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KENTUCKY HUNTING GUIDE for WATERFOWL

NOVEMBER 2020 – MARCH 2021

ABOUT THIS GUIDE
This is a SUMMARY of the laws regarding waterfowl 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 (KDFWR) 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.

NEW THIS YEAR
• No in person blind drawings this year for waterfowl hunting on WMAs.
• No stand-by hunting on the Sauerheber Unit of Sloughs WMA.
• The $15 Ballard WMA 1-Day Waterfowl Permit must be purchased online at fw.ky.gov.

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# HUNTING SEASONS and REGULATIONS

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<td>Duck</td>
<td>Nov. 26-29 and Dec. 7, 2020 - Jan. 31, 2021</td>
<td>6; of any species singly or combined, except the limit may include no more than 4 mallards (only 2 of which may be hens), 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 1 pintail, 2 black ducks, 2 canvasback and 1 scaup Nov. 26-29 and Dec. 7-17; and 2 scaup Dec. 18, 2020 - Jan. 31, 2021.</td>
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<td>Snow Goose (including Ross’ Goose)</td>
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<td>Feb. 16 - Mar. 31, 2021† **</td>
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<td>Sandhill Crane</td>
<td>Dec. 7, 2020 - Jan. 31, 2021 (permit required)</td>
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†Mandatory FREE permit required for hunting snow geese during this period, log on to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife’s homepage at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov) or call 1-800-858-1549 to obtain a permit. Everyone who obtains the Snow Goose Permit must report hunting activity by April 10, 2021.

**Pit and blind restrictions in effect for wildlife management areas (WMAs) do not apply to hunters during Snow Goose Conservation Order season. These restrictions also do not apply to falconers hunting waterfowl during periods when gun and archery waterfowl seasons are not open.

## YOUTH WATERFOWL SEASONS

Hunters age 15 and under can hunt ducks, coots, mergansers and geese on these days. Youth hunting during these seasons must comply with hunter education and hunting license requirements and be accompanied by an adult (at least 18 years of age). Bag limits are the same as for regular duck and goose seasons.

### SANDHILL CRANE SEASON

Sandhill crane season opens Dec. 7, 2020 and closes Jan. 31, 2021. The daily bag limit is two birds, with the season bag limit dependent on the number of tags a hunter receives. Hunters must apply for a sandhill crane permit online during the month of September on the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources website and pay a $3 application fee.

Applicants must have a valid Kentucky hunting license or be license exempt when they apply. Results are posted to individual applicants online following the drawing. Drawn hunters must pass an online identification exam before receiving a sandhill crane hunting permit.

Hunters must telecheck harvested birds on the day taken. They must also monitor the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov) daily for notices involving season closure and for the presence of whooping cranes in Kentucky. Hunters may also call 1-800-858-1549 for this information.

Hunters participating in the sandhill crane hunting season must complete a post-season survey by Jan. 25 or lose eligibility to apply the following year.

### SHOT SIZE, TYPE, SHOT SHELL LENGTH RESTRICTIONS

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-approved nontoxic shot no larger than size “T” is required for all waterfowl and sandhill...
proved, will be permitted for waterfowl and other types of nontoxic shot which, if approved, will be permitted for waterfowl and sandhill crane hunting. Possession or use of any lead shot or any shot not approved by USFWS while hunting or attempting to take waterfowl or sandhill cranes is prohibited statewide.

REPORTING BIRD BANDS

To report bird bands, go online to www.reportband.gov. The previous toll-free number is no longer operable. Hunters who harvest banded birds with the toll free number must still go online to report.

Banding plays a critical role in the management of migratory bird species. The data you provide by reporting bands gives wildlife biologists information on harvest rates and movements of migratory game birds. Please report the bands you recover.

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**LICENSES and PERMITS**

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

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*Included in Youth Sportman’s License
†Included in Resident Sportman’s License

**HUNTING LICENSE**

Unless license-exempt under KRS 150.170, all hunters must possess a valid Kentucky hunting license when waterfowl hunting. Persons using a license authorization number in lieu of a paper license must have the authorization number and a picture ID with them while hunting. All Kentucky residents 65 years of age and older and Kentucky residents who are certified totally and permanently disabled by the Federal Social Security Administration, by a state Workers Compensation Board, by the Kentucky Teacher’s Retirement System, by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, by the United States Railroad Retirement Board, or Kentucky resident veterans who have a permanent 50 percent disability as the result of military-related injuries are required to purchase the Senior/Disabled combination hunting and fishing license ($12) and carry it while hunting or fishing. This license includes all the following state permits: deer, turkey, migratory bird, waterfowl and trout.

**KENTUCKY MIGRATORY BIRD/WATERFOWL PERMIT**

Any person required to possess a hunting license, except children under the age of 16, taking or attempting to take waterfowl must possess a Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Permit. (This permit is included with the Senior/Disabled and Sportman’s License). This permit covers all species of migratory birds. Those who buy a Kentucky waterfowl permit, senior/disabled license, or Sportman’s license MUST COMPLETE a Harvest Information Program Survey (HIP) by going online at Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at fw.ky.gov before they are legal waterfowl hunters. The process takes less than 5 minutes. On the fw.ky.gov website, click on the “My Profile” tab. This takes you to a page that asks for some basic information to confirm your identity. Then, click on the “HIP Migratory Bird Survey” on the right of the page. After completing the HIP survey, you receive a confirmation number that must be written on your hunting license or Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Permit. Hunters may call 1-800-858-1549 for questions.

**FEDERAL DUCK STAMP**

In addition to the state waterfowl permit requirement listed above, all persons age 16 or over must carry a valid federal migratory bird hunting stamp (commonly called a duck stamp) to hunt waterfowl. Hunters under 16 must possess a youth hunting license but the Federal Waterfowl Stamp and the Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Permit are not required. The federal stamp must be validated by the hunter’s signature written across the face of the stamp in ink.

