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# QUICK GUIDE TO LOCAL NUMBERS

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## LICENSE REQUIREMENTS RESIDENT LICENSING

A resident is any person who has established permanent domicile and legal residence, and has resided in Kentucky for 30 days prior to buying a license, full-time students enrolled in a Kentucky educational institution for at least six months, or military service personnel on permanent assignment in Kentucky.

## NONRESIDENT LICENSING

A person who does not meet the definition of a Kentucky resident is considered a nonresident and must purchase nonresident licenses and permits. Nonresident youth hunters are subject to the same license and permit requirements as resident youth hunters. A nonresident who owns land in Kentucky must purchase nonresident licenses and permits.

## YOUTH LICENSING

Resident and nonresident hunters younger than 12 are not required to purchase licenses and permits, except they must apply for quota hunts. Resident and nonresident hunters ages 12-15 are eligible to purchase discounted youth licenses and permits, which are valid for the entire license year if they are purchased before the youth is 16. Persons 15 years of age and younger who hunt turkey, elk, deer or bear with a firearm must always be accompanied by an adult. Persons under 12 years old, who have passed a hunter education course, may hunt small game, furbearers and migratory birds/waterfowl without being accompanied by an adult. The annual youth hunting license authorizes the holder to hunt all small game species, furbearers and migratory bird species. Hunters 15 and younger are exempt from purchasing a state migratory bird/waterfowl permit, and a duck stamp.

A youth deer permit allows the hunter to take four deer. To harvest more than four deer, a youth hunter must purchase an additional deer permit. The youth turkey permit may be used during any turkey season. The resident-only youth sportsman's license includes the annual youth hunting license, youth deer permit and two (2) youth turkey permits.

## Telecheck Info

*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**  
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**Deer TeleCheck**  
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**1-800-CHK-DEER**  
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**Report a poacher**  
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# Key hunting opportunities

Bullfrog	May 21 - Oct. 31	Fall Squirrel	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Fall Squirrel	Aug. 20 - Nov. 11	Raccoon Trapping	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26	Quail, Rabbit	Nov. 14 - Feb. 10
Crow	Sept. 1 - Nov. 7	Bobcat	Nov. 19 - Feb. 28
Deer Archery	Sept. 3 - Jan. 16	Duck	Nov. 24 - Nov. 27
Turkey Archery	Sept. 3 - Jan. 16	Canada Goose	Nov. 24 - Feb. 15
Canada Goose	Sept. 16 - Sept. 30	Dove	Nov. 24 - Dec. 2
Deer Crossbow	Sept. 17 - Jan. 16	Turkey	Shotgun Dec. 3-9
Wood ducks	Sept. 17 - 21	Duck	Dec. 7 - Jan. 31
Teal	Sept. 17 - 25	Deer Muzzleloader	Oct. 15-16 & Dec. 10-18
Turkey Crossbow	Oct. 1-16	Dove	Dec. 24 - Jan. 15
Raccoon Hunting	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	Deer Free Youth	Dec. 31 - Jan. 1
Deer Youth	Oct. 8-9	Furbearers Free Youth	Dec. 31- Jan. 6
Deer Muzzleloader	Oct. 15-16	Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Turkey Shotgun	Oct. 22-28	Snow Goose	Feb. 16 - March 31
Deer Gun	Nov. 12 - Nov. 27	Coyote	Year Round
Turkey Crossbow	Nov. 12 - Dec. 31	Ground Hog	Year Round

## ON THE COVER

Kevin Chambliss is shown with the deer he harvested last year which rough scored 161 and won the Marion Big Buck Contest.

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## Landowner Permission

A person shall not enter upon the lands of another to hunt, fish or trap without 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)

## Report Game Violations and Fish Kills:

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# Chambliss harvests buck with rifle

A picture might be worth a 1,000 words, but it can also be deceiving.

Fredonia deer hunter Kevin Chambliss testifies that the two pictures he had of the big buck he harvested last fall lied to him.

In person, the deer rough scored 161 and won the Marion Big Buck contest and its \$1,000 reward. It was Chambliss's second time to win the local deer contest. He youngest son, Logan, won the youth division in 2019.

A bout with COVID-19 in September prevented Chambliss from bowhunting, the season when he typically fills his tag.

"I couldn't hardly pull a bow back. I was terribly weak," he said about the recovery period. "So my wife said, 'You're going to just hold off and rifle hunt with your family.'"

It had been years since Chambliss had harvested a buck with his .308 rifle, but on opening day he walked a long way into his stand before dark.

"I underdressed on purpose, but that walk got me sweaty. Then I started to freeze when it evaporated," he recalls.

Chambliss had set this stand shortly before season in a heavy thicket. It was supposed to be for his old-



est son, 20-year-old Jacob, who decided to try a spot elsewhere with a buddy. They had been running a trail camera in the area, but hadn't seen much to raise their interest. There was one buck, however, that created some conversion.

"We couldn't tell if it was a 130 deer or a 160 deer. It was hard to say. Pictures can be very deceiving," said Chambliss.

Hunting in a heavily-covered bedding area, Chambliss spotted something way off in the distance. It was

probably 400 yards. A big-bodied, dark-colored buck. It appeared for seconds, then was gone again in the thick brush.

"I think I knew from the second I saw it that it was probably a shooter. It was just too far away to get a shot, and I was hoping I might lay eyes on him again later. From that point on, I knew I was staying right there the rest of the day."

