HUNTING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

License: Unless license exempt, hunters must possess a valid Kentucky hunting license when hunting the species listed in this guide.

A Kentucky Migratory Game Bird/Waterfowl Hunting Permit is required. Before hunting migratory birds, hunters must now go online and fill out the Harvest Information Program (HIP) survey before they are legal migratory bird hunters.

The process takes less than 5 minutes. On the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife webpage at fwc.ky.gov, click on the “My Profile” tab. This takes you to a page that asks for some basic information to confirm your identity. After completing the HIP survey, you will receive a confirmation number that must be written on your hunting license or Kentucky Migratory Game Bird/Waterfowl Hunting permit.

BAITED FIELDS

It is illegal to hunt doves or waterfowl over a “baited” field. Baited fields are areas where grain, salt or other attractants have been placed other than those that occur by legitimate agricultural practices. Mature wildlife food plots grown to attract doves are legal hunting areas, as long as no additional attractants have been placed on these areas.

Areas manipulated for dove hunting are not legal for waterfowl hunting.

FIELD DRESSING

When field dressing, or otherwise preparing for transportation, any of the species in this guide, except doves, one fully feathered wing or the head must be left on each bird for identification.

HUNTING REQUIREMENTS

All shotguns used to hunt any game species in Kentucky (except deer) must be plugged to hold three shells total; one in the chamber and two in the magazine. Shotguns of 10 gauge or smaller are permitted.

TAGGING

No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following: 1) The hunter’s signature and address; 2) The total number of birds involved, by species; 3) The dates such birds were taken. Tagging is required if birds are being transported by another person for the hunter, or if birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment or taxidermy services.

WANTON WASTE

All migratory game birds shall be retrieved, if possible, and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field.

NON-TOXIC SHOT

Waterfowl and Sandhill Crane: Possession or use of any lead shot while hunting or attempting to take waterfowl is prohibited statewide. Non-toxic shot is required to hunt waterfowl. Most major manufacturers offer non-toxic shotshells. See https://www.fws.gov/birds/bird-enthusiasts/hunting/nontoxic.php

Other Migratory Game Birds: Only USFWS-approved non-toxic shot may be possessed and used to hunt doves, gallinules, rails, woodcock, snipe or other migratory birds on Ballard, Boatwright, Doug Travis, Sloughs, Kaler Bottoms, Kentucky River, Duck Island, Ohio River Islands, South Shore, Yatesville Lake WMAs and Clarks River NWR and other areas as posted by signs.

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This is a SUMMARY of the laws regarding migratory bird hunting. This guide is intended solely for informational use. It is not a reprint of any referenced statute or regulation in its entirety and should not be used as such. Questions about the information contained in this guide should be directed to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources BEFORE engaging in the activities referenced. Actual wording of any Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) or Kentucky Administrative Regulation (KAR) can be viewed at www.lrc.state.ky.us/kar/frntpage.htm.
WHICH LICENSE OR PERMIT DO YOU NEED?

NOTE: Licenses and permits are not required for kids under the age of 12.

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†Included in Resident Sportsman’s License

HIP survey required (also required for Resident Sportsman’s License) (See preceding page and back cover for new procedures on HIP survey)

HUNTING SEASONS

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DAILY BAG LIMIT

The total of a specific migratory game bird species that may be taken during legal shooting hours for one calendar day.

POSSESSION LIMIT

The total limit of a specific migratory game bird species that may be in your possession at any time, whether on your person or stored at another location, including your home or taxidermist.
OTHER SEASON NOTES

DOVE

Eurasian collared doves resemble mourning doves but possess a black slash across the back of their necks. Hunters should not continue to hunt for Eurasian collared doves after reaching the 15-bird daily dove bag limit. Eurasian collared doves cleaned in the field count toward the 15-bird daily dove bag limit. If the head and/or wing remains attached during transport or in the field, hunters may take unlimited numbers of Eurasian collared doves.

CROW

Mechanical devices and electronic attracting devices for crow hunting may only be used during the open season. Crows observed committing or about to commit acts of depredation may be taken year-round; however, persons attempting to take depredating crows must use U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved non-toxic shot, shall not use blinds, decoys, calls or other lures to attract birds into shooting range during the closed season.

EARLY WOOD DUCK, TEAL and CANADA GOOSE

USFWS-approved non-toxic shot no larger than size T is required for all waterfowl hunting. Hunters may not possess or use lead shot while hunting or attempting to take waterfowl.