**HUNTER EDUCATION**

All hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1975, must carry a valid hunter education course completion card while hunting, in addition to the appropriate Kentucky hunting license, federal duck stamp and state waterfowl permit. Hunters not required to have a hunting license are not required to possess the hunter education card. Hunters under the age of 12 may hunt without a course completion card, but must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age who remains in a position to take immediate control of the child’s firearm.
LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES

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*Peabody, LBL and Otter Creek permits, elk drawing application, elk quota hunt permit, out-of-zone elk permit, bear permit, federal duck stamp and trapping license not included. An additional deer permit is not included with a Sportsman’s License. Kentucky’s license year begins March 1 and continues through the last day of February. New licenses are required annually, except for the 3-year fishing license. A 1-day or 7-day hunting license is valid only for the period shown on license. Resident and nonresident youths under the age of 12 are not required to purchase licenses or permits (except the elk drawing application).
BALLARD ZONE BOUNDARY
Starting at the northwest city limits of Wickliffe in Ballard County to the middle of the Mississippi River, then north along the Mississippi to the low water mark of the Ohio River along the Illinois shore to the Ballard-McCracken County line; then along the county line south to Hwy. 358, then south along Hwy. 358 to its junction with U.S. 60 at LaCenter; then following U.S. 60 southwest to the northeast city limits of Wickliffe.

CAVE RUN LAKE GOOSE CLOSURE AREA
No goose hunting is permitted on public land (USFS) and water within the block of land lying inside the boundaries of Hwy. 801, Hwy. 1274, Hwy. 36, Hwy. 211, Hwy. 60 and Hwy. 826. **Note:** This area includes most of Cave Run Lake.

YOUTH WATERFOWL ZONES and the CAVE RUN GOOSE CLOSURE AREA

FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to state regulations, the following federal laws apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting and storing of migratory game birds.

**Restrictions**

No person shall take migratory game birds:

- With a trap, snare, net, rifle, crossbow, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than a 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive or stupefying substance;
- With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shotshells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun: (except during the Snow Goose Conservation Order season where there is no restriction on numbers of shotshells).
- From a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water);
- From or with the aid or use of a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. “Paraplegic” means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord;
- From or by means of any motor boat or sailboat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled, and its progress therefrom has ceased;
- By the use or aid of live decoys. All live, tame or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting, and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such tame birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl;
- Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls, or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls (except electron-
ic calls may be used during the Snow Goose Conservation Order;
• By driving, rallying or stirring birds with any motor-driven land, water or air conveyance or any sail boat to put them in the range of the hunters; or
• By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), or on or over any baited area. Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait.
• Areas manipulated for dove hunting are not legal for waterfowl hunting.
• Over areas where farmers feed livestock or areas where grain is stored, such as grain bins and elevators.

CLOSED SEASON
No person shall take migratory game birds during the closed season.

SHOOTING HOURS
No person shall take migratory game birds except during the hours open to shooting as prescribed.

DAILY BAG LIMIT
The total limit of a specific migratory game bird species that may be taken during legal shooting hours for one calendar day, regardless of state boundaries.

FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT
No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one’s car, hunting camp, home, etc.

POSESSION LIMIT
The total limit of a specific migratory game bird species that may be in your possession at anytime, whether on your person or stored in another location (including your home or taxidermist). Note: Migratory birds taken in another state count toward a hunter’s daily and possession limits.

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

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

POSESSION OF LIVE BIRDS
Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.

DRESSING
No person shall completely field dress any migratory game bird (except doves and band-tailed pigeons) and then transport the birds from the field. The head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds while being transported from the field to one’s home or to a migratory bird preservation facility.

SHIPMENT
No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: a) the name and the address of the person sending the birds; b) the name and the address of the person to whom the birds are being sent; c) the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

IMPORTATION
For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and one’s home, or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn, and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

DUAL VIOLATION
Violation of state migratory game bird regulations is also a violation of federal regulations.

Caution
More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For more information on Federal Regulations, consult Assistant Regional Director - LE, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 4839, Atlanta, Georgia, 30302-4839; or call (404) 331-5872.

PUBLIC LAND HUNTING

BLIND REGISTRATION

On the following areas, hunt sites must be registered on a permit issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or Kentucky Fish & Wildlife before the blind is constructed: Barkley Lake, Barren River Lake, Buckhorn Lake, Doug Travis, Green River Lake, Nolin River Lake, Rough River Lake, and Sloughs. Applicants must show a valid hunting license, Kentucky Waterfowl Permit, and Federal Migratory (Duck) Bird Stamp when applying. An applicant may designate one other person as a partner and shall not hold more than one permit per area. Permits shall not lock blinds to prevent use by other hunters in absence of the permittee. Hunt sites on the above listed areas must be constructed by Nov. 20 and removed within 30 days of the close of the season. Permittees who fail to remove their blind as stated will forfeit the opportunity to obtain a blind the following year. Hunters selected for a waterfowl blind at Sloughs Wildlife Management Area must complete a hunter survey report at the end of the season or lose eligibility for a blind the following year.

On Barkley, Barren River, Doug
Travis, Green River and Sloughs WMAs, hunters who want hunt sites must register and be selected by random drawing. Drawings are held August through October and applicants must be 18 years of age and show a valid Kentucky hunting license, a Kentucky waterfowl permit and a Federal migratory bird stamp at that time. Each person drawn may select a partner of the hunt site for hunting in the absence of the person drawn. Partners must be present at the drawing. Drawn hunters may use their hunt site the entire season and may use a boat or a portable blind or construct a permanent blind. Each hunt site must be pined with a permanent marker identifying the permit holders for the hunt site. If drawn hunters do not occupy a blind or hunt site by one-hour before sunrise that day, the blind or hunt site is open to other hunters on a first-come, first-served basis.

**BLIND RESTRICTIONS**

Unless otherwise stated under the CLOSED AREAS AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR WMAs, the following restrictions apply to all open WMAs:

- permanent blinds are not permitted;
- decoys and temporary blinds must be removed from the WMA at the end of each hunting day;
- no more than 4 persons shall occupy a single hunt site at any one time; and
- designated recreation areas and access points are closed to all waterfowl hunting.
- discharge of firearms is prohibited within 100 yards of a residence or occupied building whether or not the building is on the WMA.

