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COVER PHOTO

Bob Evans of Paris, Tenn., dubbed his 18-point deer "The Caribou Buck" because of its unique shovel-like non-typical point that jutted from near its brow. Evans, who has been hunting and outfitting in Crittenden County for about 20 years, harvested the deer during the November 2020 rifle season.

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Which license or permit do I need to hunt?

KENTUCKY RESIDENTS	Ages 12-15	Ages 16-64	Ages 65 and older OR disabled					
DEER	Youth Hunting License* +Youth Deer Permit*	Annual Hunting Lincense ¹ + Statewide Deer Permit ⁺	Senior/Disabled License					
FALL TURKEY	Youth Hunting License [*] +Youth Turkey Permit [*]	Annual Hunting Lincense ¹ + Fall Turkey Permit ⁺	Senior/Disabled License					
SPRING TURKEY	Youth Hunting License [*] +Youth Turkey Permit [*]	Annual Hunting Lincense ¹ + Spring Turkey Permit ⁺	Senior/Disabled License					
SMALL GAME & FURBEARER	Youth Hunting License*	Annual⁺ or 1-Day Hunting License	Senior/Disabled License					
	Bobcat permit required for local hunters							
TRAPPING	Annual Youth Trapping License	Annual or Landowner/Tenant Trapping License	Annual or Landowner/Tenant Trapping License					
MIGRATORY BIRDS (dove, snipe, woodcock, rails, gallinules, sandhill crans)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual ¹ or 1-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Permit ¹	Senior/Disabled License					
WATERFOWL (ducks, geese, coots and mergansers)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual ¹ or 1-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird/Water- fowl Permit ¹ + Federal Duck Stamp	Senior/Disabled License + Federal Duck Stamp					

* Included in Youth Sportsman's License Included in Resident Sportsman License

NONRESIDENTS Must buy nonresident license/permits	Ages 12-15	Ages 16 and Older					
DEER	Youth Hunting License +Youth Deer Permit*	Annual Hunting License + Statewide Deer Permit					
FALL TURKEY	Youth Hunting License +Youth Turkey Permit	Annual Hunting License + Fall Turkey Permit					
SPRING TURKEY	Youth Hunting License +Youth Turkey Permit	Annual Hunting License + Spring Turkey Permit					
SMALL GAME & FURBEARER	Youth Hunting License	Annual, 1-Day or 7-Day Hunting License					
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It is the responsibility of hunters to know and have the type of license or permit they need. The hunter's date of birth and social security number will be required when purchasing a license or permit.

ONLINE

Licenses and permits can be purchased online at fw.ky.gov. Most major credit cards are accepted for hunters purchasing licenses or permits online. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife gift certificates are also accepted. Gift certificates are sold online only at fw.ky.gov.

Hunters who buy licenses or permits online will not be mailed a paper license or permit but will receive an authorization number. The hunter must have a copy of the authorization number or a computer printout of the license or permit and a picture ID while hunting.

IN PERSON

Licenses and permits can be purchased at various locations throughout the state. A list of license agents can be viewed online at fw.ky.gov.

BY PHONE

All licenses and permits, except a disability license, elk drawing applications, department issued quota hunts and youth licenses and permits, can be purchased by telephone 24 hours a day by calling toll-free at 1-877-598-2401. Hunters purchasing licenses and permits by phone will be charged a small convenience fee.

Most major credit cards are accepted or an e-check. Hunters will be given an authorization number that must be carried along with a picture ID in the field while hunting. Both the authorization number and paper license are valid for the license year.

If requested, a paper license or permit (except short-term licenses) will be mailed to the hunter. The paper license must be filled out and signed by the hunter.

MULTIPLE MILESTONES

Harvesting a buck of a lifetime is... well. it's a lifetime achievement

Unless, you're Chris Woodall. During the 2020 deer season the 41-year-old Marion man more than duplicated a feat he rang up 19 years ago. Woodall became one of a remarkably few hunters on earth who can boast multiple such milestones.

It was the last weekend of rifle season, two days after Thanksgiving, when Woodall found in his rifle scope the second Boone and Crockett buck of his long hunting career. This one may be tough to trump.

The whitetail sported a rack with 23 visible points and roughs out at nearly 200 inches on the Boone and Crockett scoring system.

"I am very fortunate, very humbled by it," Woodall said.

It's a mainframe 12-pointer with incredible mass and characteristics like kickers, fliers and drop tines that certainly put this deer among the best ever harplace known for trophy whitetails.

The story began more than a year earlier when a neighbor showed him a trail camera photograph of a monster buck. The deer was never seen in daylight, only captured on camera in the dark of night. That season, Woodall believes he may have had a close encounter with the deer in a heavily thicketed area with limited sight distance.

"I just believed in my gut that was a big deer, maybe this one." he said.

Early last fall, another neighbor found a picture of this buck on one of his cameras. It, too, was taken at night. But no one hunting in the area had laid eyes on this trophy buck during the daytime. At least until 4 p.m., Nov. 28, 2020.

Woodall is a self-described old-school hunter. He doesn't rely on too many gimmicks to harvest big bucks, but his formula is well tested. In 2001,

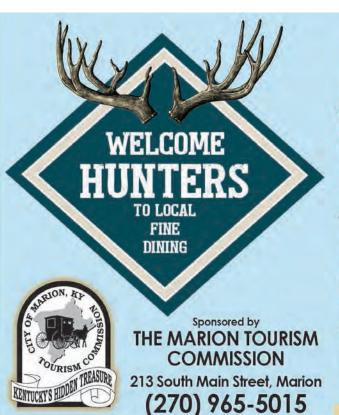
vested in Crittenden County, a he bagged a huge buck that grossed 180-plus and went into the Boone and Crockett permanent record book with a net score of 171 1/8.

