

PUBLIC LANDS HUNTING

OVERVIEW

The Wildlife Management Area & Public Lands Search feature on fw.ky.gov is a go-to source for information about where to hunt, fish, hike and more in Kentucky.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife owns, leases or manages more than 85 wildlife management areas (WMAs) for public use. It also has agreements to provide public access on certain privately owned lands, known as Hunting Access Areas. Many public-use areas have special regulations and hunting season dates that are different from statewide seasons. On some public-use areas, a user permit is required. Go online to fw.ky.gov and search under “public lands hunting” for additional information.

The information here applies to users of all WMAs owned or managed by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. If you intend to hunt (or otherwise visit) public lands listed under “Wildlife Management Areas,” you must comply with the following guidelines.

1. For game listed in this guide, go online to fw.ky.gov and search for “public lands hunting” for information specific to a WMA.
2. County zone deer bag limits apply to all WMAs unless otherwise noted under the area listing.
3. Quota deer hunters may take up to two (2) deer on a quota hunt in Zones 2, 3 and 4, only one of which may be antlered, unless otherwise noted under the area listing. See the deer quota hunt listings on page 34 for more details.
4. Squirrel, rabbit, quail, grouse and furbearer hunting is closed the first two days of modern gun deer season on WMAs, if gun deer hunting is permitted.

5. Unless otherwise noted, persons shall not allow unleashed dogs from March 1 until the third Saturday in August, except during department-authorized field trials, or when training a retriever or other water dog if the activity is authorized by a sign at the body of water. The dog must remain leashed except while training, or within 100 feet of the water, or as stated under the area listing or posted on the WMA.
6. Quota hunts for pheasant, deer, waterfowl and elk hunts require advance application. (Refer to “Quota Hunts” and “Elk Hunting” sections.) Advance application is not required for other listed hunts.
7. Camping is permitted only in designated areas. Check WMA maps online at fw.ky.gov or call the WMA office for camping availability through Kentucky Fish and Wildlife or other campgrounds. Parking must be confined to designated parking areas if such areas exist. If no parking area is designated, parking is generally allowed alongside maintained roads in such a manner that does not block a road or gate or prevent access to a portion of the area. Unless otherwise authorized by the department, mechanized vehicles (excluding wheelchairs) are permitted only on maintained roads open to public use. It is unlawful to cut trees or fences, dump trash or litter, or damage any property or habitat in any fashion.
8. Before trapping on a WMA or Outdoor Recreation Area, a Public Area Trapping Registration Form must be completed. The form is available at department offices and online at fw.ky.gov. Click the “Hunt” tab on the homepage and choose “Trapping” from the dropdown menu.
9. Hunters shall not enter or hunt in areas that have been designated closed by signs.
10. A person shall not discharge a fire-

During quota hunts...

During a WMA deer quota hunt, and the open youth firearm deer hunt at Grayson Lake WMA, only participating hunters and accompanying non-hunting assistants (limit one per hunter) are allowed to be on those WMAs, except waterfowl hunters in some areas that may be open, or if a part of the WMA is otherwise open as noted in the following area listings. Non-hunting assistants must check in and check out with the quota hunter that they are accompanying and abide by hunter orange requirements.

- arm within 100 yards of a residence or occupied building located on or off the area.
11. A person shall not distribute or place bait, hunt over bait or otherwise participate in baiting wildlife on a WMA.
12. A group of ten (10) or more people who gather for any event or organized activity on a WMA shall apply to the department at least 30 days before the date of the event. Groups shall apply on a form provided by the department. The department shall retain the authority to deny events, or otherwise restrict, institute additional requirements for, or direct the rescheduling of, any event to avoid user conflicts or for other legitimate reasons. Permit requests for events that do not meet WMA user guidelines shall be denied, and events may be canceled in progress if participants fail to comply with user guidelines or create hazards or disruption for others.
13. Horseback riding is permitted on some WMAs during certain times of the year and under certain restrictions. Unless hunting, horses shall

only be ridden on designated horse riding trails or a maintained public road open to vehicular traffic. Horses may not be ridden on WMAs during firearms seasons for turkey, deer, bear or elk unless participating or assisting in a legal elk hunt.

14. On all WMAs, Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area and Daniel Boone National Forest, a person shall not use a nail, spike, screw-in device, wire, or tree climber for attaching a tree stand or climbing a tree. A portable stand or climbing device that does not injure a tree may be used. Stands must be marked with the hunter's name and address, placed no more than two (2) weeks before the opening of the season and removed within one (1) week following the last day of each hunting period. A person shall not use an existing permanent tree stand.
15. Whenever gun deer hunting is allowed on a wildlife management area, state park or Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area, a person who will be hunting from inside a ground blind must first attach a hat or vest made of solid, unbroken hunter orange material to the blind so it is visible from all sides. Hunter orange clothing requirements still apply for anyone inside the blind.
16. Hunters are not required to wear hunter orange clothing or display hunter orange on ground blinds during a firearms season on a state owned or managed WMA where firearms hunting for deer, elk or bear is prohibited.
17. For information about migratory bird and waterfowl hunting on public lands, please visit fw.ky.gov.

MOBILITY-IMPAIRED HUNTER ACCESS TO WMAs

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife offers special exceptions to hunting and fishing regulations for persons who are mobility-impaired and want to hunt and fish on select WMAs. (Eligibility requirements appear in the Quota Hunts section.) Persons interested in applying for a mobility-impaired access permit should contact the department for an application or print one from the agency's website at fw.ky.gov.

Applicants for a mobility-impaired access permit shall fill out the required

Hunter orange required!