**WATERFOWL HUNTING ON PUBLIC LANDS**

Not all lands managed by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) are open to statewide seasons and bag-limits for waterfowl hunting. This section will list any special season dates, limits and requirements that are in effect for the following areas. If specific season dates are given for an area, then that is the only time waterfowl hunting is permitted. Otherwise, hunting is open under statewide season dates and regulations in that waterfowl zone. This section also lists any areas that are closed to hunting or public access. Areas owned or managed by the KDFWR that are not listed below are open to statewide seasons and limits, based on the zone in which they are located. On WMA drawn hunts, a hunt party shall not exceed four hunters and they must stay within 25 feet of each other at all times.

**BALLARD WMA**

**Ballard County**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the in-person daily blind draw will be suspended for the 2020-2021 waterfowl seasons. For more information, please visit the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at fw.ky.gov or refer to the appendix at the end of this guide.

Ballard WMA is exclusively open for waterfowl hunting, Wednesdays-Sundays, beginning Dec. 9, 2020. Ballard WMA is closed to all access on Mondays, Tuesdays, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day.

Hunting methods available at Ballard include hunting from an in-ground pit or above ground blind, free-lance hunting within a designated hunt unit or boat-in hunting for designated areas only. Hunt units mostly consist of harvested grain fields and seasonally flooded crops, moist soil units, and natural depressions or “sloughs”, that are lined with shrubby cover and trees. Chest waders should be used to hunt in the water on all units. Woody vegetation, unsure footing and fast elevation changes are a possibility on all waterfowl hunting units. There are also two blinds available for mobility-impaired hunters. These mobility impaired blinds are wheelchair accessible. Hunters must draw a daily hunt permit available through the online quota hunt system. Each drawn hunter may bring up to three guests.

- The $15 Ballard WMA 1-Day Waterfowl Permit must be purchased online at fw.ky.gov prior to your hunt.
- On all hunt units, legal shooting time starts one-half hour before sunrise, and all hunters must be off the area by 2 p.m. daily.
- Hunters are limited to 25 shells/person per day. Bag limit and possession limit are the same as statewide limits. At least one person in a hunt party must be 18 years of age or older.
- The Ohio River from 50 yards upstream of Dam 53 to 50 yards downstream of from the southern border of Ballard WMA is closed to waterfowl hunting October 15 – March 15.

**Floodwater note**

Public hunting will close when floodwaters prevent safe entry to hunting fields by wheeled vehicles on roads. Notice will be given at least 24 hours in advance of closure via radio, television and newspaper outlets, or hunters may check the department’s website at fw.ky.gov. Watch or listen for notices when floodwaters are expected.

**BARREN RIVER LAKE WMA**

**Allen & Barren counties**

- Hunters may use breech or muzzle-loading shotguns for waterfowl hunting along the Barren River Lake shoreline bordering the primitive weapons area known as the “Peninsula Unit.”
- A person shall not hunt sandhill cranes within 100 yards of the normal summer pool level of 552 feet in the following embayments: Beaver Creek, Skaggs Creek and Peters Creek.
- Also, see BLIND REGISTRATION.

**BIG RIVERS WMA**

**Union & Crittenden counties**

- Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. Hunters may not enter the area until 4 a.m.

**BOATRIGHT WMA**

**Ballard County**

including Peal, Olmsted, 400 Acre & Swan Lake units:

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the in-person daily blind draw will be suspended for the 2020-2021 waterfowl seasons. For more information, please visit the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at fw.ky.gov or refer to the appendix at the end of this guide.

Boatwright WMA is open for waterfowl hunting, Wednesdays – Sundays, during the regular waterfowl season. Boatwright WMA is closed to waterfowl hunting on Mondays, Tuesdays, Christmas
Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day. Hunting methods available at Boatwright include hunting from an in-ground pit or above ground blind, layout blind hunting, walk-in hunting within a designated hunt unit at a drawn hunt site, or boat-in hunting for designated areas only. Hunt units mostly consist of harvested grain fields and seasonally flooded crops, moist soil units, and natural depressions or “Sloughs”, that are lined with shrubby cover and trees. Chest waders should be used to hunt in the water on all units. Woody vegetation, unsure footing and fast elevation changes are a possibility on all waterfowl hunting units. Boatwright WMA is separated into multiple units, each with specific regulations and hunt procedures. All hunters are limited to 25 shells/person per day. Bag limit and possession limit are the same as statewide limits. All decoys and gear must be removed at the end of each day’s hunt, and may not be left unattended. Areas identified by signs are closed to all access Oct. 15 – March 15.

During the first segment of the regular waterfowl season, shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset, and the WMA is open to waterfowl hunting except that the Swan Lake Unit is closed. Hunters do not have to check in during these dates, and blinds and hunt units are available on a first-come first-served basis.

From the first Wednesday in December, to January 31, shooting hours begin ½ hour before sunrise, and all hunters and equipment must be off the area by 2:00 p.m. CST. All hunters are required to check in during these dates. For all units, hunters must check in at the Ballard Bottoms Tourism Council building (the old First General Baptist Church Fellowship Hall), 255 S. 4th Street, Barlow KY 42024. Hunters are not allowed to enter the area to hunt until after they have checked in, and are in possession of the daily check-in card. See details below for check in procedures, daily drawing procedures, and specific hunt unit regulations. Any unit open to hunting during the regular waterfowl season are also open to snow goose hunting during the Snow Goose Conservation Order season.

Daily Drawing Rules and Procedures:

These units have blinds and hunt sites open for waterfowl hunting through a drawing, held weekly during the second segment of the regular waterfowl season. When hunting assigned hunt sites through the waterfowl drawings, hunters must follow these rules: Hunters participating in random drawings for hunt sites or blind locations can only draw one site per day. For drawn blind locations, hunters shall only hunt waterfowl from a permanent department built blind, or from layout blind(s) in a single group of no more than 4 persons, with layout blinds set in such a manner that all layout blinds in the group lie within a 25 foot radius of the drawn hunt site. “Layout blind” means a portable blind that when fully deployed allows an individual hunter to conceal oneself above the surface of the ground.