SEPTEMBER CANADA GOOSE

The following areas are closed during this season:

1. Cave Run Lake: Cave Run Lake and the public land inside the boundary of KY 801, Ky 1274, KY 36, KY 211, U.S. 60 and KY 826 remain closed during the September Canada Goose season. The other areas of the Northeast Goose Zone are now open to hunting during the September Canada Goose season.

3. West Kentucky WMA: This wildlife management area is closed to the September Canada Goose season.

Areas manipulated for dove hunting are not legal for waterfowl hunting.

YOUTH WATERFOWL DAYS

Two weekends, one in each duck zone, have been designated for youth only to waterfowl hunt. Hunters under age 16 may take a legal limit of ducks, coots, mergansers and geese on these days. See the 2019-20 Kentucky Hunting Guide for Waterfowl online for additional information.

PUBLIC HUNTING

2019 PUBLIC DOVE FIELDS

WMAs and Cooperative Fields

Private fields in the cooperative dove field program are open for public dove hunting Sept. 1, 2 and Sept. 7 - Oct. 26 (except private land Mentor-Youth Hunt sites are closed to the general public Sept. 1). New This Year: All public dove fields will be closed to all access from Aug. 15 until sunrise Sept. 1. Private cooperative fields are closed to public access except on the dates listed above. Prior to the season, hunters may drive by private cooperative fields but may not leave their vehicles to scout.

Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) are open during regular seasons under statewide regulations unless otherwise specified in this guide. Field conditions may vary considerably, even on the same WMA. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife recommends hunters scout fields to ensure...

Dove fields near you

Click on the “Maps” tab, followed by “Game Maps,” then “Public Dove Fields.” You may also find them using this link: http://arcg.is/2aRfCp8.
they are ready for the time you plan to hunt. When hunting a public area, hunt safely and be courteous of others. Do not leave trash behind. The future of the cooperative dove field program depends on you.

**WESTERN KENTUCKY**

**Ballard County**
- Ballard WMA: Four fields. U.S. 60 west from Paducah, about 16 miles then right onto Hwy. 310. Travel about 6 miles to stop sign at Hwy. 358. Cross Hwy. 358 and continue on Hwy. 310 to Hwy 1105. Cross Hwy. 1105 onto Mitchell Lake Rd. then travel about 1 mile. Go through gate at Oscar. Field 1 is a sunflower field on the right. Field 2 is a wheat field next to a grain bin. Field 3 is a sunflower field to the north of Field 1. Field 4: Travel past Field 1, cross Mitchell Lake Dam, turn right at the crossroads to the wheat field next to the swim in duck trap. Signs posed for all fields.

**U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)-approved, non-toxic shot only.**
- Boatwright WMA: Due to flooding, there are no dove fields on Boatwright WMA for the upcoming dove seasons.
- Cooper Grove Dove Field: From Paducah, take US 60 west for 10.7 miles to right on Hwy. 310. Travel 6 miles to stop sign, cross Hwy. 358 and continue on Hwy. 358 to a stop sign at Hwy. 1105. Turn right and travel 1.7 miles to a left onto Hwy. 473 (Refuge Road). Dove field on left in 0.8 mile. **Close to the public Sept. 1 for mentor/youth hunt; reserve slots online at fw.ky.gov.**

**Carlisle County**
- Doug Travis WMA: Due to flooding, there are no dove fields on Doug Travis WMA for the upcoming dove seasons.

**Livingston County**
- Livingston County WMA: From Salem, take Hwy. 133 west for 13.8 miles, left on Hughes Road to road’s end.

**McCracken County**
- West Kentucky WMA, Tract 1: U.S. 60 west from Paducah to Future City, then right (north) onto Hwy 996, for 3.5 miles, then left (west) onto Hwy. 358 for 1.7 miles. Turn right (north) onto Boldry School Rd. for about 1 mile, then left on first gravel road for 0.25 mile to field on right. Other fields are 0.25 mile farther north on Boldry School Rd. on the right. **Hunters on Tracts 4A must sign-in at check-in-box before hunting.**

**Special closings**
- Indicates a Mentor/Youth Hunt site, where all or part of the area is reserved for Mentor/Youth Hunt participants on certain dates. Reservations are required for these hunts. See page 5 for more information, or call 1-800-858-1549 or visit fw.ky.gov.

