

Ballard WMA Quota Waterfowl Hunt Information

Check-in: Daily, Wednesday through Sunday

Check Station Hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 4:30 AM to 5:30 AM, CST

Check Station Location: 864 Wildlife Lodge Rd. LaCenter, KY 42056. At end of Wildlife Lodge Road (off of KY Highway 473) northwest of LaCenter and west of Bandana, KY.

Special Note: Please check our website (ky.fw.gov) to ensure that hunting is open before driving to Ballard. There is always a chance of flooding closing the WMA. From time to time, Ballard staff may ask for party leaders only may be present in the check-station to help decongest the building prior to draw. Party members will be allowed ample opportunity after the draw to have all their questions answered.

Check-in/out Requirements:

- All drawn quota and standby waterfowl hunters must check in at the check station no later than 5 a.m. CST on the morning of the hunt. Failure to check in by 5:00 a.m. will forfeit your right to hunt that day.
- Driver's license required for identification of the drawn party member
- Valid Hunting license, Migratory Bird-Waterfowl Permit, and Federal Waterfowl Stamp are required of each party member at check-in.
- Hunter Education Card or Temporary Hunter Education Exemption Permit, if required
- A hunter drawn as a mobility-impaired hunter must hunt from one of the mobility-impaired blinds
- All waterfowl hunters must cease hunting and be off the area by 2 p.m. CST
- All quota hunters must check-out by turning in the completed Daily Waterfowl Hunting Tag you received in the check-station that morning before leaving the WMA for the day
- Failure to complete and turn in the Daily Waterfowl Hunting Tag by 3:00 p.m. CST will result in the permit holder being ineligible to hunt at Ballard WMA for the remainder of the current and following waterfowl season

Cost: \$15 per hunter (Youth Hunters Excluded from this fee)

- The \$15 fee will no longer be accepted at the check station.
- Each party member (except youth) must purchase the \$15 1-Day Ballard Waterfowl Permit at fw.ky.gov for each day they hunt and bring proof of paying the fee. The permit may be purchased at [KDFWR Licenses](#) (note this permit is not available online until after November 1st).

Bag Limits: as prescribed in the Kentucky Waterfowl Hunting Guide:

<http://fw.ky.gov/Hunt/Pages/Waterfowl-Hunting.aspx>

Office Phone Number: (270) 224-2244

Special Restrictions:

- Hunting by advance application or standby if available. The application period is Sept. 1 thru Sept. 30. at fw.ky.gov.
- No hunting is permitted on Mondays and Tuesdays or Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
- The drawn hunter may bring up to 3 additional guests to form a hunting party. At least one person in the hunting party must be 18 years of age or older.

- A hunting party shall hunt together as a group. Party members shall hunt in close proximity to other hunt party members so that each member of the party is within twenty-five (25) feet of another party member and no two (2) party members are more than 75 feet apart
- Waterfowl hunters are limited to 25 shells per day.
- If transportation to and from blinds is provided by KDFWR (times of high water), each hunter must have his/her gun encased.
- Those participating in a KDFWR waterfowl quota hunt must follow state and federal regulations
- Hunting methods available at Ballard will 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. Hunters will draw daily for hunt units in which they have the option of hunting from a blind or pit, or moving around and hunting anywhere within the unit. Boat-in units may also be available as part of the daily drawing.

RESOURCES

For more-detailed information on Ballard WMA see: [Ballard WMA-Overview and Maps](#)

Online Maps of Hunting Units see: [Interactive Waterfowl Unit Map](#)

There is an free app which allows you to see the WMA hunting units while you are on the area. This App is [ArcGIS Explorer](#). KDFWR public map packages can be opened in Explorer by anyone—without needing to sign in with a named user account.

Download ArcGIS Explorer from the location where you get apps for your phone. Once you install and open the App, search for “Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Ballard WMA Waterfowl Hunt” and click on that map. The map works with the GPS in your phone to show you real-time where you are on the WMA or within your hunting unit.

For general map coverage of the Ballard WMA see:

[General Ballard Map \(PDF Map\)](#)

For general information on the area, Follow us on Facebook:

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