- Hunters participating in drawings for boat-in units must hunt within 25 feet of their assigned hunt site. Otherwise, boat blinds shall not be permitted in flooded timber, other than sites allocated by the daily drawing, except during periods of flood where no other access is possible. When flood conditions allow boat blinds in flooded timber, no hunter shall set up to hunt within a 200-yard distance of another hunt party.

Floodwater note

Hunting is permitted from boats in flooded timber during periods of flood, as determined by the area manager. Boats must be a minimum of 200 yards apart while hunting. Public hunting on the Swan Lake Unit will close when floodwaters prevent safe entry to blinds by wheeled vehicles on roads. Notice will be given at least 24 hours in advance of closure via radio, television and newspaper outlets, or hunters may check the department’s website at fis.ky.gov. Watch or listen for notices when floodwaters are expected.

CAVE RUN LAKE AREA

No goose hunting is permitted on public lands or waters within the block of land lying inside the boundaries of Hwy. 801, Hwy. 1274, Hwy. 36, Hwy. 211, Hwy. 60 and Hwy. 826.

CEDAR CREEK LAKE WMA

Lincoln County

- Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. Hunters may not enter the area until 4 a.m.

DIX RIVER WMA

Lincoln County

- Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. Hunters may not enter the area until 4 a.m.

DOUG TRAVIS WMA

Carlisle & Hickman counties

Doug Travis WMA is open to statewide regulations for hunting EXCEPT the portions of the WMA as identified by signs, which are CLOSED to the public from Nov. 1 to March 15. Waterfowl hunting opportunities at Doug Travis WMA include walk-in, boat-in and season-long blind drawings. There are also two blind locations available for Mobility-Impaired hunters. One blind, blind 13, is an above ground blind that can be driven to, and is wheel chair accessible. The other blind, blind 19, is a boat-in blind location, built to conceal a mobility-impaired hunter in their boat. Both, blinds 13 and 19, are available through a mail-in pre-season draw (see below for details). Hunters who wish to draw a season-long blind must register and be selected by random drawing the last Saturday in August. Certain regulations apply on this area and are listed below. For more details, see the “Blind Drawings” portion of this guide, or the online waterfowl-hunting page. Hunt units on this area mostly consist of harvested grain fields and seasonally flooded crops, moist soil units, and natural depressions or “Sloughs” that are lined with shrubby cover and trees. Chest waders should be used to hunt in the water on all units. Woody vegetation, beaver runs, and rapid changes in elevation are a possibility on all waterfowl hunting units. Mississippi River levels should be closely monitored to determine if a boat is needed to access and hunt the area. Mississippi River levels exceeding 35 feet at the Cairo, Illinois river gauge indicate the potential loss of road access to some areas of the WMA. Typically, river levels above 41 feet on the Cairo gauge cut off road access on both ends of the Berkley - Fish Lake Road, making a boat necessary to access most of the area. On all hunt units, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until 2 p.m. CST. Hunters must exit the area by 2 p.m. daily. Hunters may not enter a hunt area until 4 a.m. CST daily.

Special WMA Regulations

- On Forked Lake, Indian Camp Lake, Fish Lake, Number Four Lake, Black Lake, Upper Goose Pond Field, Twin...
The WMA road into the Twin Ponds Field, and Town Creek Moist Soil Unit, all waterfowl hunting after Nov. 1 will be from Kentucky Fish & Wildlife-designated sites assigned by preseason drawing; even during periods of Mississippi River flooding. Hunters may walk in or boat in to hunt any units not mentioned in this list, except for the areas closed Nov. 1 – March 15.

- Individuals must be 18 years of age and possess a valid Kentucky Hunting License, Kentucky Waterfowl Permit and Federal Migratory Bird (Duck) Stamp when applying for designated hunt sites.
- All blinds must remain within 10 yards of the designated numbered location.
- Permanent blinds, if constructed, must be in place by Nov. 20 and removed within 30 days of the close of the season.
- Persons who fail to remove their blind after the season will forfeit the opportunity to obtain a blind site the following year.
- Persons drawn for a designated site (blind owners) may name one other person as a co-owner who may also claim the site each year. Blind owners and co-owners may not have more than one designated permanent blind site on the area each year.
- All selected sites must be marked with the blind owner’s name and permit number.
- Blind sites that are not claimed by the blind owners one hour before sunrise, may be claimed by other hunters on a first-come first-served stand-by basis.
- Hunters at designated blind sites may leave decoys out at their own discretion and risk, although this DOES NOT guarantee rights to a particular spot for following days (unless hunters are the blind owner or co-owner of a season-drawn blind site).
- All hunting parties, both at designated blind sites and those walk-in/boat-in hunting, must be at least 200 yards apart.
- No more than four persons shall occupy a single blind at any time.
- The WMA road into the Twin Ponds Field is open for entry from 4 a.m. until 30 minutes prior to sunrise each day during waterfowl season. Potential stand-by hunters for Blinds 16 and 17 may enter the area during this time frame, but MAY NOT ENTER after 30 minutes prior to sunrise. This is to avoid disturbance of hunters using Blinds 16 and 17. Hunters already present at these sites before 30 minutes prior to sunrise may exit this unit at any time, although they MUST exit the unit by 2 p.m. each day.
- There are two mobility-impaired blinds available via quota hunts. Check this link: https://fw.ky.gov/Hunt/Pages/Waterfowl-Hunting.aspx for more details.

**GRAYSON LAKE WMA**
**Carter & Elliott counties**

The following portions are closed to all waterfowl hunting: within three-quarters of a mile of the dam site marina, the shores of Camp Webb and Deer Creek Fork of Grayson Lake. All other portions are open.

**GREEN RIVER LAKE WMA**
**Taylor & Adair counties**

Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. Hunters may not enter the area until 4 a.m.

Also, see BLIND RESTRICTIONS.

**J.C. WILLIAMS WMA**
**Nelson County**

Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. Hunters may not enter the area until 4 a.m.