**WEST CENTRAL KENTUCKY**

**Barren County**
- Barren River Lake WMA, Goose Island Unit: Access from US 31 E to Hwy. 1318.

**Breckinridge County**
- Yellowbank WMA: 20 miles north of Hardinsburg on Hwy. 259; 20 miles west of Brandenburg on Hwy. 144 to Hwy. 259. Two fields, see map at Information Station. **On Tract 4, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)-approved, non-toxic shot only (marked by signs).**

**Butler County**
- Cooper Grove Dove Field: Take Hwy. 231/79 exit from Hatcher Parkway (I-164). Travel south on Hwy. 231 for 2 miles to a right onto Hwy. 79 south for 7.5 miles. Field on left.

**Crittenden County**
- Big Rivers WMA and State Forest: Two fields. Field 1: 100 yards south of Big Rivers WMA office on Hwy. 365. Field 2: From Big Rivers WMA office, travel south on Hwy. 365 for 0.9 mile to a right onto Bells Mine Rd. Travel 3.2 miles to field on right. Look for signs and park along gravel road. **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)-approved, non-toxic shot only.**

**Henderson County**
- Sloughs WMA: Two fields. Field 1: From Sloughs WMA office, travel east on Hwy. 268 for 1.4 miles and turn left onto gravel WMA road, look for signs. Continue on gravel road, field immediately on left. Park along gravel WMA road. Field 2: From Mt. Vernon/Uniontown Rd, turn on Grant Line Road toward Grassy Pond for 0.75 mile, to field on right. Look for signs and park along gravel road. **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)-approved, non-toxic shot only.**

**Muhlenberg/Ohio counties**
- Peabody WMA: Sinclair Unit, 3 fields; Baker Bottoms Unit, 2 fields; and Ken Unit, 3 fields. User permit required for Peabody WMA, call (270) 476-1889 for more information.

**Union County**
- Higginson-Henry WMA: Hwy. 56, about 7 miles southeast of Morganfield. Two fields, see maps at kiosk. **Dove fields are in new locations this year.** Field 1: From intersection of Hwys. 56 and 141, travel west on Hwy. 56 for 3.8 miles to field on left. Field 2: From intersection of Hwys. 56 and 141, travel east on Hwy. 56 for 0.8 mile. Turn left for 0.07 mile, then left 0.1 mile to field. One field (marked by signs) closed Sept. 1 for Mentor/Youth Hunt; reserve slots online at fw.ky.gov.

**CENTRAL KENTUCKY**

**Franklin County**
- T.N. Sullivan WMA: From Frankfort, take US 127 north for 4.1 miles to a right onto Steele Branch Rd. and proceed to the “T” with Old Owenton Rd. Turn left and travel 0.4 mile to a right onto Hwy. 1262 (Sullivan Lane) for 0.75 mile to WMA. Follow signs to field.

**Grant County**
- Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA: Opening day shooting hours begin at 2 p.m. Two fields. Take Crittenden exit from I-75. Follow US 25 south to Hwy. 491, turn left across railroad tracks, then right on Wildlife Rd. Field 1 is open to public hunting under statewide regulations. **Field 2 closed Sept. 1 for Mentor/Youth Hunt; reserve slots online at fw.ky.gov.**

**Harrison County**
- Griffith Woods WMA: From Georgetown, take US 62 east toward Cynthiana. Field on left 0.5 mile from intersection of Hwy. 353 (Russell Cave Road).

**Henry County**
- Kentucky River WMA, Welch Tract: U.S. 421 to Hwy. 561, 1 mile west of Gest (near Lock 3). Follow signs for parking. **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)-approved, non-toxic shot only on both tracts.**

**LaRue County**
- Rolling Fork WMA: From Bluegrass Parkway, take exit 21 and U.S. 31E south.
toward Hodgenville for 18 miles to a left onto Hwy, 84. Travel 12 miles to a right onto Hwy, 462, then 6.8 miles to a right onto Levelwoods Rd for 3.2 miles to the field on left, just past Warren Rd.

**Madison County**
- Miller Welch-Central Kentucky WMA: 9 miles southeast of Richmond; from U.S. 421 at Kingdom left (east) onto Hwy. 3376 (Dreyfus Rd.) for about 2 miles. Turn right (south) onto Muddy Creek Rd. (just past WMA office) to dove fields on right.
- Cooperator Dove Field: From Interstate I-75 exit 95, take Hwy. 627 east for about 2.5 miles to field on left (north) side of road. *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)-approved, non-toxic shot only.