Hunters and people accompanying them must wear solid, unbroken hunter orange color visible from all sides on the head, back and chest when hunting for any species during modern gun, muzzleloader and youth gun deer seasons, or a firearm elk or firearm bear season. However, hunter orange is not required when hunting waterfowl or doves during a gun deer, elk or bear season, or when hunting furbearers at night during a legal furbearer season.

information on the application and obtain the attestation and signature from a licensed physician describing the mobility impairment. A mobility-impaired individual shall have a completed mobility-impaired access permit application on his or her person at all times while participating in such activities, along with the appropriate hunting licenses and permits. Mobility-impaired access areas have been designated on portions of the following WMAs: Barren River (Goose Island Unit), Green River Lake, Griffith Woods, Kentucky River, Lake Cumberland, Mill Creek, Miller Welch-Central Kentucky, Mullins, Peabody (Sinclair Unit), Redbird, Taylorsville Lake, West Kentucky, Yatesville Lake and Yellowbank WMAs. The mobility-impaired access permit allows the following activities by a mobility-impaired individual:

- Discharge of a firearm or other legal hunting device from a motor vehicle when the vehicle is motionless and has its engine turned off. The motor vehicle shall be used as a place to wait or watch for game and shall not be used to chase, pursue, or drive game.
- May operate electric wheelchairs, ATVs, and other passenger vehicles on or off gated, ungated or open-gated roads otherwise closed to vehicular traffic, but only on designated tracts of designated WMAs.
- Roads may be accessed March 1 through the third Friday in August.
- Tracts designated as mobility-impaired access areas shall be posted with signs.
- Vehicular access shall not be permitted on fields, openings, roads, paths, or trails planted with annual grains or agricultural crops.
- It shall be permissible to access areas

which are not roads the third Saturday of August until the end of February.

- ATV users shall adhere to manufacturer recommendations including wearing a helmet, wearing safety glasses, and restricting riding to one (1) person, while using ATVs on WMAs.

A person with a mobility-impaired access permit may designate one (1) qualified assistant. The assistant may:

- Track and dispatch a wounded animal, retrieve an animal, or render other assistance in accordance with all other Kentucky Fish and Wildlife and WMA laws and regulations.

A qualified assistant shall not:

- Operate his or her own ATV; or hunt or shoot from an ATV.

STATE PARK and OTHER OPEN DEER HUNTS

Open deer hunts are offered on the following state parks on the following dates. Contact the host state park for complete details, including the number of available slots, equipment restrictions, bag limits and check-in and check-out procedures.

- **Yatesville Lake State Park and Lawrence County Recreation Area (606-673-1492):** Muzzleloader starting the third Monday of December for three consecutive days.

Other open deer hunts

- **Jenny Wiley State Resort Park (1-800-325-0142):** Open the first Saturday of January for two consecutive days, limit two deer, only one of which may be antlered. Limited to the first 15 mobility-impaired hunters who check in at the park the day before the hunt. Hunters must meet mobility-impaired eligibility requirements. (Mobility-impaired access permit required at check-in.) Hunters must also check in and out on hunt days, and must telecheck deer taken. Hunters may be accompanied by another person, but that person will not be permitted to hunt.
- An open youth hunt is held at **Grayson Lake WMA** on the first Saturday in November for two consecutive days and is limited to youths ages 15 and younger.

KENTUCKY'S PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS: CATEGORIES & WMA MANAGEMENT LEVELS

Every public lands property in Kentucky is unique – varying by location, ownership, land and water features, local wildlife, and recreational opportunities. To help you find the right spot for your intended outdoor activities – anywhere, anytime – the information below explains what to expect based on different public lands designations.

To ensure the most enjoyable time afield possible, take some time to research the opportunities, regulations and boundaries of possible destinations. Always consult Kentucky's hunting and fishing guides because regulations differ between areas and sometimes change. Be aware of applicable hunting seasons or quota (drawing) hunts, which could impact your plans. If you have additional questions, call 1-800-858-1549, email Info.Center@ky.gov, or call your local public lands office.

Scan this QR code for detailed information about Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and maps.



areas offer a wilder experience to those seeking it. The new system does not rate how good an area is for hunting or wildlife watching; low intensity areas may offer better hunting due to less pressure.

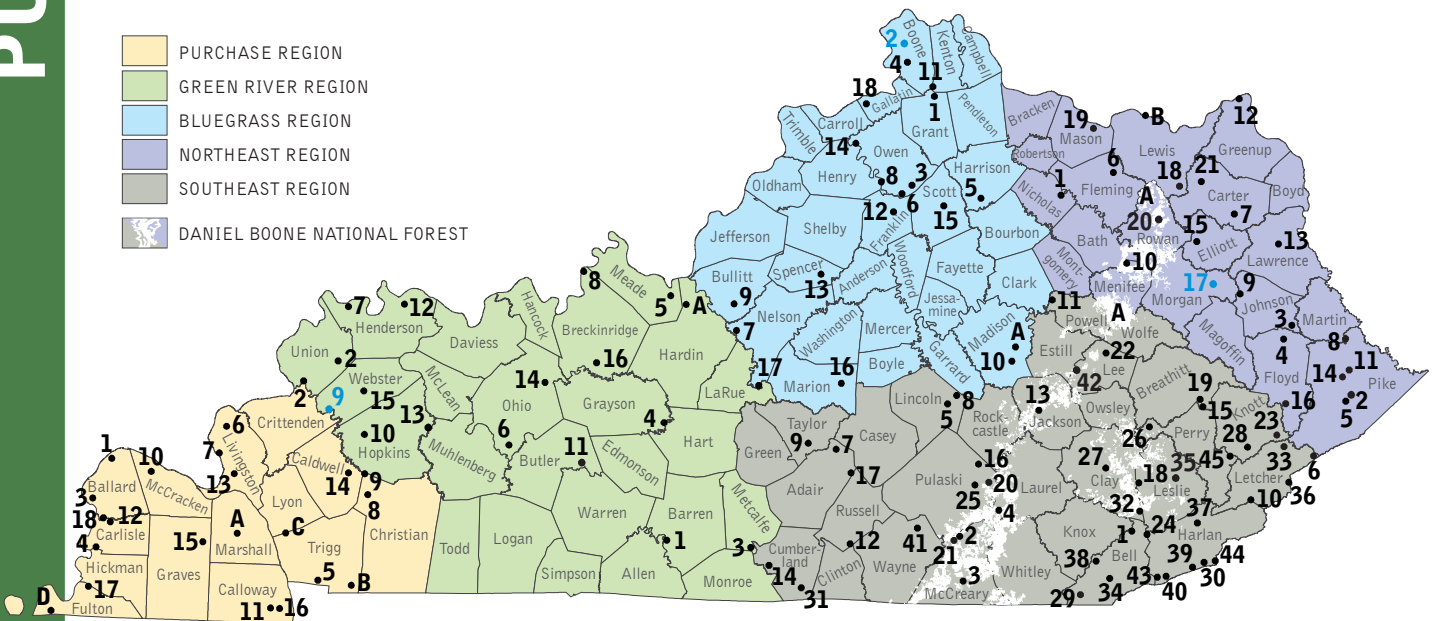
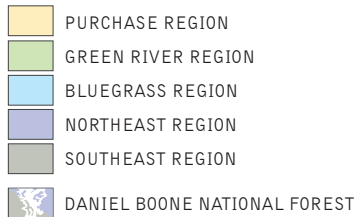
HIGH MANAGEMENT LEVEL

These areas are continually managed and typically have onsite staff, infrastructure, marked access sites and parking lots. These areas tend to be larger and are either owned or leased long-term by the department.