**KALER BOTTOMS WMA**
**Graves County**

Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. Hunters may not enter the area until 4 a.m.

**KENNECTY RIVER WMA**
**Henry & Owen counties**

Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. Hunters may not enter the area until 4 a.m.

**LAKE BARKLEY WMA**
**Trigg, Lyon & Livingston counties**

- Refuge areas closed to all hunting, fishing, boating and molesting of all species listed in this guide are:
  a) within an area west of the main river channel between river mile 51 (Hayes Landing Light) and the TVA power transmission lines at river mile 55.5, closed Nov. 1 – Feb. 15; and
  b) the area west of a line from the north point of the mouth of Fulton Bay to the south point of the mouth of Honker Bay, closed Nov. 1 – Mar. 15.
- Boating is allowed but hunting is prohibited within 200 yards of the area surrounded by a levee and located between river mile 68.4 and river mile 70.4 Oct. 15 – March 15.
- Permanent blinds must remain within 10 yards of the assigned numbered blind marker within the two areas described as follows:
  a) Beginning at the mouth of Donaldson Creek and proceeding south along the east side of the old Cumberland River channel as marked by buoys, to a point due west of the boat ramp at Linton, then east to the Linton boat ramp, then north along the east shore of Lake Barkley to the mouth of Donaldson Creek;
  b) Beginning at Pryor’s Creek Light extending south along the eastern shore of Barkley Lake to the boat ramp at the end of Land Between The Lakes Road 204, then to the west side of the Cumberland River channel, marked with buoys, to river mile 73.5, then north along the west side of the Cumberland River channel, marked with buoys, to Pryor Creek Light.
- All other blinds within this described area shall be temporary. See also BLIND RESTRICTIONS.

**LAKE CUMBERLAND WMA**
**Pulaski County**

Wesley Bend, the area bounded to the north, west and south by Fishing Creek and to the east by Beech Grove Road and Fishing Creek Road is closed to the public Oct. 15 – March 15;

**Yellowhole**, the area bounded to the west by Fishing Creek Road and the south by Hickory Nut Road is closed to the public Oct. 15 – March 15.

**LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES**
**Trigg & Lyon counties**

Long Creek Pond, the eastern one-third of Smith Bay and the eastern two-thirds of Duncan Bay on Kentucky Lake are closed to all activity Nov. 1 – March 15, as indicated by a visible marker on the south corner. The Environmental Education Center and Energy Lake are closed to all waterfowl hunting. LBL permit required. No waterfowl hunting permitted on inland areas during quota gun deer hunts. Permanent blinds are prohibited on inland areas and along Kentucky Lake shoreline area. Decoys and blinds must be
removed at the end of each hunting day.

**MILLER WELCH-CENTRAL KENTUCKY WMA**
**Madison County**
- Duck, coot and merganser season is Jan. 15–31, 2021
- Goose season is Jan. 15 – Feb. 15, 2021.
- Areas marked by signs are closed to all hunting.

**OBION CREEK WMA**
**Carlisle, Hickman & Fulton counties**
Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. Hunters may not enter the area until 4 a.m.

**Ohio River Islands WMA**
**Livingston County**
The portion of the Ohio River from Smithland Lock and Dam upstream to the powerline crossing at river mile 911.5 is closed to hunting.

Stewart (Birdsville) Island is closed to public access Oct. 15 – March 15, except for October muzzleloader season. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. Hunters may not enter the area until 4 a.m.

**Ohio River**
**Ballard County**
in vicinity of Ballard WMA from 50 yards upstream of Dam 53 to 50 yards below the downstream boundary of Ballard WMA:
Closed to all waterfowl hunting Oct. 15 – March 15.

**Peabody WMA**
**Ohio, Hopkins & Muhlenberg counties**
- Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. on those portions open to hunting. Hunters may not enter the area until 4 a.m.
- Persons entering the area for any purpose must obtain a Peabody WMA user permit ($15).
- **Sinclair Unit:** That portion as bounded by Hwy. 176, S1 road and Goose Lake Rd., (including Goose Lake) and as posted by signs, is closed Oct. 15 – March 15.
- **Ken Unit:** That portion as bounded by Wysox Rd., H2 road, H1 road and H6 road (including Island and South lakes) and as posted by signs, is closed Oct. 15 – March 15.
(The two refuge areas mentioned above are shown on the Peabody WMA map which hunters may obtain at the Kentucky Fish & Wildlife website at fw.ky.gov.)

**Pioneer Weapons WMA**
**Bath & Menifee counties**
Hunters may use breech or muzzle-loading shotguns for duck hunting along the Cave Run Lake shoreline bordering the area. Hunters may use muzzle-loading shotguns (or archery equipment) elsewhere on the area.

**Robinson Forest WMA**
**Breathitt, Perry & Knott counties**
Main block:
Closed to all hunting.

**Sloughs WMA**
**Henderson & Union counties**
Waterfowl hunting can be found on the Sauerheber, Jenny Hole, Highland Creek and Grassy Pond/Powell’s Lake units of Sloughs WMA. Waterfowl hunting opportunities at Sloughs WMA include online quota hunt draws, weekly on-site drawings, and season-long blind drawings. There is also walk-in hunting available on large portions of the WMA. Hunt units consist of a diverse mix of seasonally flooded grain crops, natural “moist soil” vegetation, natural marsh, seasonally flooded bottomland forest, and natural depressions or “sloughs,” that contain flooded stands of bald cypress lined with buttonbush thickets. Waders should be used to hunt in the water on all units. Woody vegetation, beaver runs, and rapid changes in elevation are a possibility on all waterfowl hunting units. Hunting the Jenny Hole Unit typically requires a boat or canoe. Ohio River levels should be closely monitored to determine if a boat is needed to access and hunt the remaining hunt units at the Sloughs. Ohio River levels exceeding 30 feet at the Evansville and/or J.T. Meyer gauge indicate the potential loss of road access to some areas of the WMA. There is one blind available for mobility impaired hunters on the Sauerheber Unit. The blind is wheelchair accessible. On all hunt units, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until 2 p.m. CST. Hunters must exit the area by 2 p.m. daily. Hunters may not enter a hunt area until 4 a.m. CST daily. Each unit has specific information that can be found below.