> No lures, no cover scents, no food plots or corn piles will you find in Woodall's strategies to harvest wall-hangers. His recipe for success includes spending a whole lot of time in the seat of a stand, letting marginal trophies walk and paying particular attention to not disturbing his hunting area year round, creating a sanctuary of sorts to where deer retreat when the pressure of rifle season bears down on the fall.

> "I try not to leave a big footprint. I don't know if it's the right way or the wrong way. I just step back and stay out of there as much as possible. I take inventory of the deer on our farm when I get in the stand," he said. "There are times that I will sit there all day

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There are two ways to Telecheck your harvest:

- ▶ Online Telecheck through MyProfile application
- ► Telecheck by phone call 800-245-4263 (800-CHK-GAME) When telechecking by phone, use the County Codes Chart below.

The Telecheck Review system shows all telechecked harvests by species and can be searched by date and county or by hunter's last name. It can take up to 24 hours for new entries to show up.

Please note that 301 KAR 2:172 (9) prohibits a person from knowingly entering false information into the Telecheck System. If you believe you have made an error in entering your information in the system, please call 1-800-858-1549.

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027 CALDWELL

070 LIVINGSTON

072 LYON

117 WEBSTER

113 UNION

HUNTER EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

Effective March 1, 1991, any hunter born on or after January 1, 1975 is required to carry a valid hunter education course

completion card in addition to the appropriate Kentucky hunting license while hunting. A bow hunter not in possession of a firearm may carry a "National Bow-

hunter Education Program" course completion card in lieu of the hunter education card.

GET HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFIED

Please Note: Pre-registration is now required for all hunter

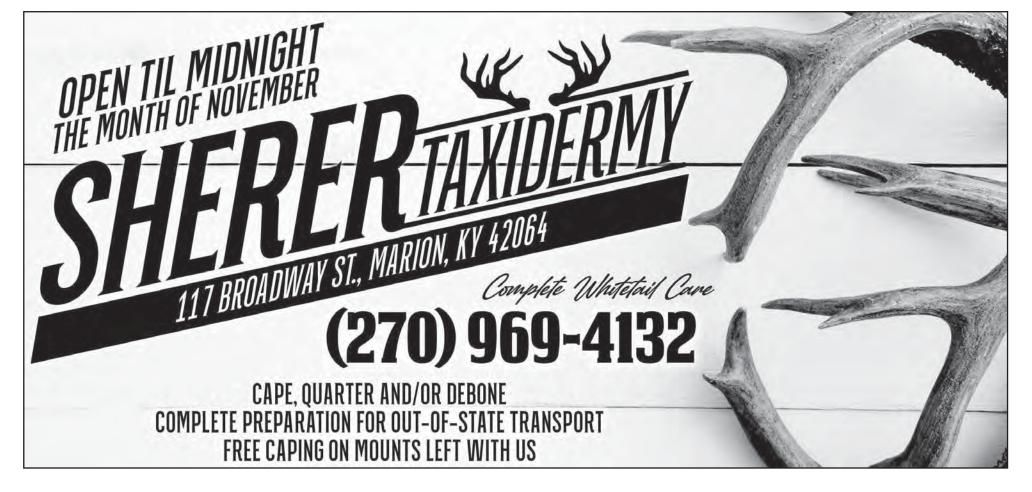
education courses.

ONLINE COURSES

Students may self-study

through the hunter education course online. In order to fully complete the certification requirements, once the student completes the online course, they must pre-regis-

ter and attend a RANGE DAY where they will participate in a live fire exercise. (If you are completing your hunter education while the department limits in-person courses, you will need to follow the directions to complete a Virtual Range Day.)



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and never lift my rifle."

Hunting next to a harvested soybean field about 200 yards from an overgrown area of CRP that measures about 40 acres, Woodall's vigil began about 2 p.m., that fateful Saturday. A few deer were browsing around the edges of the field when he noticed a phantom-like image lurking about 20 yards deep into the heavy cover of the setaside. He doesn't carry binoculars so he pulled up his .223 rifle and turned up the scope to maximum power.

"I just saw tines. He was still back in the thicket. I knew it was buck but couldn't tell if it was a shooter."

A small doe was just in front of the buck and she slowly worked her way into the edge of the field where the other deer were feeding. The farther she walked away from the buck in the thicket, the more Woodall could tell something was about to break.

"I don't know why he came out, but you could tell instantly that he was uncomfortable in the field," Woodall explains. "He immediately started to run, but then stopped all of a sudden and looked at some other small bucks in the field."

That's when Woodall squeezed the trigger on a 200-yard neck shot that dropped the brute in his tracks.

He waited a bit for things to settle down. The other deer seemed unaffected by the rifle blast. He waited in the stand about 45 minutes until they'd cleared the field then walked over to the buck.

Only then did the reality of what he'd downed come into full view.

"I'm 41 years old, but to say I got a little emotional would be an understatement," he explained

"In 2001 when I got that first one, I had never heard of Boone and Crockett," he admits.

After his second buck of a lifetime, Woodall can't wait to get the bottom line score on this behemoth, but it will take a while longer. He's still awaiting the final judgement from official scorers.

Just like he hunts - letting

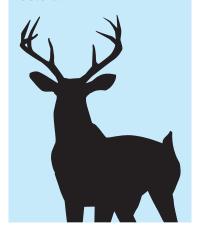


In 2001, Chris Woodall harvested his first B&C buck and it was featured in The Crittenden Press newspaper.

nature take its normal course – Woodall will wait patiently before the final figures are displayed. For now, it has grossed 198 1/8.