Fields may be managed by planting native grasses, wildflowers, clover or annual grains. Fields may also be managed through mowing, disking, or prescribed fire, controlling invasive species, or leasing to local farmers for row crops or hay. Wetlands may be managed by planting,

Wildlife Management Areas

Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) are properties owned or managed by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources for conservation and public access. They are categorized into high, moderate and low intensity management levels. High intensity typically includes areas with offices and active management, such as dove fields or food plots. Low intensity



H=High Management Level M=Medium Management Level L=Low Management Level

PURCHASE REGION

1. Ballard WMA - H
2. Big Rivers WMA & State Forest - H
3. Boatwright WMA - H
4. Doug Travis WMA - M
5. Lake Barkley WMA - L
6. Livingston County WMA & SNA - M
7. Ohio River Islands WMA - L

8. Pennyrile State Forest
9. Tradewater WMA - L
10. West Kentucky WMA - M
11. Beechy Creek WMA - L
12. Coil Estate WMA - L
13. Ferguson Creek WMA - L
14. Jones-Keeney WMA - L
15. Kaler Bottoms WMA - L

16. Kentucky Lake WMA - L
17. Obion Creek WMA - L
18. Winford WMA - L
- A. Clarks River Nat. Wildlife Refuge
- B. Fort Campbell Military Reservation
- C. Land Between The Lakes NRA
- D. Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge

disking, mowing or managing water levels. Forests may be managed by prescribed burns, forest stand improvement, harvests, tree plantings or the control of invasive species.

“High” level management WMAs may have onsite staff and resources and a direct point of contact for current conditions and management activities. You are welcome to stop by to talk to the friendly and informative staff to get information; but be aware that employees are often out managing the land and are not always in the office.

MODERATE MANAGEMENT LEVEL

WMAs that are managed at a “moderate” level are obviously not as intensively managed, and staff are typically not on-site. Management is limited to habitat maintenance through prescribed fire, mowing, upkeep of access sites and boundaries and long-term habitat work such as forest stand

improvement or wetland development and manipulation. Several of the Moderate Level WMAs plant and prepare fields for dove hunting opportunities as well. These areas are owned or leased by the department and offer ample acreage for hunting, fishing, hiking and sight-seeing throughout the state.

LOW MANAGEMENT LEVEL

WMAs designated as “low” management intensity level are typically remote and receive little or no active management. Practices are limited to general maintenance and marking boundaries, though some long-term habitat work may be ongoing. These areas may be difficult to access, with terrain more demanding for visitors to traverse. However, these areas can provide excellent hunting and wildlife viewing opportunities, sometimes because they may attract less attention or be less accessible.

Other Public Lands

HUNTER ACCESS AREAS (HAAs)

These areas are accessible through agreements with landowners to provide public hunting access. Some HAAs may only be open to certain activities. Special regulations may be in place for hunting, fishing and other recreational opportunities on particular HAAs.

SHOOTING SPORTS AND DOG TRIAL AREAS

Three of the WMAs in the moderate management level category are primarily used for shooting sports, dog training and field trials: Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA, Miller Welch-Central Kentucky WMA and West Kentucky WMA. Although some hunting is allowed on these areas, activities are strictly managed to minimize conflicts between hunters, anglers and other WMA user groups.

GREEN RIVER REGION

1. Barren River Lake WMA - H
2. Higginson-Henry WMA - H
3. Marrowbone State Forest & WMA - M
4. Nolin River Lake WMA - L
5. Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area
6. Peabody WMA - H
7. Sloughs WMA - H
8. Yellowbank WMA - H
9. [Blackford Oaks WMA - L](#)
10. Clear Creek WMA - L
11. Gabbard Branch WMA - L
12. Green River State Forest
13. Harris-Dickerson WMA - M
14. L.B. Davison WMA - L
15. Lee K. Nelson WMA - L
16. Rough River Lake WMA - L
- A. Fort Knox Military Reservation

BLUEGRASS REGION

1. Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA - M
2. [Decker WMA - L](#)
3. Dr. James R. Rich WMA - M
4. Dr. Norman & Martha Adair WMA - L
5. Griffith Woods WMA - M
6. John A. Kleber WMA - M
7. John C. Williams WMA - L
8. Kentucky River WMA - H
9. Knobs State Forest & WMA - L
10. Miller Welch-Central Ky. WMA - M
11. Mullins WMA - L
12. T. N. Sullivan WMA - M
13. Taylorsville Lake WMA - H
14. Twin Eagle WMA - L
15. Veterans Memorial WMA - M
16. Marion Co. WMA & State Forest - L
17. Rolling Fork WMA - M
18. Stephens Creek WMA - L
- A. Bluegrass Army Depot

NORTHEAST REGION

1. Clay WMA - H
2. [Continental](#) Hunting Access Area
3. Czar Hunting Access Area
4. Dewey Lake WMA - M
5. Fishtrap Lake WMA - L
6. Fleming WMA - M
7. Grayson Lake WMA - H
8. Legacy-LLC WMA - L
9. Paintsville Lake WMA - M
10. Pioneer Weapons WMA - L
11. RH Group Hunting Access Area
12. South Shore WMA - M
13. Yatesville Lake WMA - M
14. Betterment Wildlife Hunting Access
15. Ed Mabry-Laurel Gorge WMA - L
16. Elk Horn Coal Hunting Access Area
17. [Horse Mill Branch WMA - L](#)
18. Old Trace Creek WMA - L
19. Simon Kenton WMA - L
20. Sunny Brook WMA - L
21. Tygarts State Forest
- A. Daniel Boone National Forest
- B. Ohio R. Islands Nat. Wildlife Refuge