Sauerheber, Crenshaw and Duncan II Units:

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Sauerheber Unit is open to drawn quota hunters only, there is no stand-by hunting for the 2020-2021 waterfowl season.

During duck season (Nov. 26-29 and Dec. 7, 2020 – Jan. 31, 2021), waterfowl hunting is available on the Crenshaw and Duncan tracts through an online Quota Hunt drawing. Hunting is permitted only within designated hunt unit boundaries or blinds. The remainder of the Sauerheber Unit is closed to all public access from Nov. 1 – March 15. The quota hunt application period is Sept. 1-30. Results of the drawing will be available in mid-October. Successful applicants will be assigned a hunt unit or a specific hunting blind. If you draw a hunt unit, you may hunt anywhere within the defined hunt unit boundary (See Sloughs WMA: Sauerheber Hunt Unit Maps). Two of the twelve available units are blind locations only. You cannot hunt outside of the blind on these two units.

Hunters selected for a Sauerheber Quota Hunt must check-in on the Sunday prior to their hunt by sending an email to sloughsquotalhunt@ky.gov. In the email, please include your name, hunt unit, hunt dates, and hunt confirmation number. If the permit holder fails to check-in the Sunday prior to the hunt, you will not have the necessary permit to hunt and could be cited.

All hunters must complete and submit the Daily Post-Hunt Survey provided by the Department by 3 p.m. CST each day. Failure to complete the Daily Post-Hunt Survey will result in the permit holder being ineligible to hunt at Sloughs WMA for the remainder of the current and following waterfowl season. Daily Post-Hunt Survey cards and drop-box will be located next to the kiosk in front of the Sloughs WMA office on Highway 268.

Quota hunt permits are not transferable. No hunt unit/blind site may be hunted unless the hunter selected for that hunt unit/blind site, for that specific date(s) is present and has on their person a valid Hunt Confirmation Number issued by KDFWR. No standby hunting is allowed.

Quota permit holders may bring up to three (3) additional hunting guests. No more than four (4) hunters are allowed per hunt unit/ blind site. Hunters are allowed 25 shells per day on the Crenshaw/ Duncan tracts. All hunters must have a photo ID and all appropriate licenses and permits. Hunters must hunt in close prox-
Inimity to other hunt party members so that each member of the party is within 25 feet of another party member and no two party members are more than 100 feet apart.

The entire Sauerheber Unit is closed to all public access on Tuesday and Wednesdays during waterfowl season. Grassly Pond-Powells Lake, Highland Creek Units:

On these units, waterfowl hunting is allowed from permanent blind sites that are seasonally assigned by a pre-season drawing. Information about the season-long blind drawing can be found in the Blind Registration section of this guide. Walk in hunting is also available on this unit, but walk in hunters must remain a minimum of 200 yards from other hunting parties. Pre-season drawn blinds/blind sites not occupied one-half hour before shooting hours are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Jenny Hole Unit:

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the in-person weekly Monday night draw will be suspended for the 2020-2021 season. Please visit the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at fw.ky.gov or refer to the appendix at the end of this guide.

During duck season (Nov. 26-29 and Dec. 7, 2020 – Jan. 31, 2021), waterfowl hunting on the Jenny Hole Unit is allowed by permit only. A person or party that wishes to hunt waterfowl on the Jenny Hole Unit must be drawn weekly or apply using the online quota hunt system. Twelve hunt parties will be permitted to hunt the Jenny Hole Unit each week during duck season. Two hunt parties will be allocated using the online quota hunt system and ten spots will be drawn online each week. Hunt permits are issued for a 5-day hunt each week (Thursday-Monday). The successful online drawing participant must check-in on the Sunday prior to their hunt by sending an email to sloughsquota-hunt@ky.gov. In the email, please include your name, hunt unit, hunt dates, and hunt confirmation number.

The Jenny Hole Unit is closed to waterfowl hunting on Tuesday and Wednesdays during waterfowl season. The Jenny Hole Unit is closed to ALL boats from Thanksgiving Day through the last Sunday in January, except for hunters with a valid Jenny Hole Hunt Permit. Trappers who wish to trap the Jenny Hole Unit during this time must obtain a special permit from the Sloughs WMA office. Hunters drawn for the Jenny Hole Unit may NOT access the unit except during the dates listed on their hunt permit(s). Therefore, scouting in the afternoon or prior to hunt dates is NOT allowed.

All hunters must complete and submit the Daily Post-Hunt Survey provided by the Department by 3 p.m. CST each day. Failure to complete the Daily Post-Hunt Survey will result in the permit holder being ineligible to hunt at Sloughs WMA for the remainder of the current and following waterfowl season. Daily Post-Hunt Survey cards and drop-boxes are located at two sites within the Jenny Hole Unit.

**SOUTH SHORE WMA**

Greenup County

Closed to all hunting and trespassing Nov. 15, 2020 – Jan. 15, 2021, except for dove and waterfowl hunting. Open to waterfowl and dove hunting during other times of the year according to statewide regulations. Use of waterfowl blinds at South Shore WMA is on a first-come, first-served basis. Hunters must use blinds built by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

**TAYLORSVILLE LAKE WMA**

Anderson, Spencer & Nelson counties

Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. Hunters may not enter the area until 4 a.m.

Hunters may hunt waterfowl from temporary blinds on a first-come basis.

**YATESVILLE LAKE WMA**

Lawrence County

The Greenbriar Creek Branch, and Yatesville Lake, including all islands, north of the mouth of Greenbriar Creek Branch are closed to waterfowl hunting, except for Yatesville Lake State Park.

**YELLOWBANK WMA**

Breckinridge County

Areas designated by signs and markers on Tract 1 are closed Oct. 15 – March 15.

Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. Hunters may not enter area until 4 a.m.

