

Quota hunts for wild quail are held on the Ken Unit of Peabody WMA.

UPLAND BIRD QUOTA HUNTS

Upland bird (wild grouse, wild quail and woodcock) quota hunts are held on Clay WMA.

WATERFOWL QUOTA HUNTS

Waterfowl quota hunts are held on Ballard and Sloughs WMAs.

MOURNING DOVE MENTOR HUNTS

Youth hunters and an accompanying adult may participate in Mentor Dove Hunts on a limited number of public fields.

Call the department's Information Center (1-800-858-1549) weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m EDT beginning Aug. 12 to sign up and reserve a spot for these hunts.

Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis until the designated spaces are filled. Other than statewide licensing requirements, no additional hunt permits are required.

Locations of mentor hunts will be published in the 2013 Kentucky Hunting Guide for dove and early migratory bird seasons, available from the department's website and Information Center in early August.

PUBLIC LAND HUNTING

OVERVIEW

COMPLETE DETAILS FOR PUBLIC LAND HUNTING ARE NOW ONLINE AT *fw.ky.gov.*

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS (WMAS)

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

For complete details on public land hunting visit *fw.ky.gov.*

DEER

County zone deer bag limits apply to all WMAs unless otherwise noted under the area listing. If a WMA is in more than one deer management zone, the bag limit on the entire WMA will be determined by the regulations for the most liberal deer management zone (lowest zone number).

MODERN GUN SEASON FOR DEER ON WMAS

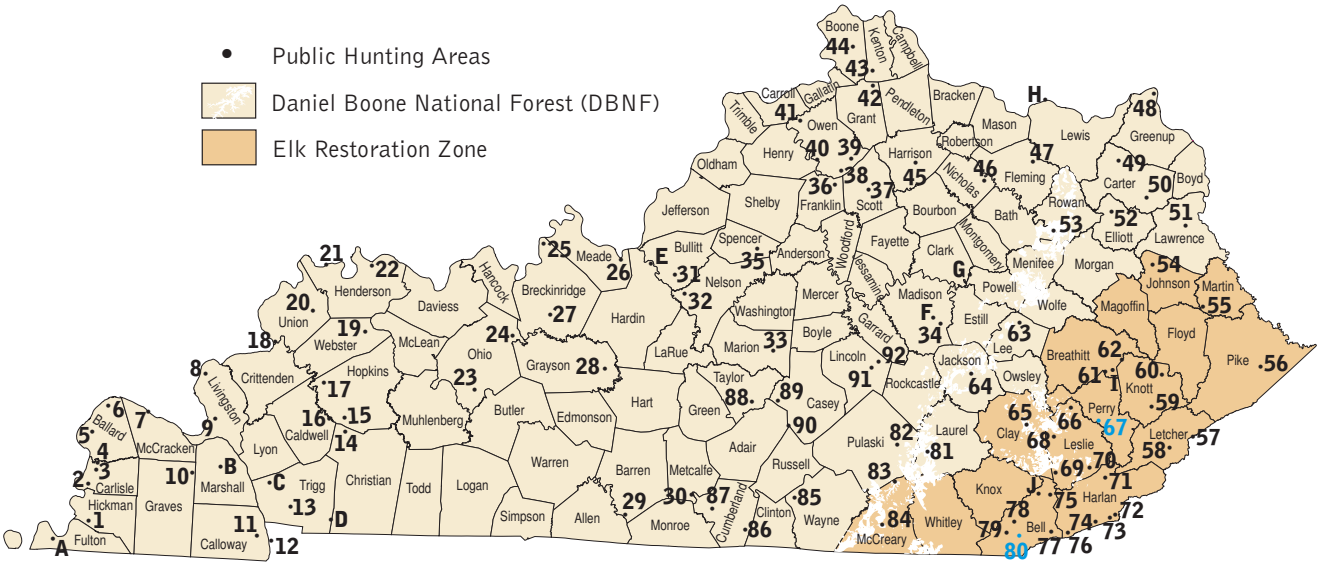
If a WMA is open during modern gun season for deer, it is closed to small game and furbearer hunting Nov. 9-10, 2013.

WMAs OPEN UNDER STATEWIDE REGULATIONS FOR DEER

Entire WMAs open for Modern Gun: Asher, Ashland, Beechy Creek, Boone Forestlands (formerly Begley), Buck Creek, Buckhorn Lake, Burchell-Beech Creek, Cane Creek, Carr Creek Lake, Clear Creek, CONSOL of Kentucky, Corrigan, Cranks Creek, Dale Hollow Lake, Doug Travis, Ed Mabry-Laurel Gorge, Elk Forest (formerly Graham), Fleming, **Fortner-Davis**, Hensley-Pine Mountain, ICG, Jones-Keeney, Kaler Bottoms, Kentucky Lake, Kentucky Ridge Forest, L.B. Davison, Lee K. Nelson, Marrowbone State Forest & WMA, Martins Fork Lake, Martins Fork WMA & SNA, Nolin River Lake, Obion Creek, **Paul Van Booven**, Peabody (first 10 days only), Rough River Lake, Shillalah Creek, Stone Mountain WMA & SNA, **Wells**, Winford and Yatesville Lake (antlered-only during Modern Gun season).