SOUTHEAST REGION

1. Asher Hunting Access Area
2. Beaver Creek WMA - H
3. Big South Fork NRR
4. Cane Creek WMA - M
5. Cedar Creek Lake WMA - L
6. [Continental](#) Hunting Access Area
7. Dennis-Gray WMA - M
8. Dix River WMA - L
9. Green River Lake WMA - H
10. Hensley-Pine Mountain WMA - L
11. Hidden Valley Training Area

12. Lake Cumberland WMA - M
13. Mill Creek WMA - M
14. Mud Camp Creek WMA - L
15. Paul Van Booven WMA - M
16. Ping-Sinking Valley WMA - M
17. R. F. Tarter WMA - L
18. Redbird WMA - L
19. Robinson Forest WMA - L
20. Rockcastle River WMA - M
21. RH Group Hunting Access Area
22. Ashland WMA - L
23. Betterment Wildlife Hunting Access
24. Boone Forestlands WMA - M
25. Buck Creek WMA - M
26. Buckhorn Lake WMA - L
27. Burchell-Beech Creek WMA - L
28. Carr Creek Lake WMA - L
29. [Cumberland Forest WMA - M](#)
30. Cranks Creek WMA - L
31. Dale Hollow Lake WMA - L
32. Elk Forest WMA - M
33. Elk Horn Coal Hunting Access Area
34. Fortner-Davis WMA - L
35. Hoskins WMA - L
36. Jefferson National Forest
37. Kentenia State Forest
38. Kentucky Ridge Forest WMA/
Kentucky Ridge State Forest - M
39. Martins Fork Lake WMA - L
40. Martins Fork WMA & SNA - L
41. Meadow Creek WMA - L
42. Ross Creek WMA - L
43. Shillalah Creek WMA - L
44. Stone Mountain WMA & SNA - L
45. Wells Hunting Access Area
- A. Daniel Boone National Forest

PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS QUICK REFERENCE

The charts in this section 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.

PURCHASE REGION PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS		Deer - Archery/ Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Modern Gun	Deer - Youth Gun	Squirrel	Rabbit	Grouse	Quail	Turkey	Furbearer	Bear	Elk Quota	Other
MAP # and AREA NAME	PHONE													
1 Ballard WMA* Main Unit	(270) 224-2244	1			3	2								
2 Big Rivers WMA & State Forest	(270) 374-3025	10												
3 Boatwright WMA* Swan Lake Unit	(270) 224-2244	1			3	2								
4 Doug Travis WMA*	(270) 488-3233													
5 Lake Barkley WMA* Duck Island Refuge	(270) 753-6913	1	4		3	2				1				
6 Livingston County WMA & SNA	(270) 753-6913			5										
7 Ohio River Islands WMA* Stewart Island Unit	(270) 753-6913	1	4		3	2				1				
8 Pennyrile State Forest	(270) 797-3241													
9 Tradewater WMA	(270) 753-6913													
10 West Kentucky WMA*	(270) 488-3233	6	7		8		9		9					

OPEN UNDER STATEWIDE REGULATIONS FOR ALL SPECIES in accordance with the county in which they are located: **11.** Beechy Creek WMA (270-753-6913); **12.** Coil Estate WMA (270-224-2244); **13.** Ferguson Creek WMA (270-753-6913); **14.** Jones-Keeney WMA (270-753-6913); **15.** Kaler Bottoms WMA (270-753-6913); **16.** Kentucky Lake WMA (270-753-6913); **17.** Obion Creek WMA (270-210-9774); **18.** Winford WMA (270-224-2244).

CALL FOR DETAILS: **A.** Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge (270-527-5770); **B.** Fort Campbell Military Reservation (270-798-9824); **C.** Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area (270-924-2065); **D.** Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge (731-538-2481).

EXCEPTIONS:

- Open under statewide archery/crossbow seasons through Oct. 14 only.
- Open Aug. 17 - Nov. 11, 2024.
- Open during the youth-only gun season; closed for free youth weekend.
- Open for October muzzleloader season only.
- Any weapon other than a modern gun that is legal to take deer may be used during the modern gun season.
- Closed during department-administered quota hunts.
- Open during department-administered quota hunts only.
- Open only for youth-mentor quota hunt on "A" tracts. Closed for all other youth firearm seasons.
- Tracts 1, 4, 5 and "A" tracts open Jan. 1-10 except if harvest limits are

- reached before Jan. 10; Tracts 2, 3, 6 and 7 open with statewide seasons and close Dec. 31.
- During quota hunts, all deer hunting seasons on this WMA are closed, except to drawn hunters. Archery/crossbow quota hunt from the fourth Monday in October through Nov. 30, except when closed during the quota hunt that starts the first Saturday in November.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

- * Ballard WMA:** The main unit is closed to unauthorized public access Oct. 15 - March 15; The area west of Hwy 473 within the two-mile driving loop is closed to all hunting as marked by signs; The 400-acre tract located south of Sallie Crice/Terrell Landing

- Road is open under statewide regulations for hunting and trapping seasons.
- * Boatwright WMA:** Olmsted, Peal and all other units open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, except some portions may be closed to public access as marked by signs.
- * Doug Travis WMA:** Some areas closed to public access as marked by signs Nov. 1 - March 15.
- * Lake Barkley WMA:** North Island Refuge is closed Nov. 1 - Feb. 15; Duck Island Refuge is closed Oct. 15 - March 15, with the exception of the October muzzleloader deer season; All non-refuge tracts open under statewide regulations.
- * Ohio River Islands WMA:** Remainder of WMA (Pryor, Rondeau and Sis-

ters islands) open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

* **West Kentucky WMA:** Check-in required before entering any area marked

with an "A"; Only shotguns may be used for small game or furbearer hunting; Hunters may not use centerfire rifles or handguns to take deer.

