

**APPLICATION
MOBILITY IMPAIRED ACCESS PERMIT**

Name: _____ Phone: _____ ID# (SSN or Driver's License#): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

(The following is to be filled out by physician licensed in Kentucky)

I do hereby attest that the above-named individual has one or more of the following severe mobility impairments:

- _____ (a) Has permanent paralysis of at least one leg.
- _____ (b) Has at least one foot amputated.
- _____ (c) Is permanently confined to a wheelchair or must use crutches, or a walker as a means of support to pursue daily activities.
- _____ (d) Is restricted by a lung disease to such an extent that the person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty mm/hg on room air at rest.
- _____ (e) Requires portable oxygen.
- _____ (f) Has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class 3 or Class 4 according to standards set by the American Heart Association.
- _____ (g) Has a diagnosed disease which creates a severe mobility impairment. Describe: _____

Signature - Kentucky Licensed Physician

Business Address

Name - Printed

City State Phone Number

TERMS OF THE PERMIT

1. Once completed, this application will be your Mobility Impaired Access Permit and is valid for no longer than one license year (March 1 – February 28).
2. An individual using this permit must have a severe mobility restriction.
3. An individual using this permit must carry this permit on his person at all times while participating in activities under this permit.
4. This permit does not alleviate the need to purchase any other applicable licenses or permits.
5. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources does not maintain any copies of this permit. It is the responsibility of the user to maintain this document.
6. The Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources does not assume any responsibility or liability for any activity conducted under this permit. The user assumes all risks and responsibilities.
7. The user must abide by all applicable rules and regulations.
8. This permit is only valid for the following limited purposes:
 - a. The user may discharge a firearm or other legal hunting device from a motor vehicle or watercraft if the vehicle is motionless and the engine is turned off. The motor vehicle may only be used as a place to wait for game and shall not be used to chase, pursue, or drive game.
 - b. The user may operate an electric wheelchair or ATV on gated or ungated roads otherwise closed to vehicular traffic AND ONLY on designated tracts of designated WMAs. Those WMAs shall be so designated in the publication "Kentucky's Accessible Public Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Viewing Sites." The user may ONLY operate the electric wheelchair or ATV where it is so designated by signs. The user SHALL NOT operate the electric wheelchair or ATV on fields, openings, roads, paths or trails planted to wildlife food, cover or agricultural crops.
 - c. The user may designate one (1) qualified assistant who may track and dispatch a wounded animal, retrieve an animal or render other assistance as allowed under the rules and regulations of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. The qualified assistant shall not use any vehicle as a blind unless the person is also a permitted mobility impaired individual.

I _____ have read and agree to comply with all the above terms. _____
Applicant Signature Date

Kentucky's Accessible Hunting Areas

With the promulgation of a new regulation, 301 KAR 3:026, the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is offering a new program for mobility-impaired individuals. This program officially starts August 2000 and will offer access to certain tracts on 16 Wildlife Management Areas which includes a total in excess of 20,000 acres (please see listing of areas below). Qualified users will be able to operate ATVs or other vehicles on ungated or open-gated roads otherwise closed to vehicular traffic while hunting or fishing on the designated tracts.

In order to qualify for this program an individual must be mobility-impaired with a permanent physical impairment meeting one or more of the following:

- (a) Has permanent paralysis of at least one (1) leg.
- (b) Has at least one (1) foot amputated.
- (c) Is permanently confined to a wheelchair or must use crutches, or a walker as a means of support to pursue daily activities.
- (d) Is restricted by a lung disease to such an extent that the person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one (1) second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one (1) liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty (60) mm/hg on room air at rest.
- (e) Requires portable oxygen.
- (f) Has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class 3 or Class 4 according to standards set by the American Heart Association.
- (g) Has a diagnosed disease which creates a severe mobility impairment. A description of the severe impairment must be provided by a Kentucky-licensed physician.

Mobility-impaired individuals must obtain an application form for a mobility-impaired access permit from the department. They must complete the form by providing the following information:

- (a) Applicant's name, ID number (Social Security Number, Driver's License Number, or a unique number available from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet), mailing address, and phone number.
- (b) A statement from a Kentucky-licensed physician which includes the physician's name, address, description of impairment, and signature, attesting that the applicant is a mobility-impaired individual as defined above.

Once completed, the application form will serve as the permit. It will be valid for one year: March 1 – last day of February. A mobility-impaired individual must have a mobility-impaired access permit on his person at all times while participating in this program.