**Mercer County**
- Cooperator Dove Field: From Bluegrass Parkway exit 59, take U.S. 127 south for 2 miles to a right onto Wheat School Rd. For 1.4 miles to a right onto Bondville Rd. For 2 miles to a right onto Hawkins Lane. Follow signs to field on right.
- Cooperator Dove Field: From the Bluegrass Parkway exit 59, travel south on U.S. 127 for 3.8 miles to a right onto Kirkwood Rd. For 0.25 mile, then right onto Bondsville Rd., then right onto Crews St. Field on right.

**Owen County**
- Kentucky River WMA: Roberts Tract: From U.S. 127, take Hwy. 355 to Old Landing Rd. For 1 mile to parking area on left. *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)-approved, non-toxic shot only on both tracts.

**Shelby County**
- Cooperator Dove Field: U.S. 60 to Hwy. 395, travel north about 3 miles, take left onto Hwy. 1005 for 2 miles, then left onto Cherry Hill Rd. For 0.25 mile to field on right.

**Spencer County**
- Taylorsville Lake WMA: From Taylorsville travel east on Hwy. 248 for 2.1 miles, turn right (south) onto Hwy 2239/Overlook Rd. Field will be on the right with parking at second gravel lot.

**NORTHEASTERN KENTUCKY**
- Bath County
  - Clay WMA, Justice Tract: From I-64 at exit 110, take KY 11 north for 17.8 miles to a left onto Little Flat-Ledford Rd. Travel 0.7 mile to parking area on right.
  - Cooperator Dove Field: From Owingsville, take Hwy. 111 north for 6.5 miles. Field on right on Old Wyoming Road.

**Fleming County**
- Clay WMA, Marietta Booth Tract: From Carlisle take Hwy. 32 east for about 12 miles then right at WMA sign.

Go 0.3 mile to WMA parking area on left.

**Greenup County**
- South Shore WMA: From South Shore take U.S. 23 east to a left (north) at the South Shore WMA sign for 0.4 mile. Field is adjacent to parking area. *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)-approved, non-toxic shot only.

**Morgan County**
- Paintsville Lake WMA: From Paintsville, take Hwy. 40 west for 1.5 miles, turn right onto Hwy. 172 (west) for 14 miles to field on left. From Morehead, take Hwy. 519 south to a left onto U.S. 460, then left onto Hwy. 172 (east) for 15 miles to field on right.

**SOUTHEASTERN KENTUCKY**

**Green County**
- Cooperator Dove Field: From Greensburg, take Hwy. 61 north for 8.1 miles, turn left onto Hwy. 569 for 5.3 miles, then right onto Hwy. 566. Travel 1.4 miles to fields on both sides of the road.

**Lincoln County**
- Cooperator Dove Field: From Stanford, take U.S. 27 north for 0.16 mile to a left onto Hwy. 590. Travel 1.5 miles to a gravel lane marked by yellow dove field sign. Turn left and proceed to marked parking area. Closed Sept. 1 for Mentor/Youth Hunt; reserve slots online at fw.ky.gov.

**CLOSED AREAS**

**CLOSED TO MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING**
1) The main block of Robinson Forest WMA; 2) the portion of Grayson Lake WMA within three-quarters of a mile of the dam, the Deer Creek Branch, the shores of Camp Webb and the state park; 3) the Greenbrier Creek Branch of Yatesville Lake, including all islands, north of the mouth of Greenbrier Creek Branch; 4) Land Between The Lakes NRA from Sept. 30 - Nov. 30.

**CLOSED TO WATERFOWL HUNTING**
All designated goose refuge lakes within the Western Kentucky coalfields region are closed to all waterfowl hunting.

**WATERFOWL REFUGES**

The following areas are waterfowl refuges: portion of Lake Cumberland WMA including Wesley Bend (bounded by Fishing Creek, Fishing Creek Road and Beech Grove Road) and Yellowhole (bounded by Fishing Creek Road and Hickory Nut Road) are closed to the public Oct. 15 - March 15. Ohio River Waterfowl Refuge (From Smithland Lock and Dam upstream to powerline crossing at river mile 911.5) is closed to hunting Oct. 15 - March 15 and Stewart Island is closed to the public Oct. 15 - March 15. On Peabody WMA, portions of Sinclair and Homestead mines as marked by signs are closed to the public Oct. 15 - March 15. On Sloughs WMA, the Sauerheber Unit is closed to the public Nov. 1-March 15 except the Crenshaw and Duncan tracts which are open for waterfowl hunting only. The area of Yellowbank WMA posted by signs is closed to the public Oct. 15 - March 15.