NOTE: Before trapping on a WMA or Outdoor Recreation Area, a Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Public Area Trapping Registration Form must be completed. See page 28 for details.

NEW REGULATIONS PROHIBIT WILD PIG HUNTING



To stop the spread of wild pigs, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources now prohibits wild pig hunting. See a wild pig or the damage they cause? Report it online at fw.ky.gov/wildpigs.

WILD PIGS POSE SERIOUS THREATS TO NATIVE WILDLIFE

Wild pigs threaten wildlife habitat, agriculture and Kentucky hunting traditions.

HUNTING IS NOT AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF CONTROL

Hunting pressure scatters wild pigs, making them more difficult to find and trap. Shooting into a group of pigs may remove one or two, but it educates the rest of the pigs. Trapping is the best method of eradication.

WILD PIG POPULATIONS DID NOT NATURALLY EXPAND INTO KENTUCKY

Wild pigs are the result of illegal releases for recreational hunting opportunities.

WILD PIGS AFFECT DEER AND TURKEY HUNTING

Wild pigs displace white-tailed deer and turkey, affecting hunter harvest. Wild pigs are especially fond of acorns, robbing native wildlife of an important fall food source. Wild pigs prey on ground-nesting birds and their eggs.

FREE TRAPPING AVAILABLE

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, in partnership with USDA APHIS Wildlife Services, offers free professional trapping services to anyone experiencing damage from wild pigs.

KENTUCKY LAW

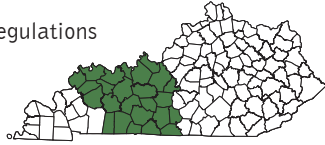
It is against the law to import, possess or release any wild or feral pig, Eurasian or Russian boar, or any hybrid of these. Accidental escape of livestock is exempt.

HELP US WIN THE FIGHT

Report wild pigs, their damage or their release online at fw.ky.gov/wildpigs, or call 1-800-858-1549.

GREEN RIVER REGION PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

- Open under statewide regulations
- Closed
- Quota hunt
- # Open with exception(s)



MAP # and AREA NAME		PHONE	Deer - Archery/ Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Modern Gun	Deer - Youth Gun	Squirrel	Rabbit	Grouse	Quail	Turkey	Furbearer	Bear	Elk Quota	Other
1	Barren River Lake WMA*	(270) 646-5167						1		1	2				
2	Higginson-Henry WMA	(270) 389-3580	3					4		4	5				
3	Marrowbone State Forest & WMA	(270) 646-5167											12		
4	Nolin River Lake WMA	(270) 646-5167						1		1					
5	Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area*	(502) 942-9171						6							
6	Peabody WMA*	(270) 476-1889			7					8					
7	Sloughs WMA - Sauerheber Unit*	(270) 827-2673	9	9		9	9				9	9			
8	Yellowbank WMA	(270) 547-6856		10				1		1					11

OPEN UNDER STATEWIDE REGULATIONS FOR ALL SPECIES in accordance with the county in which they are located: **9. Blackford Oaks WMA (270-389-3580); 10.** Clear Creek WMA (270-476-1889); **11.** Gabbard Branch WMA (270-476-1889); **12.** Green River State Forest (270-797-3241); **13.** Harris-Dickerson WMA (270-476-1889); **14.** L.B. Davison WMA (270-476-1889); **15.** Lee K. Nelson WMA (270-389-3580); **16.** Rough River Lake WMA (270-646-5167).
CALL FOR DETAILS: A. Fort Knox Military Reservation (502-624-7311 or 502-624-2712).

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Rabbit and quail hunting seasons open Nov. 1 - Dec. 31. At Yellowbank WMA, no small game hunting allowed on designated pheasant quota hunt units during pheasant quota hunt period.
2. On the Peninsula Unit, including Narrows, Goose and Grass islands, hunters may use a muzzle-loading shotgun or crossbow during the fall firearm season and may use a crossbow during the fall archery season.
3. During quota hunts, all deer hunting seasons on this WMA are closed, except to drawn hunters. Archery/ crossbow quota hunt from the fourth Monday in October through Nov. 30, except when closed during the quota hunt that starts the first Saturday in November.
4. Rabbit and quail hunting seasons open Nov. 11 - Dec. 31.
5. Wild turkeys may not be harvested with a firearm. Archery only: Sept. 7-30, Jan. 1-20, 2025. Archery and crossbow: Oct. 1-20, Oct. 26 - Nov. 1 and Dec. 1-31.
6. Open Dec. 1-31, except during deer quota hunts.
7. Open under statewide regulations for 10 consecutive days starting the second Saturday in November.
8. On the Sinclair Unit, quail hunting allowed between 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Thursdays and Sundays; On the Ken

Unit, quail hunting allowed between 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays. On either unit, the daily bag limit for quail is four.

9. Sauerheber Unit closes to public access from Nov. 1 through March 15, as designated by signs, except for waterfowl quota hunt permittees.
10. Open for December muzzleloader season only.
11. Pheasant quota hunts, either sex, limit two, Dec. 6, 7 and 8; Open Dec. 9 only to drawn hunters, either sex, limit three; Open Dec. 10-31, 2024, either sex, daily limit three.
12. Open only in bear zone.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

* **Barren River Lake WMA:** On the Peninsula Unit, including Narrows, Goose and Grass islands, hunters shall not use a modern firearm to take game.

* **Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area:** User permit required. A person shall not enter the area during the deer quota hunt without a valid quota hunt confirmation number. All small game and turkey seasons closed during the quota deer hunt. Hunters may not use rifles or ball or slug ammunition to take furbearers and may not use a rimfire gun to take small game unless participating in the deer quota hunt. Trapping season open Jan. 1 through the last day in February.

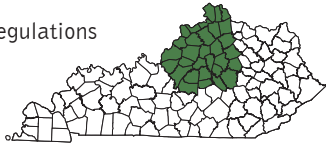
* **Peabody WMA:** Any person ages 16 and older entering the area must obtain and carry a Peabody WMA user permit. Individual permits may be obtained through any license vendor. Permits are nontransferable. Rabbit and quail hunters on the Sinclair and Ken units must check in and check out at a self-service kiosk and clearly display a department-provided vehicle hang-tag in a vehicle. Hang-tags available in advance through the department's website.