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**STATE PARKS**

Regulations for Greenbo Lake, Lake Barkley, Lincoln Homestead, Nolin River Lake, Paintsville Lake and Yatesville Lake state parks are as follows:

- Selected portions of the lake and adjacent shoreline only.
- Statewide waterfowl hunting regulations apply.
- Hunters shall check in each day at the designated check-in location no earlier than 4 a.m.
- During check-in, hunters will be provided a map showing portions of the area that are open.
- Hunters shall check out each day at the designated check-in-location.

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**MENTOR / MOBILITY-IMPAIRED HATCHERY HUNTS**

**MINOR CLARK and PFEIFFER FISH HATCHERIES**

Open for waterfowl Mentor quota hunts Jan. 2,3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and 31, 2021.

- Hunts by advance online registration only. No standby hunting. Only youths and mobility-impaired hunters may apply.
- Mentor hunt only, limited to youths under 16.
- Youth(s) must be accompanied by an adult (mentor) at least 18 years or older.
- Hunters drawn to hunt must carry post-card notification with them during the hunt.
- Limited to 4 hunters with no more than two hunting adults. One mentor may have two youth but one youth may not have more than 1 mentor in a blind.
- Hunters cannot enter blinds until 5:30 a.m.
- Bag limits same as statewide.
- Hunting only permitted from established blinds assigned by random pre-season draw.
- Hunters may only discharge firearms from the blind.
- Hunters may not change blinds.
- Hunters may only have 15 shotshells each.
• Hunters must immediately retrieve downed birds. Chasing or harassing waterfowl outside the blinds is strictly prohibited.
• Firearms must be encased when traveling to and from the blind.
• Hunting ends at noon and hunters must be off the area by 1 p.m.
• All decoys and equipment must be removed at the end of each day’s hunt.
• Hunters must report harvest by dropping hunt permit at designated location.
• Those participating in a KDFWR waterfowl quota hunt must follow state and federal regulations or the hunter will be prohibited from participating in any other waterfowl quota hunts that year and the following year.
• Mobility-impaired hunters are also eligible to participate in the Minor Clark Mentor Hatchery Hunt. Hunters must supply a copy of their mobility-impaired access permit from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife when applying for the hunt and must abide by hunt rules. Mobility-impaired hunters may only have one assistant.

**HUNT APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

Individuals wishing to be drawn for one or more of the Mentor Hatchery Waterfowl hunts must apply online on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at fw.ky.gov between Nov. 1 and Nov. 15. A youth may apply for more than one date. A mentor and youth selected may invite two additional youth or one youth and one mentor to hunt with them. The names of guests do not have to be listed on the application. By the end of November, individuals selected will be mailed a quota hunt permit for the date(s) they are drawn, a map showing hatchery location, blinds and other instructions concerning the hunt. Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified. An individual drawn for one quota hunt during a season will have lower preference to be drawn for a second quota hunt during the same season. Duplicate applications for the same hunt day will result in disqualification.

**Kentucky AFIELD**

Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Resources, offers you practical tips for a better day in the woods or on the water. The bonus calendar issue gives you season dates and provides monthly tips about fishing and the natural world. Get all this for just $10 a year, or $18 for two years!

**TAKE PRECAUTIONS**

Wear gloves, keep your knife clean and wash your hands when processing wild game. If you harvest an animal and find something abnormal in the body or meat and you have concerns, take pictures and freeze a sample. Then contact a local biologist for guidance. Finally, don’t eat an animal that appeared sick before its harvest.
Reporting numbers listed on leg bands of harvested birds is voluntary. To report waterfowl with a band, hunters must now go online and report the band at www.reportband.gov

The toll-free number found on some bird bands can no longer be used for reporting a band number.

Those who call the toll-free number will be directed to the www.reportband.gov website.

Hunters who harvest waterfowl with a leg band that lists an address and/or a toll-free phone number should instead go online and report the band number at www.reportband.gov.

Migratory bird biologists use the data collected from bird band returns to accurately assess harvest, bird movement and survival. Managers use this information to set season dates, bag limits and the length of hunting seasons.
Familiarize yourself with changes mandated by the COVID-19 pandemic before you apply for a quota waterfowl hunt at Ballard WMA.

**Key Points**
- COVID-19 pandemic is forcing change this season.
- No daily drawings at the office.
- No stand-by hunters.
- Blinds assigned to hunting parties by random drawing each week.
- Hunting areas may be pits, blinds, walk-in access or boat-in access. Hunters may not choose their option.

**Background:**
A great deal of uncertainty exists for the upcoming duck season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Some aspects of hunting at Ballard must change. In past seasons, as many as 75 hunters and staff crowded into a small room each morning to select blinds the day of their hunts. A better method was needed to allow for social distancing to prevent the potential risk of spreading COVID-19.

For the 2020-2021 waterfowl season, there will not be an in-person check-in the morning of your hunt. The reason for this is twofold. First, it protects you and the department staff from potential transmission due to a crowded room. Second, the unstaffed hunting area selection process helps protect against a potential shutdown of hunts if the staff is quarantined.

Please note this plan is subject to change with little notice due to weather, flooding or other factors. Hunters should periodically check the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at fw.ky.gov for updates.

**The 2020-2021 Process:**
Each hunting party will be assigned a number upon application. Each weekend, Ballard staff will identify the best available units for each hunting day of that week. Each Monday, the department will use a computer program to randomly assign a party number to each of those units. Assignments and party numbers will be listed on the department’s website, fw.ky.gov.

Assigned areas could include traditional pits, stand-up blinds, walk-in areas or boat-in access. Hunters may not choose the type of access or amenities. Hunters could be assigned any one of these options. **If you cannot utilize a unit that requires a boat or the ability to walk-in to areas without blinds, we recommend you choose the “No Hunt” option for the 2020-2021 season. Please also note, department blinds do not allow space for appropriate social distancing of more than two non-related hunters.**
Your Hunt:

Go online to your “My Profile” page at fw.ky.gov and download your hunt information before you go to Ballard. There will be links to a pdf document for your hunting unit. That document will provide driving directions and a map of the unit. Please follow the directions to your unit carefully as it is easy to get lost if you are not familiar with the area. There will also be signs on the area to help guide you.