Less than an hour later, the deer appeared again. This time about 300 yards away. It was still a long shot, but Chambliss started looking for a limb jutting from the tree where he stand was hanging so that he could steady the rifle.

"I went into Let's Get a Shot Mode," he said. "I was a nervous wreck, but all of a sudden my right elbow fell against a knot on the tree and steadied the crosshairs. I shot. Kaboom!"

When Chambliss reached the spot, a whopping 10-point buck lay motionless. The whole family was hunting nearby so texts starting buzzing on his cell phone. They wanted to know what dad had taken. Turns out it was a buck of a lifetime.



## 2021 Youth Big Buck Winner

Young Hunter Collins gets his name honestly. He'd hunted hard, very hard, during the rifle season of 2021.

He'd seen a big buck in the area and had been disciplined in his approach to trying to take it. Just 11 years old, Collins is an experienced woodsman for his age.

It was on the final day of the rifle season that his step-father Shawn Lanham took him to a box stand where Collins and his mother, Tiffany, had hunted several times earlier in the season. Once, while en route to the spot, mom got a quick peek at a huge

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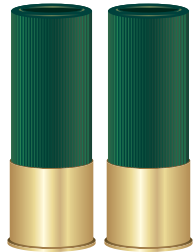
To verify hunter education certification, hunters may use their hunting licenses or electronic documentation with proof of identity.

## WATERFOWL HUNTING

Statewide youth-only waterfowl seasons are the Saturday before Thanksgiving and the second Saturday in February. Special military/veteran-only hunts follow on each Sunday.

## WILD TURKEY HUNTING

To help researchers, hunters who harvest wild turkeys with leg bands should report the band number online at [fw.ky.gov/Hunt/Pages/TurkeyBand.aspx](http://fw.ky.gov/Hunt/Pages/TurkeyBand.aspx).



## Concealed Carry Deadly Weapons

Anyone who may legally possess firearms may carry any legal firearms while hunting, but only legal methods may be used to take game.

## Hunting with a Suppressor

A person authorized through state and federal law to own a firearm noise suppressor (silencer) is permitted to use it to hunt legal game animals. A valid hunting license is required.



## Deep breathing: how to improve your aim

If you want to be a better shooter, the key is to pay close attention to your breath. In general, to prevent the movement of your chest from throwing off your aim, you should pull the trigger during the natural pause in your breathing cycle.

As you take aim, inhale deeply and exhale with force. Then, take a second deep breath and let it out normally. Once your lungs are almost empty, hold your breath. This will give you a five-to-eight-second

window to pull the trigger with precision.

Keep in mind that you won't always have time to coordinate your breathing with your shot. In a fast-paced situation, you must be able to hold your breath at a moment's notice. However, you can learn to maintain control of your breathing by practicing techniques such as nasal and belly breathing at home.

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Resources

# Which license or permit is needed to hunt?

## KENTUCKY RESIDENTS:

### Deer

Ages 12-15: Youth Hunting License\* + Youth Deer Permit  
Ages 16-64: Annual Hunting License\*\* + Statewide Deer Permit  
Ages 65+/Disability: Senior/Disabled Sportsman's License

### Fall Turkey

Ages 12-15: Youth Hunting License\* + Youth Turkey Permit  
Ages 16-64: Annual Hunting License\*\* + Fall Turkey Permit  
Ages 65+/Disability: Senior/Disabled Sportsman's License

### Spring Turkey

Ages 12-15: Youth Hunting License\* + Youth Turkey Permit  
Ages 16-64: Annual Hunting License\*\* + Spring Turkey Permit  
Ages 65+/Disability: Senior/Disabled Sportsman's License

### Small Game & Furbearer

Ages 12-15: Youth Hunting License\*  
Ages 16-64: Annual or 1-Day Hunting License  
Ages 65+/Disability: Senior/Disabled Sportsman's License  
**Bobcat permit required for bobcat hunters**

### Trapping

Ages 12-15: Annual Youth Trapping License  
Ages 16-64: Annual or Landowner/Tenant Trapping License  
Ages 65+/Disability: Annual or Landowner/Tenant Trapping License

### Migratory Birds

(dove, snipe, woodcock, moorhens, rails, sandhill crane and gallinules)

**Before hunting migratory birds, hunters must go online and fill out the Harvest Information Program (HIP) survey before they are legal migratory bird hunters.**

Ages 12-15: Youth Hunting License\*  
Ages 16-64: Annual or 1-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Permit  
Ages 65+/Disability: Senior/Disabled Sportsman's License

### Waterfowl

(ducks, geese, coots and mergansers)

Ages 12-15: Youth Hunting License\*  
Ages 16-64: Annual or 1-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Permit + Federal Duck Stamp  
Ages 65+/Disability: Senior/Disabled Sportsman's License + Federal Duck Stamp

## NON-RESIDENTS

**(MUST BUY NONRESIDENT LICENSES/PERMITS):**

### Deer

Ages 12-15: Youth Hunting License\* + Youth Deer Permit  
Ages 16 and older: Annual Hunting License\*\* + Statewide Deer Permit

### Fall Turkey

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Ages 16 and older: Annual Hunting License\*\* + Fall Turkey Permit

### Spring Turkey

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Ages 16 and older: Annual Hunting License\*\* + Spring Turkey Permit

### Small Game & Furbearer

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Ages 16 and older: Annual, 1-Day or 7-Day Hunting License  
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## Carry Proof

Hunters who buy their license or permit by phone or internet must carry while hunting: a picture ID and proof of purchase (an authorization number, paper license or computer print out). Paper licenses/permits must be signed and all information completed before hunting.