* **Sloughs WMA:** Ash Flats, Grassy Pond, Powells Lake, Jenny Hole, Highland Creek, and Cape Hills units are open for all hunting and trapping seasons. Jenny Hole unit shall be closed (including to boats) from Thanksgiving Day through Jan. 31 except for persons participating in department-managed activities.

NOTE: Before trapping on a WMA or Outdoor Recreation Area, a Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Public Area Trapping Registration Form must be completed. See page 28 for details.

BLUEGRASS REGION PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

- Open under statewide regulations
- Closed
- Quota hunt
- # # Open with exception(s)



Deer - Archery/ Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Modern Gun	Deer - Youth Gun	Squirrel	Rabbit	Grouse	Quail	Turkey	Furbearer	Bear	Elk Quota	Other
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MAP # and AREA NAME	PHONE	Deer - Archery/ Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Modern Gun	Deer - Youth Gun	Squirrel	Rabbit	Grouse	Quail	Turkey	Furbearer	Bear	Elk Quota	Other
1 Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA*	(859) 428-2262	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2 Decker WMA*	(859) 428-2262	1	1	1	1	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
3 Dr. James R. Rich WMA	(502) 535-6335	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4 Dr. Norman & Martha Adair WMA	(859) 428-2262	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5 Griffith Woods WMA	(859) 428-2262	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6 John A. Kleber WMA	(502) 535-6335	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
7 John C. Williams WMA	(502) 477-9024	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8 Kentucky River WMA	(502) 535-6335	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
9 Knobs State Forest & WMA	(502) 477-9024	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10 Miller Welch-Central Kentucky WMA*	(859) 986-4130	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1
11 Mullins WMA	(859) 428-2262	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
12 T. N. Sullivan WMA	(502) 535-6335	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
13 Taylorsville Lake WMA	(502) 477-9024	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
14 Twin Eagle WMA	(502) 535-6335	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
15 Veterans Memorial WMA*	(859) 428-2262	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

OPEN UNDER STATEWIDE REGULATIONS FOR ALL SPECIES in accordance with the county in which they are located:

16. Marion County WMA & State Forest (502-477-9024); **17.** Rolling Fork WMA* (502-477-9024); **18.** Stephens Creek WMA (859-428-2262). **CALL FOR DETAILS: A.** Bluegrass Army Depot (859-779-6651).

EXCEPTIONS:

- Open for December muzzleloader season only.
- Open Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.
- Open archery hunt, either sex, Monday through Thursday only, from the first Saturday in September through Dec. 17 and daily from Dec. 18 through the third Monday in January; Open cross-bow hunt, either sex, Monday through Thursday only, Sept. 21, 2024 through Dec. 17 and daily from Dec. 18 through third Monday in January; Closed during scheduled field trials as posted on bulletin board at WMA office.
- Open for furbearer trapping; Closed for furbearer hunting.
- Check-in, check-out required at John

A. Kleber WMA office.

- Shotgun only (no single projectile ammunition). No target shooting.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS

* **Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA:** Unleashed dogs are prohibited April 1 until the third Saturday in August, except during department-authorized field trials and the spring squirrel season.

* **Miller Welch-Central Kentucky WMA:** Unleashed dogs are prohibited April 1 until the third Saturday in August, except during department-authorized field trials and the spring squirrel season. At other times of the year, unleashed dogs are permitted on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

* **Decker WMA, Rolling Fork WMA and Veterans Memorial WMA:** Access within the WMA may be restricted due to construction.

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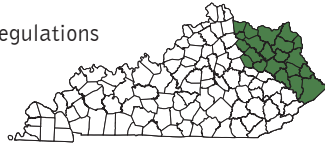
See statewide harvest maps, hunting zones and more at fw.ky.gov. Click the "More" tab and choose "Maps," or scan this code.



Public shooting ranges are available on Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA, Higginson-Henry WMA, John A. Kleber WMA, Miller Welch-Central Kentucky WMA, Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area, Peabody WMA, Taylorsville Lake WMA and West Kentucky WMA. Jones-Keeney WMA range temporarily closed. Users must comply with all rules posted by sign per each area. Shooting ranges are closed on Mondays and during deer quota hunts at applicable WMAs. Some ranges can be reserved for special events by contacting the WMA manager 30 days in advance of the event. Search "**Kentucky Shooting Range Map**" online at fw.ky.gov to view an interactive database of shooting ranges known to the department. Public shooting ranges also are available on Daniel Boone National Forest. Details are available online at www.fs.usda.gov/dbnf by clicking on "Recreation" and then "Other Activities."

NORTHEAST REGION PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

- Open under statewide regulations
- Closed
- Quota hunt
- # # Open with exception(s)



MAP # and AREA NAME		PHONE	Deer - Archery/ Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Modern Gun	Deer - Youth Gun	Squirrel	Rabbit	Grouse	Quail	Turkey	Furbearer	Bear	Elk Quota	Other
1	Clay WMA*	(859) 289-8564	2					3	4	4			21		5/6
2	Continental Hunting Access Area	(606) 776-2620												16	
3	Czar Hunting Access Area*	(606) 780-0854	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	
4	Dewey Lake WMA	(606) 207-3385		15/20	15	15							15	15	
5	Fishtrap Lake WMA	(606) 207-3385		20											
6	Fleming WMA	(859) 289-8564						7	8	7					
7	Grayson Lake WMA*	(606) 776-2620	9	20		10									
8	Legacy-LLC WMA	(606) 776-2620												16	
9	Paintsville Lake WMA	(606) 776-2620		11/20	11	11							11	11	
10	Pioneer Weapons WMA	(606) 784-6428	17	12	12	12	19	19	19	19	17	19			
11	RH Group Hunting Access Area*	(606) 776-2620												22	
12	South Shore WMA*	(606) 776-2620		18	13	13									
13	Yatesville Lake WMA	(606) 776-2620			14										
A	Daniel Boone National Forest	(859) 745-3100												16	

OPEN UNDER STATEWIDE REGULATIONS for all species in accordance with the county in which they are located: **14.** Betterment Wildlife Hunting Access Area (606-776-2620); **15.** Ed Mabry-Laurel Gorge WMA (606-776-2620); **16.** Elk Horn Coal Hunting Access Area* (606-776-2620); **17.** Horse Mill Branch WMA* (606-776-2620); **18.** Old Trace Creek WMA (606-780-0854); **19.** Simon Kenton WMA (859-289-8564); **20.** Sunny Brook WMA* (606-780-0854); **21.** Tygarts State Forest (502-564-4496). **CALL FOR DETAILS: B.** Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge (304-375-2923).