Boone & Crockett Class

Bucks taken with a gun can qualify for Boone and Crockett Club's recordbook and for bowhunters the book is kept by Pope and Young. For "Booners" the minimum score for whitetail deer is 160 inches. There are also minimums for non-typical antlers. There is a well-definded system for measuring the antlers in both categories, which uses length and mass as the key factors.



HUNTING BUSHYTAILS

In January when winter takes that long volatile turn toward spring, most outdoorsmen have packed away their gear and are spending their time thinking about turkey season just around the corner.

Somewhere in the exhaust of fall big game hunting and waterfowling most hunters overlook one of the most fundamental opportunities the forest of western Kentucky have to offer.

That's hunting for bushy

Squirrel season runs through the end of February and late winter is a great time to reinvent that love affair with the sport our grandfathers cut their teeth on.

Until whitetail deer were reintroduced in large numbers to the Bluegrass State in the 1970s, small game hunting was king of the commonwealth. Wild turkey restock-



ing efforts brought that wily bird to the state in huntable numbers in the 1990s, further pushing the squirrel off the outdoorsman's radar.

While rabbits continue to

flourish, quail are about as common mountain lions around western Kentucky so hunting beyond New Year's day is typically reserved for die-hard duck hunters and folks with coon dogs.

Taking a new look at an old game is a prudent move for hunters who long to be afield in late winter. It's a pleasant experience with no ticks, chiggers or mosquitoes to terrorize your squirrel hunting. Stalking for tree rodents is fun and if you don't particular like to dine on them, there's always someone who will take a mess of squirrels, particularly if you do the dirty work (cleaning them).

Why not rekindle that love affair with a game animal that abounds in the hardwoods of our rural landscape and can teach us much about the trade. Gunning for bushy tails teaches the hunter skills necessary for other seasons, including shot selection, stealth and patience.



NEW for 2021

DEER HUNTERS IN FIVE WESTERN KY. COUNTIES MUST USE CHECK STATIONS DURING GUN SEASONS

All deer harvested during the 2021 modern gun and muzzle-loader seasons in the western Kentucky CWD Surveillance Zone – including all of Calloway, Marshall, Graves, Fulton and Hickman counties – must now be taken to an in-person check station.

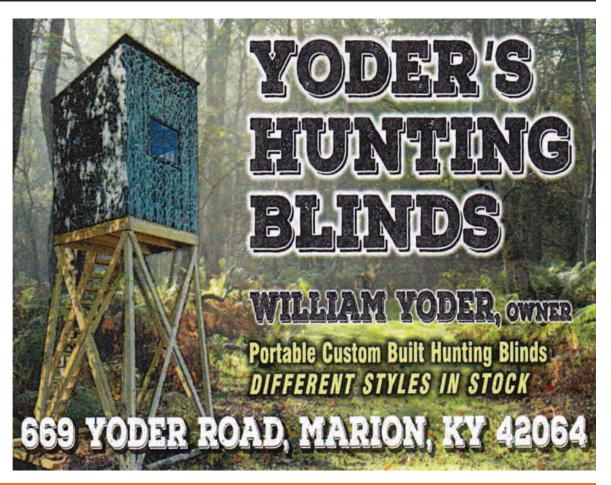
The in-person deer check stations are among several special regulations now in effect for the five-county CWD Surveillance Zone

All hunters who harvest a deer in the surveillance zone during the muzzleloader and modern gun seasons must bring the deer or its entire head and proof of the animal's sex to a CWD check station so Kentucky Fish and Wildlife

biologists can obtain samples to test for CWD. A list of the CWD check stations is available online via fw.ky.gov/cwd.

Hunters should still follow standard telecheck requirements, reporting their harvest online at fw.ky.gov or by phone at 1-800-245-4263 by midnight on the day the animal is recovered and prior to processing the carcass. To reduce possible wait times at the CWD check stations, hunters are encouraged to telecheck their deer before arriving.

Chronic wasting disease is an always-fatal disease affecting deer, elk, moose and caribou. It has not been detected in Kentucky.





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Crittenden	1438	1528	2966	48.5%	51.5%	1263	175	416	2067	248	235
Livingston	905	992	1897	47.7%	52.3%	796	109	200	1348	207	142
Webster	956	1144	2100	45.5%	54.5%	806	150	298	1421	160	221
Caldwell	1015	1074	2089	48.6%	51.4%	917	98	303	1446	208	132
Union	542	592	1134	47.8%	52.2%	476	66	251	709	75	99
Lyon	565	434	999	56.6%	43.4%	518	47	193	604	76	126

2019 DEER HARVEST RESULTS

County	Male	Female	Total	% Male	% Female	Male Visible	Male Not Visible	Archery	Firearm	Muzzleloader	Crossbow
Crittenden	1572	1926	3498	44.9%	55.1%	1387	184	467	2588	238	205
Livingston	938	926	1864	50.3%	49.7%	835	103	168	1399	185	112
Webster	1099	1429	2528	43.5%	56.5%	937	162	298	1867	171	192
Caldwell	1083	1145	2228	48.6%	51.4%	981	102	312	1626	165	125
Union	555	611	1166	47.6%	52.4%	488	67	189	843	70	64
Lyon	606	547	1153	52.6%	47.4%	525	81	177	784	96	96