## Deer Hunting Dates to Remember

Archery	Sept. 3, 2022-Jan. 16, 2023
Youth/Senior Crossbow	Sept. 17, 2022-Jan. 16, 2023
Muzzleloader	Dec. 10-18, 2022
Modern Gun	Nov. 12-27, 2022
Free Youth Weekend	Dec. 31, 2022-Jan. 1-2023



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## Harvest Log

As soon as the animal is harvested and prior to moving the carcass. Information that must be written on the harvest log includes the species and sex of animal taken, date and county where taken. A telecheck confirmation number must be obtained and recorded on the harvest log. A harvest log is included with any paper license or permit purchased from a license agent.

A printable harvest log is accessible by clicking the "Hunt" tab on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife online homepage and choosing "Hunting Home" from the dropdown menu.

License-exempt hunters, children younger than 12 years old, and those who only have a license authorization number may create their own harvest log by writing the information on a piece of paper or index card. Hunters and trappers must have the completed harvest log in their possession whenever afield during the current season.



## Hunter Education Requirement



Persons born on or after Jan. 1, 1975 must carry proof of valid hunter education certification. Hunters may use hunting licenses or electronic documentation with proof of identity. Persons not required to have licenses or permits are exempt from hunter education certification.

Hunter education courses are available online and held throughout the state. Hunters can pre-register online at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov). Information about the registration process is available on the website or by calling Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. Children must be at least 9 years old to take the hunter education test. Hunter education documents issued

by other states are valid in Kentucky.

Children younger than 12 years old are exempt from hunter education certification, but must be accompanied by an adult who meets the hunter education requirement. The adult must be in a position to take immediate control of the bow or firearm at all times while hunting. One adult cannot accompany more than two hunters younger than 12 years old at the same time.

Persons new to hunting who have not taken the hunter education course may obtain a one-time temporary hunter education exemption permit online for free (limited time only) at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov).

This apprentice hunting opportunity allows new hunters in Kentucky to hunt for up to one year (from date of purchase) without hunter education. The permit must be carried while hunting and requires its holder to hunt with a licensed, adult hunter (at least 18 years old) who meets the hunter education requirement.

The adult shall be in a position to take immediate control of the exempted hunter's bow or firearm at all times while hunting. This law applies even if the exemption permit holder is an adult.

After the hunter education exemption permit expires, the hunter is no longer exempt and must successfully complete a hunter education course.

The temporary hunter education exemption permit is valid only in Kentucky.

It is not accepted at Blue Grass Army Depot or Fort Campbell. Resident landowners, spouses and dependent children, tenants, their spouses and their dependent children are only hunter education exempt on property they own, or the property where they reside and work. When hunting elsewhere, they must comply with Kentucky's hunter education law.

## Replacement Hunter Education Cards

Free replacement hunter education cards can be printed online at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov). On the homepage, click on the "Education" tab and select the "Hunter Education" box, and click the Hunter Education/Boater Education Card Print link.

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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

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# Youth deer hunting

Youths may hunt deer during any open season, including two special deer seasons for resident and non-resident hunters who have not reached their 16th birthday.

Adults accompanying youth deer hunters during either of these hunts may not use firearms to take deer.

Adults accompanying youth hunters are not required to possess a hunting license or deer permit if the adult is not deer hunting, but by law, the hunter and the accompanying adults must wear hunter orange clothing.

## Youth-Only Gun Season Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend

The first special youth deer season is on the second weekend of October. Youth hunters may take deer with firearms, or any other legal method, statewide.

During the October youth-only firearms season, the appropriate hunting license and deer permits are required for hunters ages 12-15. Youth hunters younger than age 12 are not required to have a hunting license or deer permit.

On the first weekend following Christmas, resident and nonresident youth 15 years of age and younger, who are accompanied by an adult, are eligible to participate in the free youth weekend.

Youth hunters may hunt deer with firearms, or any other legal method, statewide without a hunting license or deer permit. All bag limits, zone restrictions and deer hunting requirements apply during the special youth deer seasons.



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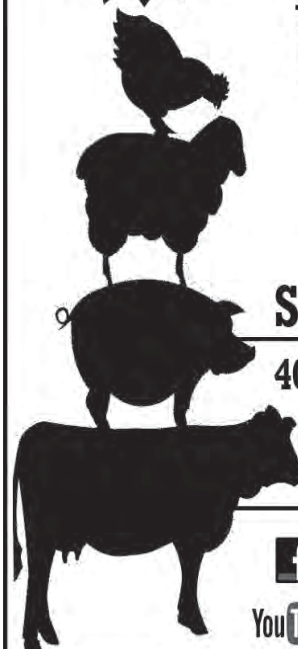
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- ▶ No person shall take or attempt to take any wildlife, protected or unprotected, from an automobile, or other vehicle, except as prescribed by regulation. Hunting from boats is permitted for small game and furbearers.
- ▶ No person shall use an aircraft to: harass wildlife, shoot or attempt to shoot with the purpose of capturing or killing wildlife while airborne in an aircraft or knowingly participate in using an aircraft for those reasons.
- ▶ A person shall not pursue, chase or take a deer, elk or turkey (during the spring turkey season) with the aid of dogs; while on horseback; or when a deer, elk or bear is swimming. Dogs may be used to locate and flush turkeys during the fall turkey seasons only.
- ▶ It is illegal to feed bears directly or indirectly for any reason.
- ▶ No person shall take wildlife with the aid of fire, explosives, smoke or gas.
- ▶ Baiting is prohibited on all WMAs, Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Daniel Boone National Forest, Jefferson National Forest, Land Between The Lakes and state parks open to hunting.
- ▶ Deer and elk hunters shall not use electronic decoys or calls.
- ▶ No person shall take a turkey when the turkey is roosting. A roost is the place, typically a tree, where a turkey spends the night.
- ▶ A person hunting wild turkeys shall not use live turkeys as decoys.
- ▶ Wild turkey or bears shall not be hunted by the aid of bait, nor shall areas be hunted where bait is present. This includes private lands baited for deer. An area is considered baited for 30 days after all bait has been removed.
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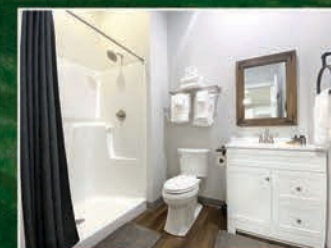
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# Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry

Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry (KHFH) is a charitable volunteer run organization comprised of responsible hunters and conservationist who encourage hunters to harvest and donate deer each season. KHFH is a statewide hunger relief program dedicated to providing a healthy source of protein to needy Kentuckians with a mission to alleviate hunger and malnutrition in Kentucky by processing and distributing donated venison to those in need. Additionally, to provide an outlet for hunters to help their communities and promote environmental stewardship through wildlife management. An estimated 684,000 people live in poverty in the Commonwealth and one in every four Kentucky children is living in poverty.



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Contact a Hunters for the Hungry affiliated deer processor before donation to be sure of their shop hours and which deer seasons they are accepting deer. Approved processors are independently owned and operated and are not under KHFH control.

## How can you help?

All Kentucky hunters can participate in the Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry Program. This program is completely free service for hunters to donate harvested deer. Funding is essential and without support and charitable donations the program could not exist. To donate see the Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry donation page. Additionally, you can also donate \$2 when renewing your vehicle registration. Your donation will help pay the cost for turning venison into a nutritious meal for the less fortunate in communities across Kentucky!

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## Wild turkey hunting for beginners

If you're interested in taking on the challenge of wild turkey hunting, start off on the right foot with these proven tips.

- ▶ Study up. Get acquainted with the hunting regulations in your area, such as permit requirements, hunting hours and authorized equipment.
- ▶ Get to know your calls. You can purchase many different turkey calls, including the slate pan, swing-lid box or diaphragm. However, you don't need them all. The important thing is to practice with them and rely on the one you use best.
- ▶ Practice shooting. It's not always easy to pull off a fatal shot on a turkey. Therefore, it's best to practice on life-size models.
- ▶ Observe. Watch for turkeys at the end of the day. They roost in trees, which can help you locate them at dawn. Feathers and droppings under mature trees are excellent clues as to where you can find them.
- ▶ Use decoys. Two or three decoys are ideal for attracting turkeys. They can provide you with the window of opportunity you need to take your shot.

- ▶ Blend into the background. Turkeys have remarkable vision and hearing. Consequently, show as little skin as possible, and keep still. Hiding in a bird blind with a camouflage pattern should work well.
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County	Male	Female	Total	% Male	% Female	Male Visible	Male Not Visible	Archery	Firearm	Muzzleloader	Crossbow
Crittenden	1380	1367	2747	50.2%	49.8%	1219	161	382	1997	174	194
Livingston	807	780	1587	50.9%	49.1%	713	94	132	1215	138	102
Webster	868	1003	1871	46.4%	53.6%	762	106	215	1397	90	169
Caldwell	942	791	1733	54.4%	45.6%	866	76	219	1263	121	130
Union	533	562	1095	48.7%	51.3%	474	59	218	726	52	99
Lyon	500	411	911	54.9%	45.1%	452	48	153	635	27	96

## 2020 DEER HARVEST RESULTS

County	Male	Female	Total	% Male	% Female	Male Visible	Male Not Visible	Archery	Firearm	Muzzleloader	Crossbow
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

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Step 1: Place chunks of venison into a shallow baking dish and pour enough apple cider in to cover them. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours. Remove and pat dry. Discard apple cider and return venison to the dish. Pour Marion Pit Bar-B-Q sauce over the chunks, cover and refrigerate for 2 to 3 more hours.

Step 2: Preheat an outdoor grill for high heat. Charcoal is best, but if you must, use gas. Remove meat from the refrigerator and let stand for 30 minutes or until no longer chilled. Wrap each chunk of venison in a slice of bacon and secure with toothpicks.

Step 3: Brush the grill grate with olive oil when hot and place venison pieces on the grill so they are not touching. The bacon will kick up some flames so be ready. Grill, turning occasionally until the bacon become slightly burnt, 15 to 20 minutes. The slower, the better. Dig in and prepare to want more!

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First, it should be noted that your right to hunt doesn't give you priority access or exclusive use of public territory. It's also prohibited to infringe on the right of others to hunt legally. To ensure courteous collaboration and ethical conduct among hunters, you must:

- ▶ Respect the right of other hunters to access legal hunting sites
  - ▶ Refrain from damaging a hunter's lookout or blind
  - ▶ Never purposefully disrupt someone else's legal hunt
  - ▶ Leave the bait, lures and traps set by other hunters intact
  - ▶ Move around discreetly to avoid frightening nearby animals
  - ▶ Wear a fluorescent orange garment that's visible at all times
- If you wish to hunt on private property, you must



first be granted access by the property owner. To ensure there isn't a miscommunication, it's advisable to request written authorization.