EXCEPTIONS

1. Only the Beech Fork Tract is open to hunting under statewide rules and regulations. Portions open during elk quota hunts to permit holders.
2. Archery and crossbow hunting prohibited on main tract during the quota fox hunting field trials, Sept. 12-14; Sept. 26-28; Feb. 20-22, 2025.
3. Open Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, except closed Nov. 2-3 for the deer quota hunt and in the pheasant quota hunt units during pheasant quota hunts Dec. 6-9.
4. Open until 3 p.m. (local time) on Tuesdays and Saturdays from Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, except closed Nov. 2-3 for the deer quota hunt and in the pheasant quota hunt units during pheasant quota hunts Dec. 6-9. Daily bag limit is four quail and two grouse.
5. Pheasant quota hunts, either sex, limit two, Dec. 6, 7 and 8; Open Dec. 9 only to drawn hunters, either sex, limit three; Open Dec. 10-31, 2024, either sex, daily limit three.
6. The main tract of the management area is closed to public use Sept.

- 12-14 and Sept. 26-28, 2024; and Feb. 20-22, 2025 except for registered participants in the quota fox hunting field trials.
7. Open Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.
8. Open Oct. 1 - Dec. 31.
9. Crossbows legal during entire archery season, except archery and crossbow hunting are closed during the November open youth hunt.
10. Youth gun seasons open. An open youth hunt is held on the first Saturday in November for two consecutive days and is limited to youths ages 15 and under. Check in and check out required, but any deer harvested must also be telechecked. Limit of two deer, only one of which may be antlered. Closed to all other hunting during the two-day event.
11. Deer, bear, and elk hunting is archery/crossbow only (firearms prohibited) on three areas near the dam: 1) the area extending eastward from the drainage of Glade Branch along the lake to the state park boundary line at Rocky Knob, 2) the two islands visible from the state park

- boat ramp at the end of KY 2275, and 3) the entire hollow surrounding the Shoal Branch cove of the lake west of the dam beginning where the Paintsville Utilities Water Treatment Plant building is visible on the lake edge.
12. Hunters cannot use a modern gun or in-line muzzleloading gun. Hunters shall use only open or iron sights on any weapon.
13. Centerfire rifles and handguns may not be used to take deer.
14. Open under statewide regulations for 10 consecutive days starting the second Saturday in November.
15. Deer, bear, and elk hunting is archery/crossbow only (firearms prohibited) on two areas near the dam: 1) on the east side of the dam, the area extending southward from the dam to old Shoreline Campground No. 1, and 2) on the west side of the dam, the area extending westward from the dam along Ky 302 to Terry Boat Ramp.
16. Portions open during quota elk hunts to persons who possess the appropri-

- ate elk hunting permit.
17. Hunters may use a crossbow during the archery season but shall use only open or iron sights on any weapon.
 18. Open for October muzzleloader season only.
 19. Hunters shall not use any type of breech-loading firearm.
 20. Open for December muzzleloader season only.
 21. Open only in bear zone.
 22. Portions open during the archery/crossbow quota elk hunts only to persons who possess the appropriate elk hunting permit.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS

* **Clay WMA:** During the pheasant quota hunt period, pheasant quota hunt units close to small game hunting for four consecutive days starting the first Friday in December. Rabbit, quail and grouse hunters must check in and check out at a self-service kiosk and clearly display a department-provided vehicle hang-tag in a vehicle. Hang-tags available in advance through the department’s website. Portions of this

WMA in Fleming and Bath counties are Zone 3 for bear.

- * **Czar Hunting Access Area:** Beech Fork Tract: Open to hunting under statewide and countywide rules and regulations. Bow Tract: Open during elk quota hunts to those who possess the appropriate elk hunting permit. Closed to all other hunting. Czar Tract and Area 3 Tract: Open during elk quota hunts to those who possess the appropriate elk hunting permit. Quota hunt for rabbit and spring turkey. Closed to all other hunting. Applicants must call (606) 395-6825 for further requirements before accessing the area or to apply for the quota hunts.
- * **Grayson Lake WMA:** Camp Webb is closed to all hunting.
- * **RH Group Hunting Access Area:** Commercial guiding, camping, ATV use, horseback riding, fishing, night hunting, baiting, livestock production and the use of screw-in steps or tree stands that have screws and spikes which may injure trees are not permitted on the property. Waiver required to

access property. Go online to *fw.ky.gov* and search under RH Group for more information.

- * **South Shore WMA:** Closed to all hunting and public access November 15 - January 15, except open for waterfowl and dove hunting when statewide seasons are open.
- * **Elk Horn Coal Hunting Access Area:** Camping, ATV use, horseback riding, baiting, livestock production and the use of screw-in steps or tree stands that have screws and spikes, which may injure trees, are not permitted on the property.
- * **Horse Mill Branch and Sunny Brook WMAs:** Area may periodically close to public access due to future stream restoration construction. Closures will be marked through signage.

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Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry (KHFH) is a nonprofit, volunteer organization that encourages hunters to harvest and donate deer each season for distribution to homeless shelters and food banks throughout the state.

Hunters in Zone 1 counties have a unique opportunity to help. They may take an unlimited number of antlerless deer so long as they have purchased the appropriate additional deer permits.

Donated deer must be properly field dressed, recorded and tel-echecked. KHFH covers processing fees for donated deer. Hunters can find approved deer processors participating in the program and full instructions online at the KHFH website.

Kentucky Whitetail Access is a KHFH program that pairs landowners who need assistance controlling depredating deer with hunters who can help. Visit the KHFH website for more information about this program and application forms.