2018 DEER HARVEST RESULTS

County	Male	Female	Total	% Male	% Female	Male Visible	Male Not Visible	Archery	Firearm	Muzzleloader	Crossbow
Crittenden	1509	1793	3302	45.7%	54.3%	1347	162	474	2499	230	99
Livingston	938	975	1913	49%	51%	833	105	250	1401	209	53
Webster	1099	1388	2487	44.2%	55.8%	909	190	302	1885	205	95
Caldwell	964	942	1906	50.6%	49.4%	868	96	269	1402	189	46
Union	552	665	1217	45.4%	54.6%	477	75	288	813	76	40
Lyon	465	405	870	53.4%	46.6%	429	36	139	634	60	37



Hunting Seasons

Here are some of the key hunting opportunities currently in season or coming up soon:

May 21-Oct. 31 **Bull Frog** Squirrel Aug. 21-Nov. 13 Sept. 1-Oct. 26 Dove Sept. 4-Jan. 18 Deer Archery **Turkey Archery** Sept. 4-Jan. 18 Canada Goose Sept. 16-30 Wood Duck Sept. 18-22 Teal Sept. 18-26 Sept. 18-Jan. 17 Deer Crossbow Oct. 1-17 **Turkey Crossbow** Raccoon Hunt Oct. 1-Feb. 28 Deer Youth Oct. 9-10 Deer Muzzleloader Oct. 16-17 Turkey Shotgun Oct. 23-29 Nov. 15-Feb. 28 Squirrel Nov. 15-Feb. 28 Raccoon Trap Quail Nov. 15-Feb. 10 Nov. 15-Feb. 10 Rabbit Nov. 15-Feb. 28 **Bobcat Trap** Fox Hunt/Trap Nov. 15-Feb. 28 Nov. 15-Dec. 5 Dove Nov. 25-Nov. 28 Duck Canada Goose Nov. 25-Feb. 15 Nov. 27-Feb. 28 **Bobcat Hunt** Dec. 4-10 Turkey Shotgun Duck Dec. 7-Jan. 31 Dec. 11-19 Deer Muzzleloader Dec. 18-Jan. 9 Dove Deer Youth Jan. 1-2 Year Round Coyote Year Round Groundhog Turtles Year Round

Harvest Log

Please refer to the KY Hunting Guide for harvest logging requirements.

Date, County, & Sex must be filled in before carcass is moved.

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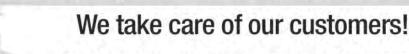
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BIG BUCK WINNERS

It was a cold, late-season muzzleloader hunt in 2020 when Joshua James (left) of Marion bagged the buck that earned him top prize in the local Big Buck Contest.

James and his father sat in a ground blind for nearly three hours before the buck showed himself.

"I took three good breaths and shot," James said. Although he's taken other whitetail bucks, this was his biggest yet.

The annual Big Buck Contest is sponsored by Hodge's Sports and Apparel and Marion Tourism Commission. Bob Evans (cover photo) of Paris, Tenn., won the open division of the contest, earning \$1,000 cash for an 18-point deer he dubbed "The Caribou Buck" because of its unique shovel-like non-typical point that jutted from near its brow.

Evans, who has been hunting and outfitting in Crittenden County for about 20 years, harvested the deer during the November rifle season.

DID YOU KNOW?

Hunters and non-hunters alike are familiar with bright orange coats, hats, vests, and other gear worn during hunting season. Even though it seems counterintuitive to wear "blaze orange" in the fields or woods for fear that animals may spot you, hunters need not worry so much. Deer typically cannot recognize blaze orange attire designed to make hunters visible to other people. According to researchers at the University of Georgia, a combination of factors make deer less likely to be startled by blaze orange. Deer have less binocular overlap than humans. Binocular overlap (the area that both eyes view at the same time) allows focus on a single point and enables depth perception. Deer must shift their heads much more than humans to gain a good three-dimensional perspective of an object. Deer also have fewer cones in their retinas compared to humans. Cones are photoreceptors that enable color vision and distinguish fine details. Furthermore, deer cannot readily perceive longer wavelengths of color, so oranges and reds appear more like brown or gray to them. However, deer can see blue colors more easily, so hunters may want to avoid blue jeans paired with their orange gear.

KY. FISHING

From KDFW facebook page

Kentucky is home to a total of 245 native fish species, with an additional 24 that have been introduced either intentionally (i.e., for sport) or accidentally.

Within the United States, Kentucky's native freshwater fish diversity is exceeded only by Alabama and Tennessee. This high diversity of native fishes corresponds to an abundance of water bodies and wide variety of aquatic habitats across the state – from swift upland streams to large sluggish rivers, oxbow lakes, and wetlands.

Approximately 25 species are most frequently caught by anglers either for sport or food. Many of these species occur in streams and rivers statewide, while several are routinely stocked in public and private water bodies across the state, especially ponds and reservoirs.

A complete guide to help identify fish species in Kentucky can be found at https://bit.ly/3xmECbY.

Most common game violations

KDFWR officials say these are the most common violations made during hunting season.

- Not filling out back of hunting license.
- ► Failure to call KDFWR Telecheck system.
- ▶ Trespassing
- ► Failure to wear appropriate hunter orange.

REPORT GAME VIOLATIONS

Anonymous tips about suspected illegal activity related to fish, wildlife or boating can be submitted through the KFWLaw smartphone app. For non-smartphones with texting capability, text the keyword "KFWLAW" along with your tip to 847411 (tip411).



SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Metro Services

Hunting is big business in North America. In 2017, more than 15 million people hunted in the United States. The National Shooting Sports Foundation reports that sportsmen and women contribute nearly \$9.4 million to the economy every day.

Millions of hunters take to forests and fields every year. Seasoned hunters and novices alike can benefit from revisiting some safety procedures before their first outing this season.