Finally, remember that you must also share public territory with other outdoor enthusiasts such as hikers and mountain bikers. It's essential that you remain vigilant at all times to ensure everyone can continue to safely enjoy these wild spaces.



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# 5 criteria to consider when choosing a firearm



If you want to purchase a firearm for hunting, it's important to first define your needs and the type of game you want to hunt. Once you've done so, there are five criteria you'll need to consider.

- 1. Material.** Big game hunters prefer rifles made of wood because they're easy to control and comfortable to hold. However, waterfowl hunters tend to opt for ones made of synthetic materials because they're durable and easy to clean.
- 2. Weight.** Purchase a lightweight firearm if you plan on trekking deep into the bush on your hunting excursions.
- 3. Length.** Short rifles are practical if you plan on doing a lot of walking. However, long guns are better for long-range hunting.
- 4. Type of weapon.** Since they automatically fire three shots when you pull the trigger, semi-automatic rifles are ideal for hunting waterfowl. Conversely, pump action shotguns are versatile and a good choice if you plan on hunting different types of game.
- 5. Caliber.** The ideal cartridge depends on your preferences in terms of sound, ammunition and the type of game you want to hunt. For example, long-range shooting requires a powerful calibre. However, if you're hunting white-tailed deer, a more modest calibre may be better suited.

To make an informed decision, speak with the sales staff at your local hunting supply store. These professionals will be able to recommend a rifle or shotgun that corresponds to your needs.

## BURN BAN

**Fall Forest Fire Hazard Season: Oct. 1 - Dec. 15.**

*There is a countywide burn ban in Crittenden County until further notice due to dry conditions.*

County burn bans are issued by the county judge-executive and are enforced with assistance from local law enforcement. Violation of a burning ban is a misdemeanor punishable by law.

### **Burn bans generally prohibit the following:**

- ▶ Burning of forest, grass, crops, woodlands, marshes or other similar areas.
- ▶ Burning leaves or debris.
- ▶ Campfires, bonfires and warming fires.
- ▶ Open pit cooking and charcoal grilling.
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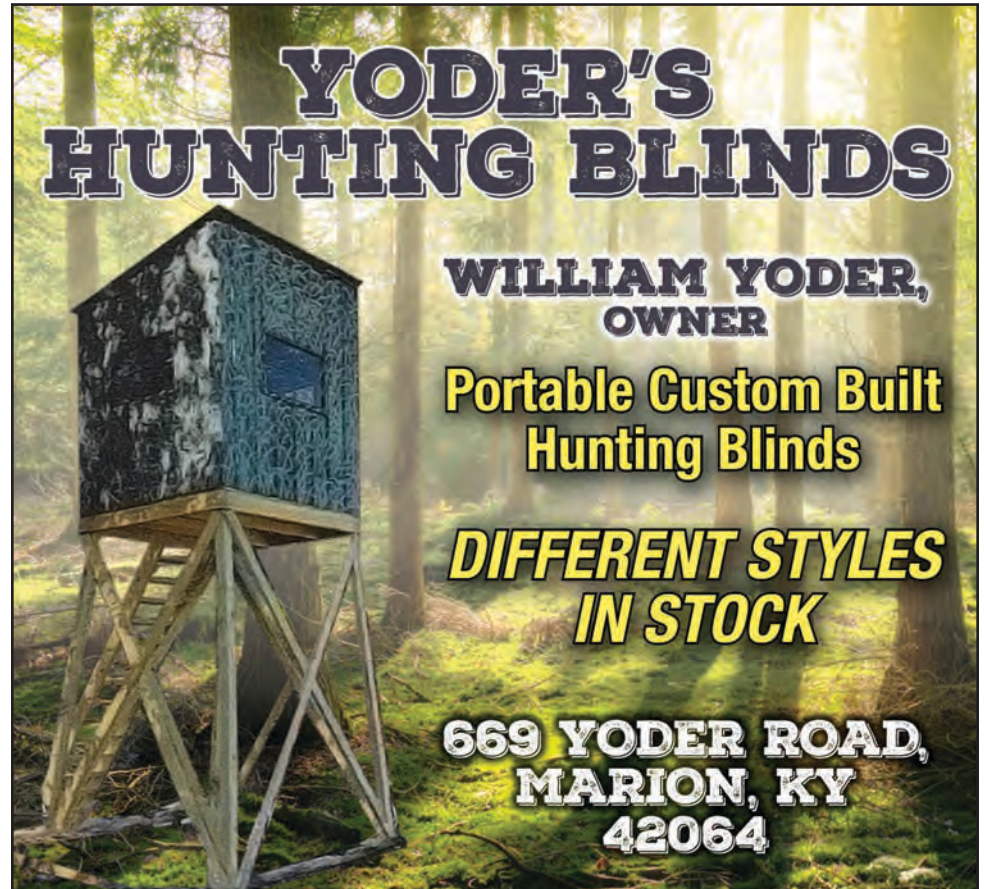
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# Tips for hunting groundhogs

Groundhogs, also called woodchucks and whistle-pigs, are common throughout southern Canada, especially in rural areas. They're particularly bothersome to farmers, as they can destroy crop and pasturelands by leaving behind large holes that may injure grazing animals and damage farming equipment.