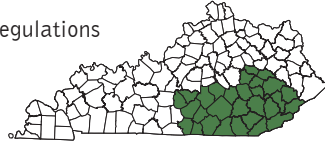


Detailed instructions about how to donate your deer and a list of participating processors are available online at

kyhuntersforthehungry.info

SOUTHEAST REGION PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

- Open under statewide regulations
- Closed
- Quota hunt
- # Open with exception(s)



MAP # and AREA NAME	PHONE	Deer - Archery/ Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Modern Gun	Deer - Youth Gun	Squirrel	Rabbit	Grouse	Quail	Turkey	Furbearer	Bear	Elk Quota	Other
1 Asher Hunting Access Area	(606) 654-2533												8	
2 Beaver Creek WMA	(606) 376-8083						1	2	1					
3 Big South Fork NRR	(606) 376-5073						1	2	1					
4 Cane Creek WMA	(606) 376-8083						1	2	1					
5 Cedar Creek Lake WMA	(270) 465-5039						1				6			
6 Continental Hunting Access Area*	(606) 654-2533												8	
7 Dennis-Gray WMA	(270) 465-5039						1		1					
8 Dix River WMA	(270) 465-5039						1	2	1					
9 Green River Lake WMA*	(270) 465-5039						1		1					5
10 Hensley-Pine Mountain WMA	(606) 654-2533												8	
11 Hidden Valley Training Area*	(606) 878-9595					7								
12 Lake Cumberland WMA	(606) 376-8083						1	2	1					
13 Mill Creek WMA	(606) 878-9595						1		1					
14 Mud Camp Creek WMA	(270) 465-5039													
15 Paul Van Booven WMA	(606) 435-6229													
16 Ping-Sinking Valley WMA	(606) 376-8083													
17 R. F. Tarter WMA	(270) 465-5039													
18 Redbird WMA	(606) 878-9595												8	
19 Robinson Forest WMA*	(606) 435-6229												8	
20 Rockcastle River WMA*	(606) 677-1098						1	9	9					
21 RH Group Hunting Access Area*	(606) 677-1098												10	
A Daniel Boone National Forest	(859) 745-3100												8	

OPEN UNDER STATEWIDE REGULATIONS for all species in accordance with the county in which they are located: **22.** Ashland WMA (606-878-9595); **23.** Betterment Wildlife Hunting Access Area, Knott & Letcher portions: (606-654-2533), Leslie & Perry portions: (606-877-8409); **24.** Boone Forestlands WMA (606-654-2533); **25.** Buck Creek WMA (606-677-1098); **26.** Buckhorn Lake WMA (606-435-6229); **27.** Burchell-Beech Creek WMA (606-677-1098); **28.** Carr Creek Lake WMA (606-654-2533); **29.** Cumberland Forest WMA (606-878-9595); **30.** Cranks Creek WMA (606-654-2533); **31.** Dale Hollow Lake WMA (270-465-5039); **32.** Elk Forest WMA (606-654-2533); **33.** Elk Horn Coal Hunting Access Area* (606-654-2533); **34.** Fortner-Davis WMA (606-654-2533); **35.** Hoskins WMA (606-654-2533); **36.** Jefferson National Forest (888-265-0019); **37.** Kentenia State Forest (502-564-4496); **38.** Kentucky Ridge Forest WMA (606-654-2533)/ Kentucky Ridge State Forest (502-564-4496); **39.** Martins Fork Lake WMA (606-654-2533); **40.** Martins Fork WMA & State Natural Area (606-654-2533); **41.** Meadow Creek WMA (606-376-8083); **42.** Ross Creek WMA (606-677-1098); **43.** Shillalah Creek WMA (606-654-2533); **44.** Stone Mountain WMA & State Natural Area (606-654-2533); **45.** Wells Hunting Access Area (606-435-6229).

EXCEPTIONS

1. Open Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.
2. Open Oct. 1 - Dec. 31.
3. Open under statewide regulations for two consecutive days starting the second Saturday in November.
4. Open for December muzzleloader season only.
5. Pheasant quota hunts, either sex, limit two, Nov. 15-17; Open Nov. 18 only to drawn hunters, either sex, limit

- three; Open Nov. 21 - Dec. 31, either sex, daily limit three.
6. Furbearer trapping open with permission; Closed for furbearer hunting.
7. Open from Sept. 1 through the last day of February.
8. Portions open during quota elk hunts to persons who possess the appropriate elk hunting permit.
9. Open until 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays from Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, ex-

- cept when closed during the deer quota hunt and opening weekend of modern gun deer season. Daily bag limit is four quail and two grouse.
10. Portions open during the archery/crossbow quota elk hunts only to persons who possess the appropriate elk hunting permit.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS

- * **Continental Hunting Access Area:** Access to the Letcher County property via Wright's Fork Road off US 23 is not permitted.
- * **Green River Lake WMA:** During the pheasant quota hunt period, pheasant quota hunt units closed to small game hunting for four consecutive days starting the third Friday in November. A person shall not hunt sandhill cranes within 100 yards of the normal summer pool level of 675 feet, east of the Hwy. 551 Bridge in the following embayments: Green River to the Snake Creek Boat Ramp; and Casey Creek to the Hwy. 76 bridge.
- * **Hidden Valley Training Area:** Area closes periodically for training exercis-

es. Call (606) 878-9595 for more information about training dates.

- * **Robinson Forest WMA:** The main block of this area is closed to all hunting. The remainder of this WMA is open under statewide requirements.
- * **Rockcastle River WMA:** Rabbit, quail and grouse hunters must check in and check out at a self-service kiosk and clearly display a department-provided vehicle hang-tag in their vehicle. Hang-tags available in advance through the department's website.
- * **Elk Horn Coal Hunting Access Area:** Camping, ATV use, horseback riding, baiting, livestock production and the use of screw-in steps or tree stands that have screws and spikes, which may injure trees, are not permitted on

the property.

- * **RH Group Hunting Access Area:** Commercial guiding, camping, ATV use, horseback riding, fishing, night hunting, baiting, livestock production and the use of screw-in steps or tree stands that have screws and spikes which may injure trees are not permitted on the property. Waiver required to access property. Go online to fw.ky.gov and search under RH Group for more information.

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