Weather

Weather should be a consideration whenever people spend a significant amount of time outdoors. Hunters typically leave before dawn and arrive home after dusk. Hypothermia is a very real risk for hunters who may be out in snow or wet conditions. It's possible to get hypothermia by overdressing as well. Sweating and then being exposed to dropping temperatures puts people at risk for hypothermia. Hunters should dress in layers with mois-

ture-wicking materials and a water-repellant outer layer. In addition, check the weather forecast before heading out.

Firearm safety

Firearm safety is a critical component of safe hunting. Hunters use rifles, shotguns and other firearms. Each gun is different, so hunters need to familiarize themselves with new firearms before using them. The following are some additional firearm safety tips, courtesy of State Farm Insurance and Southern Land Exchange

- ▶ Always treat a firearm as if it is loaded.
- ▶ Only point at what you plan to shoot.
- ► Clearly identify your target and what is beyond it.
- ▶ Fire within the zone-of-fire, which is the 45-degree area directly in front of each hunter.
 - ► Use appropriate ammunition.
- Never modify or alter the gun.

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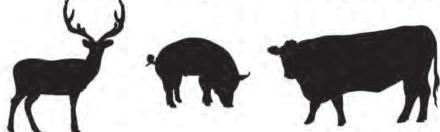


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MUST-HAVE HUNTING GEAR

Metro Services

Hunting is popular throughout North America. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said that 40 percent of the population of the United States ages 16 and older participated in wildlife-related activities in 2016, the most recent year for data. Hunting also is popular in Canada, where it's difficult to paint a picture of that popularity because hunting is regulated at the provincial level. However. Wild Alberta reports that, in 2020, there were 151,724 resident hunters in Alberta alone.

As is the case with many hobbies and pastimes, hunting requires some unique gear. Hunters need to bring some essential gear along on each trip to ensure their safety, while other gear and gadgets are all about convenience.

Proper clothing: Hunt-

ing clothing comes in two main varieties: camouflage and blaze orange. Camo patterns mimic real-life foliage or use a digital pattern of natural colors to trick the animals' eyes, preventing them from detecting the hunters' outlines. Blaze orange hunting gear, from coats to hats to coveralls, is designed to make hunters visible to other hunters. Some game, like whitetail deer, cannot detect the orange color spectrum, so hunters need not worry that they will be compromising their hunting efforts. Depending on the hunting area and its specific regulations, camo or orange clothing will be required. Hunting clothing also should be comfortable for the weather and the conditions. Waterproof or water-resistant clothing can protect hunters from the elements as well. In cold climates, layer up and wear in-

sulated materials.

Weapon and ammo: Hunters should always look for ammunition details for the animals they will be hunting so they choose the correct weapon and ammunition type. Weapons should be maintained and cleaned for safety, and all hunters should consider taking a course in the proper handling of weapons.

▶ Knife: Knives are a staple for every hunting trip and can be used for multiple purposes. Most hunters prefer a dedicated knife for field dressing the animal, which includes gutting, boning, skinning, and butchering. Some knives fold and others are fixed blades.

Legal documents: Hunters should always carry their hunting licenses and have game tags on hand to mark their kills appropriately. Depending on where one lives

and hunts, licenses may need to be visible on the person.

▶ Calls and scents: It may be possible to lure game closer with special calls or scents. In addition, hunters may want to utilize scent killers, which are sprays and washes that remove human scents from clothing and gear so game are unaware that hunters are present.

Binoculars: While one may be able to use the scope on a weapon to spot game, binoculars are more efficient.

First aid kit and other safety gear: Hunters should stock a first aid kit, emergency phone, water and snacks to stay hydrated and fed, and a foldable paper map in the event cell phone signals fade or prove unreliable.

Hunting requires patience, dedication and essential gear. With the right supplies, a hunting venture is that much more enjoyable.

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- Mechanical or electronic calls may be used to take crows during crow season.
- ▶ Deer, turkey and elk hunters shall not use or possess electronic calling devices.

REPLACEMENT FOR HUNTER EDUCATION CARDS & EXEMPTION

Free replacement hunter education cards can be printed online at fw.ky.gov. On the homepage, click the "Education" tab and select "Hunter Education" from the drop down menu.

New to hunting? If you have not taken the hunter education course it is possible to obtain a one-time temporary hunting education exemption permit online for free limited to one time only at fw.ky.gov. It will allow you to hunt free for up to one year. The permit must be carried while hunting and requires the holder to hunt with a licensed adult hunter at least 18 years old.



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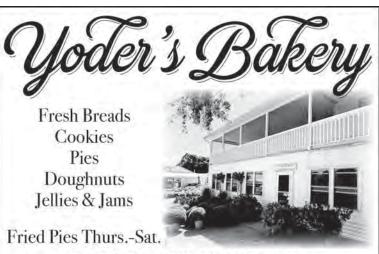
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RULES FOR DUCK HUNTING BLINDS

Duck hunting is permitted on much of Kentucky and Barkley lake shorelines and their islands. From points on the river to deep into bays, there are great opportunities for the waterfowl hunter. Lake Barkley has a duck blind draw in September, but if you miss that chance don't worry.

Boat blinds or impromptu shoreline brush blinds are okay as long as your setup is 200 yards from the nearest hunting hunting party or blind or red-line areas on the lakes' area hunting map. From dabblers to divers, the lakes area offers hundreds of miles of possible blind sites.

Hunters accessing the shoreline inside Land Between the Lakes will need an LBL hunting permit to go along with proper licensing.

When sloughs and small bodies of water freeze over in winter, the lakes can provide great shooting opportunities for Canada geese and migrating ducks of varied species.

Hunters should also be aware



that any shoreline or island blind that is not occupied by permittees one half hour prior to shooting hours of any day is available for use by hunters on a first-come-first-serve basis for the remainder of that day.