The permit allows the qualified individual to:

- (a) Discharge a firearm or other legal hunting device from a motor vehicle or watercraft when the vehicle is motionless and has its engine turned off. The motor vehicle may only be used as a place to wait for game and shall not be used to chase, pursue, or drive game.
- (b) Operate electric wheelchairs, ATVs, and other passenger vehicles on ungated or open-gated roads otherwise closed to vehicular traffic but only on designated tracts of designated WMAs (see list below). Tracts designated as mobility-impaired access areas will be posted with signs. This program does not permit vehicular access on fields, openings, roads, paths, or trails planted to wildlife food, cover, or agricultural crops. Please respect wildlife and their habitat by not operating any vehicle in these planted areas.
- (c) Designate one (1) qualified assistant. The qualified assistant may fish, track and dispatch a wounded animal, retrieve an animal, or render other assistance in accordance with this administrative regulation, KRS Chapter 150 and any administrative regulation promulgated thereunder. The qualified assistant shall not use any vehicle as a blind, unless such person meets the requirements of this administrative regulation.

Accessible Wildlife Management Area Tracts

Bluegrass Region:

County: Harrison
WMA/Acreage: Griffith Woods Wildlife Management Area (746 acres)
Terrain: Level to rolling
ADA Acreage: Entire area
Nearest cities: Cynthiana - 4 miles
Georgetown - 15 miles
Lexington - 25 miles

County: Henry
WMA/Acreage: Kentucky River Wildlife Management Area (3643 acres)
Tract or area: Entire Welch tract. Located at Gest, KY (Lock and Dam #3)
Terrain: Level
ADA Acreage: 226 acres
Nearest cities: Frankfort - 25 miles
New Castle - 20 miles

County: Kenton
WMA/Acreage: Mullins Wildlife Management Area (259 acres)
Tract or area: Entire area
Terrain: Level to rolling
ADA Acreage: 266 acres
Nearest cities: Crittenden - 1 mile
Walton - 5 miles

County: Madison
WMA/Acreage: Miller Welch-Central Kentucky Wildlife Management Area (1,847 acres)
Tract or area: Fields 23 & 24 in the Eastern Unit
Terrain: Rolling to level
ADA Acreage: Approximately 170 acres
Nearest cities: Lexington - 34 miles
Richmond - 9 miles

County: Spencer
WMA/Acreage: Taylorsville Lake Wildlife Management Area (9,417 acres)
Tract or area: Area bounded by Highway 2239 and the tailwater access road (portion designated as Special Management Unit "A" on the WMA map)
Terrain: Rolling to level
ADA Acreage: Approximately 310 acres
Nearest cities: Louisville - 25 miles
Taylorsville - 4 miles

Green River Region:

County: Breckinridge
WMA/Acreage: Yellowbank Wildlife Management Area (6,761 acres)
Tract or area: Tract 1
Terrain: Level to gently rolling
ADA Acreage: 1,000 acres
Nearest cities: Hardinsburg - 20 miles

County: Barren
WMA/Acreage: Barren River Wildlife Management Area (8,735 acres)
Tract or area: Dry Creek Unit
Terrain: Level to rolling
ADA Acreage: 300 acres
Nearest cities: Glasgow - 10 miles

County: Muhlenberg
WMA/Acreage: Peabody Wildlife Management Area (41,324 acres)
Tract or area: Sinclair Tract
Terrain: Rolling to steep
ADA Acreage: 6,500 acres
Nearest cities: Central City & Drakesboro - 5 miles

Northeast Region:

County: Lawrence
WMA/Acreage: Yatesville Lake Wildlife Management Area (13,191 acres)
Tract or area: Irish Creek, Wolfpen, Arrington and Rich Creek tracts
Terrain: Steep ridges, fairly level on ridgetops and in creek bottoms
ADA Acreage: 5,000 acres
Nearest cities: Louisa – 10 miles; Ashland – 36 miles

Purchase Region:

County: Graves
WMA/Acreage: Kaler Wildlife Management Area (1,904 acres)
Tract or area: West of the ditch
Terrain: Gently rolling and bottomlands
ADA Acreage: 600 acres
Nearest cities: Mayfield - 10 miles

County: McCracken
WMA/Acreage: West Kentucky Wildlife Management Area (6,425 acres)
Tract or area: “Handicap Pond” Tract
Terrain: Gently rolling and bottomlands
ADA Acreage: 550 acres
Nearest cities: Paducah - 10 miles

Southeast Region:

County: Taylor
WMA/Acreage: Green River Wildlife Management Area (21,019 acres)
Tract or area: Corbin Bend Unit
Terrain: Rolling
ADA Acreage: 830 acres
Nearest cities: Columbia & Campbellsville - 10 miles

County: Russell
WMA/Acreage: Lake Cumberland Wildlife Management Area (38,789 acres)
Tract or area: Caney Fork Unit
Terrain: Variable – level to steep
ADA Acreage: 1,500 acres
Nearest cities: Russell Springs - 10 miles