If you're looking for prey to hunt, you can offer to help a local farmer rid their land of any groundhogs that have taken up residence. These rodents also tend to occupy forests, embankments, parks and roadsides.

## WHERE TO FIND GROUNDHOGS

Groundhogs most often burrow in ditches, valleys and rock piles. They also like to live under man-made structures such as barns and sheds. The best times to hunt for groundhogs are early mornings, sunny afternoons and on warm days following a heavy rain.

## THE EQUIPMENT YOU NEED

Groundhog hunting is an excellent opportunity to practise your long-range shooting skills. You'll need



Check the provincial guidelines in your area to determine the hunting season for groundhogs. In some provinces, groundhogs can be hunted all year round with no bag limit. However, you do need a small game hunting licence and a bib.

a powerful scope, rangefinder and tripod if you want to get lucky. Small firearms are your best bet as they come in a variety of calibres and are very affordable.

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# Antler Alert: Nearly 3,000 highway crashes with deer reported in 2021

By TOM LATEK, *Kentucky Today*

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has issued an annual Antler Alert to remind drivers that the peak season for deer-vehicle collisions has arrived, since about half of all such crashes occur during the last three months of the year.

"October, November, and December bring a noticeable increase in highway collisions involving deer," said Transportation Secretary Jim Gray. "We'd like to remind drivers to be especially watchful for deer and other wildlife on the move at dusk and at night, when poor visibility is already an issue."

According to Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Deer Program Coordinator Noelle Thompson, shorter days and cooler nights help to trigger deer mating season and put deer on the move.

"The onset of autumn brings about physiological changes in male deer,"



she stated. "Bachelor groups of bucks break up and expand from their core area, leading to increased deer movement and the possibility of being hit on the roadways."

Autumn harvesting also contributes to this movement as deer are forced to range farther afield for forage and hiding places.

In Kentucky, 2,988 highway crashes involving deer were reported to police in 2021, according to crash data used by the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety to monitor highway crash trends. That was an increase of about 100 crashes from 2020. There were three reported fatalities and 25 serious injuries due to deer collisions in 2021.

On average, U.S. drivers have a 1 in 116 chance of a collision with an animal. Kentucky ranks above the national average and 18th among the states at 1 chance in 88. Drivers in neighboring West Virginia run the highest risk, 1 in 37, according to State Farm Insurance.

## The Transportation Cabinet offers these tips:

- ▶ Slow down immediately upon spotting a deer crossing the roadway; they tend to travel in groups.
- ▶ Don't swerve to avoid a deer, which can result in a more serious crash with an oncoming vehicle or roadside object.
- ▶ In the event of a crash, keep both hands on the wheel and apply brakes steadily until stopped.
- ▶ Always wear a seat belt.
- ▶ Keep headlights on bright at night unless other vehicles are approaching.
- ▶ Eliminate distractions while driving: Phones down!
- ▶ Drive defensively, constantly scanning the roadside, especially at dawn and dusk, when deer are most active.

Drivers are asked to report all deer-vehicle collisions to police. Transportation Cabinet traffic engineers use the crash data to aid in placing deer-crossing warning signs and other safety measures.

## RIFLE: Cont. from pg. 3

"How many times in your life do you get to see a 160 to 170 Class buck from a tree?" asks Chambliss, who admits he became a bit emotional after seeing what he'd just harvested.

The next picture he took of the big buck was worth its weight in gold.

## DISCIPLINE: Cont. from pg. 3

buck in the distance. It was too far for Hunter to get a shot, but she knew that brief sighting would steady her son's resolve. And it did.

He had taken smaller bucks and antlerless deer in past season, but was holding out for a trophy last fall. The big buck they'd seen had been documented on the family's 200-acre farm for about four years, so they knew it was a nice one.

Hunter's perseverance paid off with just hours left in the modern gun season. One shot from his .223 Remington dropped a 13-pointer that weighed 174 pounds dressed. The deer was more than enough to win the Youth Division of Marion Big Buck Contest and a \$75 gift certificate from Hodge's Sports and Apparel.

The family is having the buck mounted. Once it's ready for the trophy room, mom plans to attach some of the trail camera photos they have of the buck from years past on the wall underneath the mount.

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The number of Americans who participate in hunting, fishing and wildlife activities

Source: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2016

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Total expenditures by recreationists on wildlife watching

Source: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2016

**\$46.1  
BILLION**

Total expenditures by anglers in the U.S.

Source: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2016

**\$26.2  
BILLION**

Total expenditures by hunters in the U.S.

Source: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2016

**Black Bass**

The most popular game fish caught in America

Source: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2016

**Whitetail Deer**

The most hunted animal in America

Source: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2016

**150,000,000  
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The size of America's National Wildlife Refuge System

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The number of people who visit America's wildlife refuges every year

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Source: U.S. Department of the Interior

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**680,000**

The number of U.S. jobs supported by hunters and anglers

Source: IFWMA

## What you need when hunting migratory birds

Are you curious about hunting migratory birds like snipes, gallinules, mourning doves, ducks and geese? First, check the regulations in your region to determine what weapons and shot are permitted. Beyond that, here's a list of other equipment you'll need to give your hunting party the best chance of success.

- ▶ Any required permits
- ▶ Bird calls that mimic the songs or cries of your target birds.
- ▶ High-quality decoys to attract the birds; the more realistic, the better.
- ▶ A warm, wind-proof hunting coat made of a breathable and waterproof material like Gore-Tex. Look for one with a hood to help you watch

birds discreetly and keep you warm.