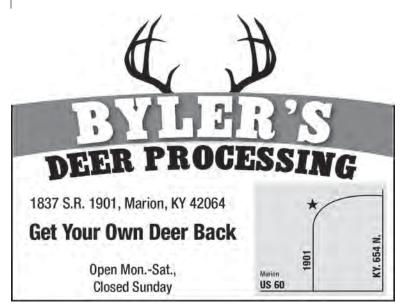
Permittees shall not lock blinds to prevent use by other hunters in the absence of the permittee.

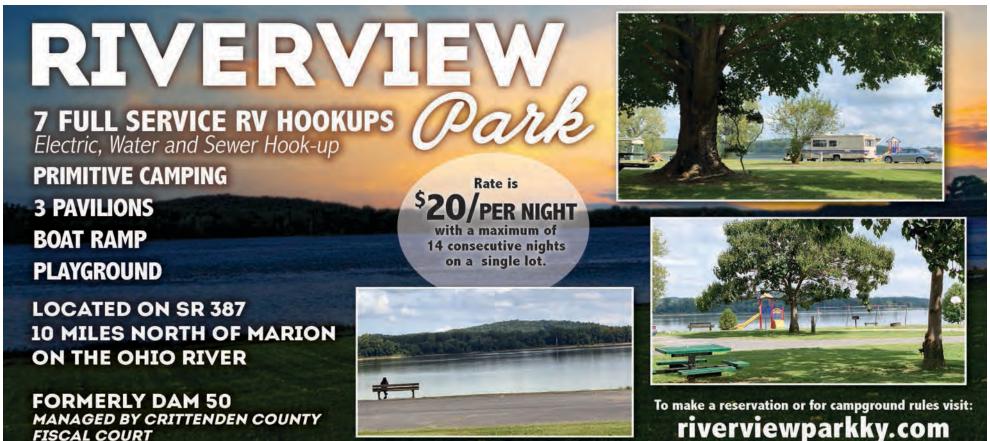
No more than four persons shall occupy a blind at any one time and hunters should remember that designated recreation areas and access points are closed to waterfowl and coot hunting.

LANDOWNER PERMISSION REQUIRED FOR HUNTING AND FISHING

A person shall not enter upon the lands of another to hunt, fish or trap without the oral or written permission of the landowner, tenant or person who has authority to grant permission. Those who fail to obtain permission are subject to arrest and prosecution. Railroad tracks and rights of way are privately owned property and permission to hunt, fish or trap must be obtained prior to entry. (KRS 150:192)

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THE BASICS OF HUNTING SEASONS

Metro Services

Hunting has been around a long time. According to Britannica, hunting as many know it today began in ancient Greece. Various game were hunted to provide food, fuel and materials to make clothing and blankets. In the Middle Ages, hunting was the privilege of nobility and linked to land ownership. Hunting is now strictly regulated in many countries and is typically used as a way to control wildlife populations that would otherwise overrun certain areas.

Hunting limits and clearly defined hunting seasons are often spelled out in detail in local hunting laws. Wildlife commissions across states, provinces and territories set up strict time periods that govern which game can be hunted. Legislation also dictates size limits and the amount of game that can be killed. The Kentucky Wildlife Commission sets game laws and determines seasons, based upon biologist

recommendations and data that support those ideas. Kentucky offers hunting for big game, waterfowl, small game and migratory game birds. Seasons sometimes vary depending on regions of the state.

Hunting seasons are also determined by the type of animal, the environment and animal characteristics like mating season. Wildlife biologists in various regions study animal populations and make recommendations on hunting seasons. "Open season" is when a species may be legally hunted, and tends to coincide with when the population of that species is at its highest, without interfering with breeding times.

Many hunters eagerly await "opening day" so they can start their hunting right away. The season is "closed" when hunters are no longer allowed to go after that game. Food shortages, extreme temperatures and low population numbers may affect

season duration. Archery seasons in many states, including Kentucky, begin in late summer or early fall. Hunting outside of seasons is known as poaching and is punishable by law.

Turkey are typically hunted in the spring or fall. Migratory waterfowl hunting is done largely in colder months, but Kentucky has a couple of early fall seasons that target resident wood ducks and other species. The seasons to hunt deer are the longest. From early archery season with bucks sometimes in full velvet to the harsh conditions of January, bowhunting for whitetails offers one of the greatest and most extended opportunities in the commonwealth.

Hunters will be required to obtain a hunting license. At the time of licensure, hunters also may be given tags for their game animals. A tag is a physical permit the hunter carries with him or her that must be attached to an animal immediately after it is



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felled. Hunters are reigned in by the number of tags they have, which will coordinate with game limits. The tag will need to be completed with the date and time of harvest and the location. To learn more about hunting seasons where you live, contact your local fish and wildlife organization or visit www.huntingseasonhq.com for a state-bystate listing of hunting seasons.



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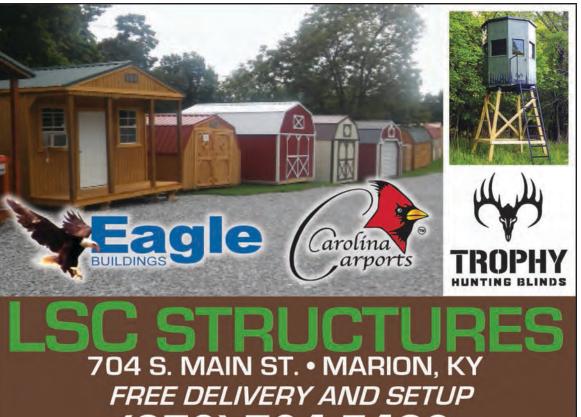
Never cross a fence, jump a ditch or climb a tree with a loaded gun.

