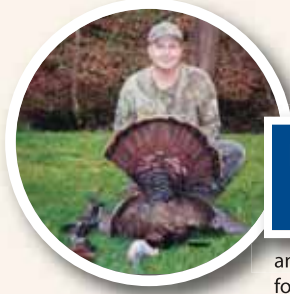




Hunting

**TROPHY DEER... ABUNDANT TURKEY...
PLENTY OF PUBLIC LAND!**



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Kentucky's growing deer herd and turkey flock mean this season will be one of the best years ever to go hunting in the state. Kentucky has 1.6 million acres of land open to the public for hunting — so you don't have to own a farm to enjoy a day afield. Kentucky has one of the country's highest concentrations of trophy deer. Modern gun season for deer opens in November, while archery season begins in September and runs through January. Kentucky also has spring and fall seasons for turkey. Some of the best hunting in the state is found on public land. Several of these areas are managed under a quota hunt system open to both resident and non-resident hunters. You can apply for many of the quota hunts during the month of September by calling 877-598-2401. Kentucky offers more than just deer and turkey. For small game and waterfowl hunters, Kentucky offers hunting opportunities for quail, rabbit, squirrel, grouse, dove, ducks, geese and more. Hunting licenses are available at many sporting goods stores. To check-in your harvested game and get a confirmation number, call 1-800-245-4263.

KENTUCKY HUNTING SEASONS

(Dates vary slightly from year to year. Check with Fish & Wildlife for current information)

DEER

- Modern Gun.....17 days in mid-Nov
- Archery.....Early Sept - mid Jan
- Youth Only Firearms.....2 days mid-Oct
- Muzzleloader.....3rd Oct weekend & mid Dec
- Free Youth Hunting Weekend.....*end December
- Crossbow.....3 weeks early Oct & mid Nov - Dec



* Hunters ages 15 and under may hunt deer with a firearm without a license or deer permit, if accompanied by an adult. (See elsewhere for county zones, harvest restrictions and hunter requirements for each zone.)

TURKEY

- Fall (archery).....Early Sept - mid Jan
- Fall (crossbow).....3 weeks early Oct & mid-Nov - end Dec
- Fall (shotgun).....1 week late October & 1 week early Dec
- Spring Youth-only.....early April weekend
- Spring.....mid-April - mid-May

SQUIRREL

- Fall.....mid Aug - end Feb (closed 1 weekend Nov)
- Spring.....two weeks in June

RABBIT & QUAIL

mid Nov – mid Feb: In western Kentucky

WATERFOWL AND OTHER MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING

DUCKS, COOTS & MERGANSERS

- The duck seasons are split. The first duck season runs from Thanksgiving Day through the following Sunday. The season again opens for most of December and January. Canvasbacks may now be taken for the entire duck season, but under a 1 duck daily bag limit.
- Season dates for mergansers and coots are the same as the duck season dates for 2007-2008

GOOSE

- Canada Goose : Extreme western Kentucky - Late Nov - end Jan. (Fulton County may remain open longer). Remainder of Kentucky's Western Lakes & Rivers Region mid-Dec - end January
- White-Fronted Goose.....Last week Nov - end January
- Snow Goose.....Last week Nov - end January (Fulton County will remain open until mid Feb)

YOUTH WATERFOWL DAYS1st Feb weekend

DOVESEarly Sept - Late Oct & late Nov weekend

EARLY WOOD DUCK AND TEAL5 days in mid-Sept

In many areas goose hunters are required to register prior to hunting. A federal duck stamp is required for any waterfowl hunting. Proof of hunter education is required for those born Jan 1, 1975 or later. Many of the wildlife management areas have special seasons unique to them. The specific 2008 dates had not been set at press time. With all of this in mind, prior to hunting we strongly advise that you contact the Department of Fish and Wildlife to ensure that you will meet all requirements. 800-858-1549, <http://kdfwr.state.ky.gov>