- ▶ Hunting waders with a good range of motion to protect you from getting wet.
- ▶ A hunting blind to hide you from potential prey.
- ▶ Hunting gloves to keep your hands warm and ready to shoot when the moment is right.

To find everything you need for your hunting party or ask for personalized advice, visit a hunting outfitter in your area.



# Hunting waterfowl: A brief guide to decoys

When it comes to hunting waterfowl, setting up the right decoy spread is crucial to your success. Here's what you need to know about luring in snow geese, Canada geese and ducks.

### SNOW GEESE

Since these birds tend to move in flocks of hundreds, you'll need to set upward of 1,000 decoys to attract them. If you're relying solely on full body decoys, however, about 200 to 400 should suffice to create a realistic setup.

### CANADA GEESE

Early in the season, about 20 to 30 decoys dispersed in groups of five to seven is enough. Once these birds begin to migrate, however, their flocks increase in size and you'll need closer to 120 decoys. Toward the end of the season, reduce the number of decoys and opt for lifelike, full body options.

### DUCKS

When you hunt ducks, the appropriate number of decoys depends on the body of water where you're set up. A more expansive area will require a larger decoy spread to look realistic. For example, a dozen decoys will suffice for a pond, but you'll need several dozen on a large lake.

Remember to check for changes to your regional hunting regulations before the start of each season.



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When planning your hunting trip, ensure you know the regulations in your region, like hunting areas and season dates, daily bag limits and approved bird species.



# 5 tips for hunting coyotes

When deer season comes to an end, it's time to set your sights on a new challenge. In addition to keeping you active during the off-season, hunting coyotes can help protect the local deer population. If you want to test your skills against this wily predator, here are five tips for a successful hunt.

## 1. CONFIRM THEIR PRESENCE

These adaptable creatures can live in various types of terrain including prairies, plains, deserts and other semi-wooded areas. However, be sure to scout the area to confirm their presence before you set up. Speak with livestock farmers in the region to determine if any coyotes have recently been spotted. Additionally, look for signs like fresh tracks, scat and kill sites.

## 2. TAKE STEPS TO STAY HIDDEN

If you hunt coyotes in the winter, you'll likely need to take steps to blend in with the snow. Opt for well-insulated white apparel with a camouflage pattern that resembles bare branches. Position yourself among the trees at the edge of a clearing and avoid facing the sun. This makes your silhouette more visible and can impair your vision. Since coyotes have a strong sense of smell, take the wind's direction into consideration when you choose a lookout spot.



## 3. BRING THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT

Since successfully hunting coyotes often comes down to your long-range shooting skills, you'll need a reliable scope with a high magnification range and reticle. You'll also benefit from a bipod or tripod to steady your aim. To limit your movements, consider using binoculars rather than the scope of your gun to scan the area for prey.

## 4. USE THE RIGHT CALL

Calling is the preferred method for hunting coyotes. To lure them out, use an electric caller to mimic the cries of a distressed hare or fawn for about 20 to 40 seconds. During mating season, the telltale sound of a male or female looking for a companion can also prove effective. If you don't get results after about 30 minutes, don't hesitate to change sites.

## 5. ALWAYS BE READY TO SHOOT

Stay vigilant and train yourself to look for movement near the edges of clearings. These elusive creatures are quick, so make sure you always have your gun at the ready to avoid missing a fleeting opportunity to hit your target.

Before you head out, make sure you're up to date on the regional hunting regulations and limits.

## Most common game violations

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

1. Not filling out back of hunting license.
2. Failure to call KDFWR Telecheck system.
3. Trespassing.
4. Failure to wear appropriate hunter orange.

## Boone & Crockett Class

Bucks taken with a gun can qualify for Boone and Crockett Clubs recordbook and for bow-hunters 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-defined system for measuring the antlers in both categories, which uses length and mass as the key factors.



# Proper carcass disposal methods

Hunters need to know the proper way to dispose of their deer carcass after processing. Leaving the remains on the property where you harvested the deer is the best disposal method. If you are hunting on another person's property, ask the landowner where you can dispose of the deer's carcass and offer to bury it. Respect the landowner's wishes. Deer hunters should never throw deer remains alongside the road or onto someone else's property without permission.

Disposing of it on the side of the road is not a good idea, it is littering. This practice makes hunters look bad. Nobody wants to see or smell a deer carcass.

Be considerate of others. Just because you've taken a deer, that doesn't mean it's over. Disposing of the carcass is part of the process of deer hunting.

## Game Calling Devices and Restrictions

- ▶ Hand or mouth-operated calls may be used in hunting all species.
- ▶ A hunter may use electronic calls or attracting devices for furbearers during the furbearer season.
- ▶ 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.