Familiarize yourself with rules specific to hunting at Ballard WMA. Each member of your party will also need to pay your $15 daily use fee for each day you hunt via our licensing system. Finally, you will need to print out the check-in and check-out pages and bring those with you.

You may enter the area any time after 5 a.m. (Central time). There will be 3 access points. Each access point will have a drop-box that you will pass when entering. Each party must completely fill out their check-in page and drop it in the box upon arrival. In order not to hold up other parties or create a concentration of hunters, please have the form filled out before arriving. If someone is already at the box, please allow them time to finish. Do not get out of your vehicle and approach the box until it is unattended. Please remember to have all appropriate hunting licenses and have paid the $15 daily use fee.

As you enter the area, please utilize the driving directions to your unit available on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website. Park in the designated parking area for each unit. Place the check-out page on the dashboard of your vehicle while you are hunting.

When you have completed your hunt, please drop the check-out page in the same box you used when entering. Please remember you must be finished hunting and off of the WMA by 2 p.m. (Central). Hunters have until 3 p.m. (Central) to deliver the check-out sheet. Failure to check in or out could result in the loss of hunting privileges in future seasons.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife encourages all hunters to be mindful of the pandemic while hunting. Please use face coverings when near other hunters. Maintain social distancing by hunting outside of blinds, or adjust your party size. Please note that the department is not able to sanitize blinds daily. For the latest information on best COVID-19 practices, please visit the Kentucky COVID-19 website at: covid19.ky.gov.
Jenny Hole (Sloughs WMA) Waterfowl Hunting Assignment Process

This season, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, there will be significant changes in how waterfowl hunting dates and units at the Jenny Hole at Sloughs Wildlife Management Area (WMA) are determined.

To help maintain social distancing and to ensure the health and safety of hunters and Kentucky Fish and Wildlife staff, the department will not conduct in-person drawings for waterfowl hunting at the Jenny Hole for the 2020-2021 season. Instead, the department will fill spaces through weekly online-only drawings. Standby spots for Duncan and Crenshaw Units will not be available for the 2020-2021 season.

The application period is the week before you want to hunt. Applications are accepted Wednesday through Sunday. Random drawings for hunts and locations will then occur the following Monday. Spots for December 7, 2020; a single day hunt, will be assigned during the Thanksgiving week drawing.

Each Monday drawing will determine hunters and locations for the following Thursday through Monday. Remember, boats are necessary to access the hunting opportunity in the Jenny Hole.

Application Rules:

- You must have the necessary license and permit needed for waterfowl hunting when you apply.
- You must be at least 18 years old.
- You cannot apply if you were cited for waterfowl hunting violations on a waterfowl quota hunt the previous season.

How to apply:

- Go to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife’s online application page at app.fw.ky.gov/huntdraw. (This page will not appear until applications are being taken).
- Enter your last name, date of birth and last four digits of your social security number.
- Apply individually; you may take up to three guests.
- On Monday night, go online to fw.ky.gov and check the “My Profile” tab to see if you were selected, and your hunting location. Download and print a copy of your check-in and check-out cards.

Each hunter selected will be able to hunt the Jenny Hole for five consecutive days (Thursday-Monday). Exceptions to this being Thanksgiving week (four days only), December 7 (one day only) and the last week (four days only). Each drawn hunter will be assigned one of the three hunt units at the Jenny Hole. You will be assigned either the Timber Unit, Little Jenny Unit or Fishtrap Unit. You must hunt within that unit all week.
The Day of your Hunt:

- Do not enter the area before 4:00 a.m. (Central time).
- Drop your check-in card in one of the designated drop box locations.
- Carry your check-out card and hunting permit with you.
- You must hunt in your assigned unit.
- You may take up to three guests. The guests you take may change each day but the drawn hunter must always be present.
- Maintain proper social distancing while hunting.
- Stop hunting and leave the area by 2 p.m. (Central).
- Before leaving, drop your check-out card in a designated drop box.
- Remember to follow all normal rules pertaining to hunts at the Jenny Hole.

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Boatwright WMA Waterfowl Hunting Assignment Process

This season, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, there will be significant changes in how waterfowl hunting dates and areas at Boatwright Wildlife Management Area (WMA) are determined.

To help maintain social distancing and to ensure the health and safety of hunters and Kentucky Fish and Wildlife staff, the department will not conduct in-person drawings for waterfowl hunting at Boatwright WMA for the 2020-2021 season. Instead, the department will fill spaces through weekly online-only drawings.

The application period is the week before you want to hunt. Applications are accepted Wednesday through Sunday. Random drawings for hunts and locations will then occur the following Monday.

Each Monday drawing will determine hunters and locations for the following Wednesday through Sunday.

Application Rules:

- You must have the necessary license and permit needed for waterfowl hunting when you apply.
- You must be at least 18 years old.
- You cannot apply if you were cited for any waterfowl hunting violation on a waterfowl quota hunt the previous season.

How to apply:

- Go to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife’s online application page at app/fw.ky.gov/huntdraw. (This page will not appear until applications are being taken).
- Enter your last name, date of birth and last four digits of your social security number.
- Apply individually; you may take up to three guests.
- Select the days that you want to hunt.
- Select your preference for a Boat-in/Walk-in spot or a pit/blind spot.
- Flooding may open additional locations; the process to apply for these spots will remain the same.
- On Monday night, go online to fw.ky.gov and check the “My Profile” tab to see if you were selected, and your hunting location. Download and print a copy of your Check-In/ Daily Waterfowl Hunt Tag card.

The Day of your Hunt:

- Do not enter the area before 4:30 a.m. (Central time).
- Drop your check-in card in one of the designated drop box locations.
- Carry your Daily Waterfowl Hunt Tag with you.
- Maintain proper social distancing while hunting.
- Stop hunting and leave the area by 2 p.m. (Central).
• Before leaving, drop your check-out card in a designated drop box.
• Remember to follow all normal rules pertaining to hunts at Boatwright.

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*** hunting locations only available during backwater/flood events. Consult application site for availability of these sites.