Never rely on a gun's safety.

Additional safety tips

Hunters should always let others know where they will be when leaving in the morning. If something should happen, people back home can alert authorities if something goes awry. Always check equipment and maintain it properly. Equipment should include gear colored in hunter's orange. Also, carry a first aid kit, a charged mobile phone or a satellite phone to maintain contact with others in case of emergencies.











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FOREMAN OF THE YEAR

Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area's John Zimmer was chosen 2020 Game Management Foreman of the Year by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

The honor was announced last spring during the KDFWR's virtual employee awards presentation on YouTube.

Zimmer has been foreman of the WMA in northern Crittenden County and southern Union County near Sturgis since it opened in 2014. The WMA includes more than 7,500 acres.

During its presentation, the WMA singled Zimmer out for his willingness to go above and beyond to improve habitat and opportunities for Kentucky's sportsmen and women.

In addition to daily management of the WMA, which includes maintaining equipment and roads, Zimmer has developed water control structures, improved waterfowl management, developed a 130-acre grassland area and a fire plan.

"He's known for his dedication to the job," KDFWR said in the awards announcement.

It also said that Zimmer oftentimes single-handedly performs duties at the WMA because seasonal and other assistant positions have not been filled.

"He takes on new projects," the KDFWR said, including an infrared deer management survey that is helping to gather data and improvement whitetail hunting on the WMA.

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.

ATTENTION HUNTERS! ARE WILD PIGS INTERFERING WITH YOUR DEER HUNT?

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is seeking trail camera photos and information on wild pig sightings. You can go online to Fw.Ky.Gov to report sightings of wild hogs.

Wild pigs threaten Kentucky's hunting traditions and must be eradicated, according to a post on the KDFWR Facebook page.

"They are a highly destructive pest that cause irreparable damage to Kentucky's wildlife, natural resources and agriculture. Their high intelligence and reproductive rates make them the perfect invasive species," the KDFWR said.

Wild pig populations in Kentucky are the result of illegal releases in an effort to create irresponsible hunting opportunities. Wild pigs negatively impact deer and turkey hunting seasons. When pigs are present, deer and turkey leave the area, the KDF-



WR said.

Hunting is not the solution. Wild pigs are the smartest animal in the woods. Shooting wild pigs may remove a handful, but it scatters the rest of the group. They leave the area, become nocturnal and avoid traps. Due to their high reproductive potential, by the time they are found again, their numbers have multiplied. The KDFWR offers free trapping services for wild hogs.



SMALL GAME HUNTING AND TRAPPING

Squirrel HUNTING: Aug. 21 - Nov. 12 and Nov. 15, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022 TRAPPING: One-half hour before sunrise Nov. 15, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022

Rabbit HUNTING: Nov. 15, 2021 - Feb. 10, 2022 TRAPPING: One-half hour before sunrise on Nov. 15, 2021 - Feb. 10, 2022

Quail Nov. 15, 2021 - Feb. 10, 2022

Falconry Sept. 1, 2021 - March 30, 2022

Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week Jan. 1-7, 2022

SMALL GAME

Squirrels, rabbits, northern bobwhite (quail) and grouse are considered small game. Only rabbits and squirrels may be trapped. Quail and grouse may not. Bag limits apply and trapping equipment and restrictions are the same as regular furbearer and trapping.

A trapping license is required for anyone 12 years of age and older. Trappers must harvest squirrels and rabbits upon capture, unless they possess a captive wildlife permit from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

Seasons on WMAs and other public hunting lands not managed by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife may be different from statewide seasons. Individual area listings are available online at fw.ky.gov.

BAG LIMITS

► **Squirrel:** Daily limit is 6; possession limit is 12.

► Rabbit: Daily limit is 4; possession limit is 8.

▶ Quail: Daily limit is 8; possession limit is 16.

You do not have to telecheck small game; however, you can help Kentucky Fish and Wildlife by filling out the hunter cooperator surveys for small game at fw.ky.gov

GROUNDHOGS

Groundhogs may be hunted statewide, year-round, with no bag limit. A hunting license is required unless the hunter is license exempt. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

FALCONRY

A Falconry Permit pertains to the securing and use of birds of prey for hunting.

If you are interested in becoming a falconer and would like more information, please call 1-800-858-1549 to have an information packet sent to you.

Holders of Kentucky falconry permits must possess a valid annual Kentucky hunting license before taking any raptor from the wild.

Wildlife may be taken within state hunting seasons and bag limits with any legal hunting raptor provided the falconer has in possession a valid falconry permit and a valid hunting license. *Note:* Falconry hunting is closed during the opening weekend of modern firearms for deer (see season dates).

ISSUANCE CYCLE

Falconry permits are valid for a period of 3 years from the date of issue. Permits are issued year round.

CLASSES OF FALCONRY

Three classes of falconry permits are available: apprentice, general, and master.

FALCONRY SEASON

The limit for this hunting method is two (2) of any small game or furbearer species per falconer per day, except during the fall and winter hunting season when the limits are the same as for other methods. Falconers must possess a falconry permit, which costs \$75 and is valid for three years, as well as a valid Kentucky hunting license, unless license exempt, and obey all applicable state and federal laws



FURBEARER HUNTING AND TRAPPING

HUNTING

Raccoon & Opossum Oct. 1, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022, day* or night (exceptions apply)

ping seasons.