County: Clay
WMA/Acreage: Redbird Wildlife Management Area (Daniel Boone National Forest)
Tract or area: 23 miles of Redbird Crest Trail
Terrain: Steep
ADA Acreage: ATVs not allowed off designated trails; contact DBNF for trails map (606/598-2192)
Nearest cities: Manchester & Hyden - 20 miles

County: Jackson
WMA/Acreage: Mill Creek Wildlife Management Area (Daniel Boone National Forest)
Tract or area: 7 miles of the S-Tree Trail Section
Terrain: Steep
ADA Acreage: ATVs not allowed off designated trails; contact DBNF for trails map (606/864-4163)
Nearest cities: Tyner – 5 miles

301 KAR 3:026. Access to Wildlife Management Areas for mobility-impaired individuals.

RELATES TO: KRS 150.025(1), 150.170, 150.175, 150.620

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 150.025(1), 150.620

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 150.025(1) authorizes the department to establish hunting seasons and to regulate bag and possession limits for, and the methods of taking and the devices used to take, wildlife. In addition, KRS 150.620 authorizes the department to regulate the use of its Wildlife Management Areas. This administrative regulation simplifies the process for obtaining method exemptions and special use permits for mobility-impaired individuals and promotes nature-related recreational access to department-managed lands.

Section 1. Definitions.

- (1) "ATV" is defined in KRS 189.010(24).
- (2) "Department" is defined in KRS 150.010(8).
- (3) "Mobility-impaired individual" means an individual who meets the requirements of Section 2(1) of this administrative regulation.
- (4) "Motor vehicle" is defined in KRS 189.010(19)(b).
- (5) "Qualified assistant" means an individual who is participating in the activity with the mobility-impaired individual and designated by the mobility-impaired individual.
- (6) "WMA" means a Wildlife Management Area owned or operated by the department.

Section 2. Mobility-impaired Access Permit.

- (1) If a person meets one (1) of the following requirements, he shall qualify for a mobility-impaired access permit application from the department:
 - (a) Has permanent paralysis of at least one (1) leg;
 - (b) Has at least one (1) foot amputated;
 - (c) Is permanently confined to a wheelchair or must use crutches, or a walker as a means of support to pursue daily activities;
 - (d) Is restricted by a lung disease to such an extent that the person's forced respiratory expiratory volume for one (1) second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one (1) liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty (60) mm/hg on room air at rest;
 - (e) Requires portable oxygen;
 - (f) Has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class 3 or Class 4 according to standards set by the American Heart Association; or
 - (g) Has a diagnosed disease which creates a severe mobility impairment.
- (2) The mobility-impaired access permit shall allow the following activities by a mobility-impaired individual:
 - (a) 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.
 - (b) May operate electric wheelchairs, ATVs, and other passenger vehicles on or off gated or ungated or open-gated roads otherwise closed to vehicular traffic but only on designated tracts of designated WMAs.
 1. The roads may be accessed March 1 through the third Friday in August.
 2. Tracts designated as mobility-impaired access areas shall be posted with signs.
 3. Vehicular access shall not be permitted on fields, openings, roads, paths, or trails planted with annual grains or agricultural crops.
 4. It shall be permissible to access areas which are not roads the third Saturday of August until the end of February.
 5. 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.

Section 3.

- (1) A mobility-impaired individual may designate one (1) qualified assistant. The qualified assistant may:
 - (a) Track and dispatch a wounded animal;
 - (b) Retrieve an animal; or
 - (c) Render other assistance in accordance with KRS Chapter 150 and 301 KAR Chapters 2 and 3.
- (2) A qualified assistant shall not:
 - (a) Operate his or her own ATV; or
 - (b) Hunt or shoot from an ATV.
- (3) Applicants for a mobility-impaired access permit shall:

- (a) Fill out the required information on the Mobility-Impaired Access Permit Application; and
 - (b) Obtain the attestation and signature from a licensed physician describing the mobility impairment.
- (4) In order to participate in activities authorized by Section 2(2) of this administrative regulation, a mobility-impaired individual shall have a completed mobility-impaired access application on his person at all times while participating in such activities.

Section 4. All method exemption cards and letters issued prior to the effective date of this administrative regulation are void.

Section 5. Incorporation by Reference.

- (1) "Mobility-impaired Access Permit", revised August 2001, is incorporated by reference.
- (2) This material may be inspected, copied, or obtained, subject to applicable copyright law, at the Department for Fish and Wildlife Resources, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (27 Ky.R. 25; Am. 756; eff. 8-24-2000; 28 Ky.R. 1912; eff. 4-15-2002.)