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Trout Permit	Not available	\$35.00
Annual Hunting	\$10.00	\$10.00
1-Day Hunting (not valid for deer, elk, turkey or bear)	\$27.00	\$150.00
7-Day Hunting (not valid for deer, elk, turkey or bear)	\$7.00	\$25.00
Annual Youth Hunting (ages 12-15 only)	Not available	\$65.00
Shooting Area Hunting License	\$6.00	\$10.00
Annual Trapping	\$5.00	\$5.00
Annual Landowner/Tenant Trapping	\$20.00	\$130.00
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## DEER:

Statewide Deer Permit (four deer)	\$35.00	\$185.00
Youth (ages 12-15) Deer Permit (four deer)	\$10.00	\$15.00
Additional Deer Permit (two deer)	\$15.00	\$15.00

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Fall Turkey Permit (statewide) (four turkeys)	\$30.00	\$85.00
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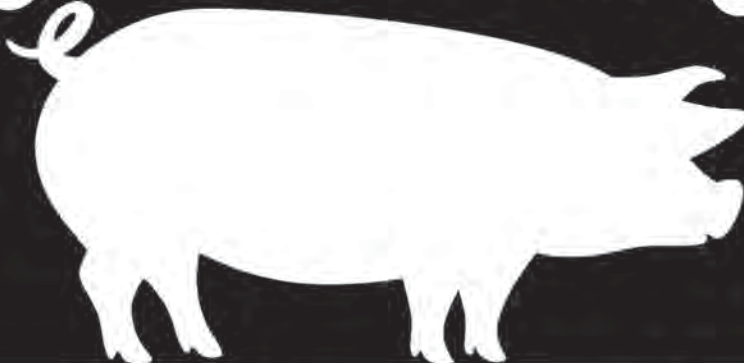
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# How to choose your hunting clothing

When hunting, comfort and function are essential factors in the clothing you choose to wear. Here are some things to consider that'll help you make the right purchases.

- ▶ Multi-layer systems. If you want to stay comfortable on the move or while on the lookout, opt for technical underwear that keeps you warm while wicking away moisture. Choose polar fleece and merino wool clothing for an excellent middle layer. A windproof, waterproof jacket is your essential outer layer. Be sure to protect your extremities, too. A neck warmer is especially useful, as it can also hide your face from your prey.
- ▶ Patterns that suit your surroundings. The place where you're hunting and the time of year will determine which camouflage schemes will best blend into your environment, whether brown, green or white.
- ▶ Type of hunt. If you're tracking deer over long distances, you'll need light and breathable clothing. On the other hand, to harvest small game, you'll want clothes made of sturdy materials that won't rip on tree branches or brambles. Similarly, wearing a pair of overalls with ventilation holes underneath your coat is good if you sit in hunting blinds for long periods.
- ▶ Essential details. Ensure that the materials you choose are quiet, such as Gore-Tex or fabrics with a peach-skin finish, so your clothes don't betray you with the slightest movement. Ensure there are enough pockets to keep everything you'll need within easy reach. Pay attention to their positioning, whether horizontal or vertical. Examine the closures and avoid features like Velcro that make noise.

Before heading out, wash your new hunting clothes with unscented detergent specially designed for hunting.



## *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.

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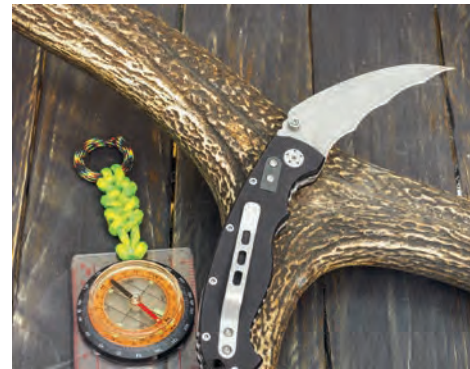
## What's in a hunter's survival kit?

You must be prepared for every eventuality when you're in the woods, from getting lost to getting injured. When you go hunting, be sure to have the necessary survival tools, just in case you find yourself in a tricky situation. Here's a list of must-have items.

- ▶ One or more metal containers to heat and store food and water
- ▶ A knife to make traps and tools, or defend yourself
- ▶ A folding saw or commando wire saw
- ▶ A lighter, fire starter or waterproof matches to keep you warm, deter predators, boil water or make yourself more visible
- ▶ A survival blanket
- ▶ A rope to firm up your shelter or make tools; you never know what you'll use it for
- ▶ A filter or tablets to purify water
- ▶ Bear repellent or spray
- ▶ Mosquito repellent
- ▶ A whistle
- ▶ A small first-aid kit

- ▶ A roll of brass wire to make snares
- ▶ Orienteering tools, such as a compass, topographical map and portable GPS
- ▶ A satellite device capable of sending a distress signal with your coordinates, or at least a cell phone you can use when you have network access

Finally, be sure all items in your survival kit are in top condition before setting out.



### Shooting Hours

Shooting hours for all species except raccoons, opossums and frogs are during daylight hours only — 30 minutes before sunrise or 30 minutes after sunset. Hunters may be in the field or stands before and after shooting hours.

Raccoons and opossums may be taken day or night, except during modern gun season when raccoon and opossum hunting is permitted only at night. Exceptions also apply for coyotes.

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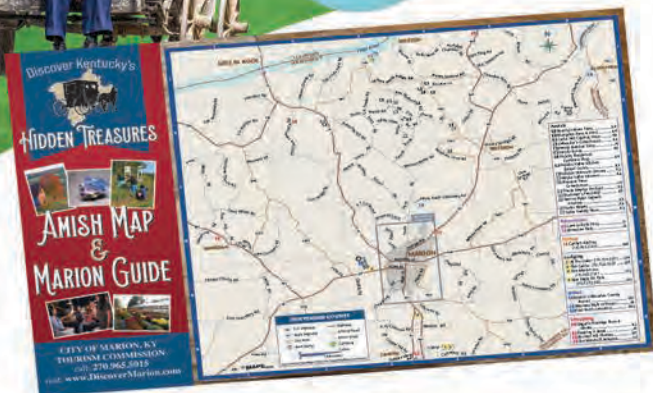
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