Coyote Year-round, day or night (exceptions apply)

Bobcat One-half hour before sunrise Nov. 20, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022

River Otter, Muskrat, Mink, Beaver, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Weasel & Striped Skunk One-half hour

before sunrise Nov. 15, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022

Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week Jan. 1-7, 2022

TRAPPING

One-half hour before sunrise on Nov. 15, 2021-Feb. 28, 2022

SPECIAL TRAPPING RESTRICTIONS

▶ All traps must bear a metal tag giving either the name and address of the trapper, or a wildlife identification number for trap tags issued by the department as well as the 1-800-25-ALERT phone number.

▶ Any trap found without a tag can be immediately confiscated by the department without a court order.

► All traps must be visited at least once every 24 hours and all animals removed.

► Coyotes can only be trapped during furbearer trap-

► Trappers must harvest furbearers upon capture, unless they possess a captive wildlife permit from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

▶ Spotted skunks are protected year round and may not be taken or possessed. Report incidental trappings to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

▶ It is illegal to intentionally obstruct or disrupt the right of a person to lawfully take wild-life by trapping.

FREE YOUTH WEEK

Resident and nonresident youth hunters and trappers ages 15 and younger may hunt and trap applicable game and furbearers and hunt migratory birds in season without a hunting or trapping license for seven consecutive days starting the Saturday after Christmas.

Youth hunters must comply with all equipment regulations and bag limits for furbearers when hunting or trapping.

Adults who go along with youth hunters/trappers during the free youth hunting and trapping week do not need a license if they are not hunting/trapping.

NEW for 2021

Bobcat Permit required for Bobcat Hunters

Bobcat hunters must carry a valid hunting license (unless license exempt) and a valid bobcat hunting permit while hunting. Bobcat permits are free. Permits are available online at fw.ky.gov.

Hunters and trappers are asked to submit jaws of all harvested bobcats for population studies. Bobcat age will be provided to the harvester. A hunter or trapper who submits lower jaws from all their harvested bobcats in a single season to the department may receive one additional bobcat to the bag limit for the following season for every two animals harvested. Jaw samples from all harvested bobcats must be received by the department by March 15 per instructions provided to qualify for the increased bag limit. Increased bag limits are non-transferable. Hunters and trappers must confirm an increased bag limit for the following season through MyProfile at fw.ky.gov.

BUYING and SELLING HIDES

There is no time restriction on the holding of raw furs of furbearers by a trapper or hunter after the close of furbearer season. Raw furs may be sold only to licensed taxidermists, licensed fur buyers or licensed fur processors.



FALL TURKEY HUNTING

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Adult hunters: Unless exempt, all fall turkey hunters ages 16 and older must carry proof of purchase of a valid Kentucky hunting license and a valid fall turkey permit in the field. Short-term (1 or 7 day) hunting licenses are not valid for turkey hunting. The fall turkey permit is valid for the fall archery, crossbow and shotgun turkey seasons and allows a hunter to harvest up to the fall season bag limit of turkeys.

YOUTH HUNTERS

Youths younger than 12 are exempt from license and turkey permit requirements. Youths ages 12-15 are eligible to purchase a youth turkey permit, which is valid during any turkey season for one turkey. Youth hunters must abide by season bag limits and harvest restrictions but can use the youth permit throughout the license year. The youth

sportsman's license includes two youth turkey permits. Anyone may call turkeys, or assist in the hunt. Callers and assistants are not required to possess a hunting license or turkey permit, and may carry equipment while in the field.

YOUTH SUPERVISION

Firearm turkey hunters 15 years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult, who shall remain in a position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm at all times.

HARVEST RECORDING and TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

The process and requirements for recording, checking and tagging harvested turkeys are the same as for deer.

POSSESSION/RELEASE OF LIVE TURKEYS

Because of potential disease problems and genetic

pollution, it is illegal to possess live wild turkeys. For the same reasons, domestic or penraised turkeys should not be released into the wild.

HUNTING TURKEYS OVER BAIT IS ILLEGAL

It is illegal to hunt turkeys over bait - an area where feed, grains or other substances capable of luring wild turkeys have been placed. An area is considered baited until 30 days after the bait has been removed. An area where grain, feed or other substances exits as the result of a bona fide agriculture practice or manipulation of a crop (food plot) for wildlife management purposes is legal for turkey hunting.

TURKEY SEASON DATES

Shotgun Oct. 23-29 and Dec. 4-10, 2021 **Archery** Sept. 4, 2021 - Jan. 17, 2022 **Crossbow** Oct. 1-17 and Nov. 13 - Dec. 31, 2021

LEGAL FALL TURKEY HUNTING EQUIPMENT

- ▶ Breech-loading or muzzleloading shotguns no larger than 10 gauge and no smaller than .410.
- ▶ Breech-loading shotguns must be plugged to hold a maximum of three shells (two in magazine and one in chamber)
 - Lead or non-toxic shot no larger than No. 4
- Longbows, recurve bows and compound bows of any draw weight (no minimum).

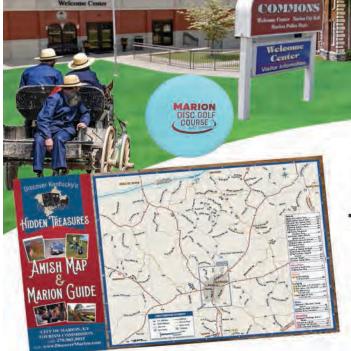
- Crossbows of any draw weight (no minimum) with a working safety device.
- Non-barbed broadheads with a minimum cutting diameter of 7/8-inch, whether expandable or non-expandable.

BAG LIMITS

- Four birds total, no more than two of which may be taken with a shotgun.
- No more than one bird may have a beard length of three inches or longer.
- No more than one bird may be taken per day.







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