*Kentucky's record
white-tailed deer
ranks among the
top 10 in the world!*



*Dann Hughes of Princeton, KY,
harvested this incredible
non-typical, 55 pt. whitetail in
western Kentucky
using a muzzleloader.*



PUBLIC ACCESS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS



Information compliments of
Kentucky Department of Fish &
Wildlife Resources:
1-800-858-1549

HUNTING	BOATING	BOW/RIFLE RANGE	CAMPING	FISHING	HIKING TRAILS
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Roger Broyles' huge non-typical gun kill from 2004-2005 season had official scorers scratching their heads. With a Boone & Crockett score of 252 4/8, this No. 3 non-typical, of all time, in Kentucky was taken in Livingston County.
Photo courtesy of Roger Broyles

The **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COON TRIALS** are held each October in Aurora on the scenic shores of Kentucky Lake. The Professional Kennel Club is the "major league" of coon hunting. They draw over 2,500 entries and have prize money of over \$500,000.

1. Reelfoot Lake: (2,500 acres) Fulton Co; (731) 538-2481	•	•			•	•
2. Obion Creek WMA: (3,521 acres) Hickman, Fulton, Carlisle Co.; (270) 753-6913	•				•	
3. Meadwestvaco WMA: (3,600 acres) Hickman, Carlisle Co; (270) 335-3151	•					
4. Winford WMA: (237 acres) Carlisle Co; (270) 753-6913	•				•	
5. Boatwright WMA: (6,975 acres) Ballard, Carlisle Co.; (270) 224-2244	•	•			•	
6. Ballard Hunting Unit: (400 acres) Ballard Co; (270) 224-2244	•					
7. Ballard WMA: (8,473 acres) Ballard Co; (270) 224-2244	•				•	•
8. West Kentucky WMA: (6,463 acres) McCracken Co; (270) 488-3233	•				•	•
9. Ohio River Islands WMA: (1,375 acres) Livingston Co; (270) 753-6913	•					
10. Kaler Bottoms WMA: (1,930 acres) Graves Co; (270) 753-6913	•		•			
11. Clarks River: (8,500 acres) Marshall, Graves, McCracken Co.; (270) 527-5770	•				•	•
12. KY Lake WMA: (3,500 acres) Calloway, Marshall, Lyon Co.; (270) 753-6913	•	•			•	
13. Beechy Creek WMA: (122 acres) Calloway Co; (270) 753-6913	•					
14. LBL: (107,000 acres) Trigg, Lyon Co.; (270) 924-2065	•	•	•	•	•	•
15. Lake Barkley WMA: (5,429 acres) Trigg, Lyon, Livingston Co.; (615) 736-5181	•	•	•	•	•	•
16. Fort Campbell: (85,000 acres) Christian, Trigg Co.; (270) 798-2175	•				•	
17. Pennyriple State Forest: (14,654 acres) Christian Co; (270) 753-6913	•				•	•
18. Tradewater WMA: (724 acres) Hopkins-Christian Co.; (270) 753-6913	•					•
19. Jones-Keeney WMA: (2,250 acres) Caldwell Co; (270) 753-6913	•		•			
20. Livingston County WMA: (1,024 acres) Livingston Co; (270) 753-6913	•		•			

WHERE YOU CAN HUNT ON PUBLIC LAND

Public Wildlife Areas: Most of the public wildlife areas are owned by various agencies of the state and federal government. Many have special regulations on hunting/fishing or require special permits. Contact before going.

Land Between The Lakes offers more than 230 days of hunting opportunities throughout the year. Six days of spring quota hunts for **TURKEYS** (February application required) and 14 days of open season yield a consistently good opportunity. **DEER** may be hunted during a 115-day fall archery season and three fall quota hunts (July application required), including a youth hunt for hunters 10-15 years old. Hunters will also find opportunities for **SMALL GAME** and **WATERFOWL**. For more info call 270-924-2065 or 800-LBL-7077; www.lbl.org