**REPORT A POACHER!**
*Call 1-800-25ALERT (1-800-252-5378) to report wildlife law violators. This number is for reporting wildlife and boating violations or similar emergencies only. Operators are not equipped to handle routine requests for information or to transfer calls.*
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BULLARDS WMA and SWAN LAKE PORTION of BOATRIGHT WMA (Ballard County)
Dove: Sept. 1 - Oct. 13, 2019
Snipe: Sept. 18 - Oct. 13, 2019
Ralls, Gallinules: Sept. 1 - Oct. 13, 2019
No woodcock hunting permitted.

PIONEER WEAPONS AREAS
Breech- and muzzle-loading shotguns may be used to take wood ducks and teal on the shoreline portions of the Pioneer Weapons Areas at 1) Cave Run Lake, and 2) all waterfowl at Barren River Lake.

WEST KENTUCKY WMA (McCracken County)
Dove, snipe and woodcock: Open under statewide seasons, except closed during deer gun seasons. (WMA closed to September Canada goose season.)

SPECIAL WMA RESTRICTIONS

Wildlife Management Areas not listed here or in the “Closed Areas” section are open under statewide regulations.

OTHER HUNTING AREAS

The following areas have special seasons and regulations for all hunting. Contact the individual areas at the addresses and telephone numbers listed below.

FORT KNOX MILITARY RESERVATION
Hunt Control Office
4916 Wilson Road, Building 9297
Fort Knox, KY 40121
(502) 624-7311 or (502) 624-2712
https://fknox.isportsman.net

FORT CAMPBELL MILITARY RESERVATION
6645 101st Airborne Division Road
Fort Campbell, KY 42223
(270) 798-9824
https://ftcampbell.isportsman.net

OHIO RIVER ISLANDS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
3982 Waverly Rd.,
Williamstown, WV 26187
(304) 375-2923, ext. 117

LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES NATIONAL RECREATION AREA
100 Van Morgan Drive
Golden Pond, KY 42211
(270) 924-2000
www.landbetweenthelakes.us

REELFOOT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
4343 Hwy. 157, Union City, TN 38261
(731) 538-2481
http://reelfoot.fws.gov

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MENTOR/YOUTH HUNT RULES
1. Open only to adults accompanied by a youth (ages 15 and under), though not necessary for the youth to hunt.
2. Both mentor and youth can hunt, but must do so from the same field location (stake). All hunters must stay within 15 feet of their assigned shooting location. One adult may take two youths to these hunts. Two shotguns are allowed per stake. Each hunter is allowed 15 doves.
3. The number of hunters in Mentor/Youth Hunt fields will be strictly limited to ensure a safe and quality hunt.
4. Field slots will be available only by a random computerized drawing. Apply on the department’s website at fw.ky.gov from 8 a.m. EDT Aug. 5, until 4:30 p.m. EDT, Aug. 16. Unreserved slots will be available on a first come, first served basis at the field on the day of the hunt until all slots are filled.
5. Hunting groups must check in prior to hunting and check out prior to leaving the field with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife staff and carry a department provided notification letter.
6. After the field is filled no new hunting groups will be allowed in.
7. Hunting groups in the field may move to different staked sites when the assigned group vacates that site.
8. Hunters must leave their guns at their shooting location (stake) when retrieving downed birds.
9. Shooting hours limited to 2-7 p.m., local time. All hunting groups must be out of the field by 7:30 p.m., local time.
10. All hunters will be responsible for cleaning up their shooting location (including empty shells) prior to leaving the field.
11. Mentors and youth must conduct themselves in a safe manner and abide by these and other rules posted at the hunt field. Failure to do so will result in termination of hunting privilege for that field that day.
12. Hunter education and licensing requirements apply.

MILLER WELCH-CENTRAL KENTUCKY WMA (Madison County)
Dove: Sept. 1 - Oct. 13, 2019
Snipe: Sept. 18 - Oct. 13, 2019
No woodcock hunting permitted.

YOUTH HUNTING
If you hunt for doves, ducks or any other migratory birds, you are required to fill out a HIP Migratory Bird Survey before you go hunting. To take the quick survey just log into your My Profile page on our website FW.KY.GOV.