Portions of WMAs open for Modern Gun: Ballard, Barren River Lake, Boatwright, Coil Estate, Lake Barkley, Lake Cumberland, Ohio River Islands, Robinson Forest and Sloughs.

Archery/Crossbow only: Cedar Creek Lake, Curtis Gates Lloyd, Dr. Norman and Martha Adair, John C. Williams, Knobs State Forest & WMA, Miller Welch-Central Kentucky, Mullins, **Redbird**, T.N. Sullivan and Twin Eagle.



PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS IN KENTUCKY

1. Obion Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA)
2. Doug Travis WMA
3. Coil Estate WMA
4. Winford WMA
5. Boatwright WMA
6. Ballard WMA
7. West Kentucky WMA
8. Ohio River Islands WMA
9. Livingston County WMA and State Natural Area
10. Kaler Bottoms WMA
11. Kentucky Lake WMA
12. Beechy Creek WMA
13. Lake Barkley WMA
14. Pennyrile State Forest
15. Tradewater WMA
16. Jones-Keeney WMA
17. Clear Creek WMA
18. Big Rivers WMA & State Forest
19. Lee K. Nelson WMA
20. Higginson-Henry WMA
21. Sloughs WMA
22. Green River State Forest
23. Peabody WMA
24. L. B. Davison WMA
25. Yellowbank WMA
26. Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area
27. Rough River Lake WMA
28. Nolin River Lake WMA
29. Barren River Lake WMA
30. Marrowbone State Forest and WMA
31. Knobs State Forest and WMA
32. John C. Williams WMA
33. Marion Co. WMA and State Forest
34. Miller Welch-Central Kentucky WMA
35. Taylorsville Lake WMA
36. T. N. Sullivan WMA
37. Veterans Memorial WMA
38. John A. Kleber WMA
39. Dr. James R. Rich WMA
40. Kentucky River WMA
41. Twin Eagle WMA
42. Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA
43. Mullins WMA
44. Dr. Norman and Martha Adair WMA
45. Griffith Woods WMA
46. Clay WMA
47. Fleming WMA
48. South Shore WMA
49. Tygarts State Forest
50. Grayson Lake WMA
51. Yatesville Lake WMA
52. Ed Mabry-Laurel Gorge WMA
53. Pioneer Weapons WMA (DBNF)
54. Paintsville Lake WMA
55. Dewey Lake WMA
56. Fishtrap Lake WMA
57. Jefferson National Forest
58. Hensley-Pine Mountain WMA
59. Carr Creek Lake WMA
60. CONSOL of Kentucky WMA
61. Paul Van Booven WMA
62. Robinson Forest WMA
63. Ashland WMA
64. Mill Creek WMA (DBNF)
65. Burchell-Beech Creek WMA
66. Buckhorn Lake WMA
67. **Wells Hunting Access Area**
68. Redbird WMA (DBNF)
69. Elk Forest WMA
70. Corrigan WMA
71. Kentenia State Forest
72. Stone Mountain WMA and State Natural Area
73. Cranks Creek WMA
74. Martins Fork Lake WMA
75. Boone Forestlands WMA
76. Martins Fork WMA and State Natural Area
77. Shillalah Creek WMA
78. Kentucky Ridge Forest WMA
79. Kentucky Ridge State Forest
80. **Fortner-Davis WMA**
81. Cane Creek WMA (DBNF)
82. Buck Creek WMA
83. Beaver Creek WMA (DBNF)
84. Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area
85. Lake Cumberland WMA
86. Dale Hollow Lake WMA
87. Mud Camp Creek WMA
88. Green River Lake WMA
89. Dennis-Gray WMA
90. R. F. Tarter WMA
91. Cedar Creek Lake WMA
92. Dix River WMA

OTHER HUNTING AREAS

On the following areas (except Hidden Valley) you **must** contact the controlling agency for season dates, regulations and hunter requirements.

A. Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)
B. Clarks River NWR
C. Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area (USDA Forest Service)
D. Fort Campbell Military Reservation
E. Fort Knox Military Reservation
F. Blue Grass Army Depot
G. Hidden Valley Training Area
H. Ohio River Islands NWR
I. ICG Hunting Access Area
J. Asher Hunting Access Area

PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS QUICK REFERENCE

The chart below 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.

PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS QUICK REFERENCE		Elk - Quota	Deer - Quota	Deer - Gun	Deer - Archery	Deer - Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Youth	Turkey - Spring	Turkey - Youth Only	Turkey - Fall Archery	Turkey - Fall Firearm	Squirrel - Spring	Squirrel - Fall	Rabbit & Quail	Grouse	Furbearer	Bear
PURCHASE REGION																		
Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge		Call (731) 538-2481 for details																
Obion Creek WMA				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Doug Travis WMA				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Coil Estate WMA				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Winford WMA				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Boatwright WMA	Swan Lake Unit				X	X		X	X	X			X	X				
	Olmsted Unit			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
	Peal Unit			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Ballard WMA			X		X	X		X	X	X			X	X			X	
West Kentucky WMA			X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Ohio River Islands WMA	Stewart/Birdsville Island				X	X	X	X			X	X		X				
	Pryor, Rondeau Islands			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
	Twin Sisters Islands			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Livingston Co. WMA & State Natural Area				X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Kaler Bottoms WMA				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge		Call (270) 527-5770 for details																
Kentucky Lake WMA				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Beechy Creek WMA				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Ft. Campbell Military Reservation		Call (270) 798-2175 for details																
Lake Barkley WMA				X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Land Between The Lakes NRA		Call (270) 924-2065 for details																
Pennyrile State Forest			X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Tradewater WMA			X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Jones-Keeney WMA				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
GREEN RIVER REGION																		
Clear Creek WMA				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Big Rivers WMA & State Forest			X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Lee K. Nelson WMA				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Higginson-Henry WMA					X			X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	
Sloughs WMA				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Sloughs WMA - Sauerheber Unit					X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Green River State Forest				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
L.B. Davidson WMA				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Peabody WMA				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Yellowbank WMA					X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	

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GREEN RIVER REGION (cont.)																	
Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area		X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	1)		X	
Rough River Lake WMA			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Nolin River Lake WMA			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Barren River Lake WMA			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Marrowbone State Forest & WMA			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Ft. Knox Military Reservation	Call (502) 624-7311 for details																
BLUEGRASS REGION																	
Knobs State Forest & WMA				X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
John C. Williams WMA				X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Marion County State Forest & WMA		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Taylorsville Lake WMA		X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Miller Welch - Central Kentucky WMA				X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X			2)	
T.N. Sullivan WMA				X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Veterans Memorial WMA		X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	3)		X	
Blue Grass Army Depot	Call (859) 779-6651 for details																
John A. Kleber WMA		X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Dr. James R. Rich WMA		X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Kentucky River WMA				X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Twin Eagle WMA				X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA				X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Mullins WMA				X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Dr. Norman and Martha Adair WMA				X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Griffith Woods WMA				X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
NORTHEAST REGION																	
Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge	Call (304) 375-2923, ext. 117 for details																
South Shore WMA 4)			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Fleming WMA			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Clay WMA		X		X	X	5)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Pioneer Weapons WMA 6)			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Tygarts State Forest			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Grayson Lake WMA				X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Yatesville Lake WMA 7)			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Ed Mabry - Laurel Gorge WMA			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Paintsville Lake WMA	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Dewey Lake WMA	X			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Fishtrap Lake WMA	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Daniel Boone National Forest	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

1) Otter Creek ORA is closed to quail hunting.
2) Miller Welch-Central Kentucky WMA is closed to furbearer hunting.
3) Veterans Memorial WMA is closed to quail hunting.
4) On South Shore WMA centerfire rifles and handguns may not be used to take deer.
5) Clay WMA is open to deer hunting during the early (Oct. 19-20, 2013) muzzleloading season.
6) On Pioneer Weapons WMA hunters may not use modern, breech-loading firearms and in-line muzzleloaders. Hunters may only use open or iron sights on any weapon.
7) On Yatesville Lake WMA antlerless deer may not be taken with a firearm during modern gun season for deer.

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SOUTHEAST REGION																	
Jefferson National Forest	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hensley-Pine Mountain WMA	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Carr Creek Lake WMA	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
CONSOL of Kentucky WMA	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Paul Van Booven WMA	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
IGC Hunting Access Area	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Robinson Forest WMA	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Ashland WMA			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Hidden Valley Training Area				X	X								X	X	X		
Mill Creek WMA		X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Burchell-Beech Creek WMA	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Buckhorn Lake WMA	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Redbird WMA	X			X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Elk Forest WMA	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wells Hunting Access Area	**X**		**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	
Corrigan WMA	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kentenia State Forest	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Stone Mountain WMA & State Natural Area	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cranks Creek WMA	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Martins Fork Lake WMA	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Boone Forestlands WMA	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Martins Fork WMA & State Natural Area	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Shillalah Creek WMA	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kentucky Ridge Forest WMA	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fortner-Davis WMA	**X**		**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**
Asher Hunting Access Area	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cane Creek WMA			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Buck Creek WMA			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Beaver Creek WMA	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Big South Fork NRRA	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Lake Cumberland WMA	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Dale Hollow Lake WMA			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Mud Camp Creek WMA 8)			X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Green River Lake & Dennis Gray WMA		X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
R.F. Tarter WMA 9)			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Cedar Creek Lake WMA				X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	10)			
Dix River WMA				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

8) On Mud Camp Creek WMA firearms may not be used to take deer during modern gun season for deer.
9) On R.F. Tarter WMA firearms may not be used to take deer during modern gun season for deer.
10) Cedar Creek WMA is closed to quail hunting.