

HUNTING SEASONS AND REGULATIONS

See page 5 for explanation of zone boundaries.

SEASONS	Statewide	Western Goose Zone	Pennyroyal/ Coalfield Goose Zone	West-Central Goose Zone	Eastern Goose Zone	Northeast Goose Zone
Duck, Coot & Merganser	Nov. 26-29 and Dec. 7, 2009 - Jan. 31, 2010					
Canada Goose		Nov. 23, 2009 - Jan. 31, 2010				Dec. 26, 2009 - Jan. 3, 2010 and Jan. 19 - 31*
White-Fronted Goose & Brant	Nov. 23, 2009 - Jan. 31, 2010					
Snow Goose (including Ross' Goose)	Nov. 23, 2009 - Jan. 31, 2010					
Snow Goose Conservation Order		Feb. 1-5 and Feb. 8 - Mar. 31, 2009†			Feb. 1 - Mar. 31, 2009†	
Falconry	Nov. 5, 2008 - Jan. 31, 2009**					
Youth Waterfowl		Western Zone: Feb. 6-7, 2010			Eastern Zone: Nov. 7-8, 2009	

*Hunters no longer need a special permit for goose hunting in the Northeast Goose Zone.

†Mandatory FREE permit required for hunting snow geese during this period. Contact Ballard WMA at (270) 224-2244 after Jan. 10, 2010.

**Pit and blind restrictions in effect for wildlife management areas (WMAs) and the Ballard Reporting Area do not apply to falconers hunting waterfowl during periods when gun and archery waterfowl seasons are not open. Canada goose season opens Nov. 10 in the portion of Fulton County that is not in the Western Goose Zone.

Electronic calls

Hunters are now permitted to use electronic calls during the **Snow Goose Conservation Order**.

LIMITS	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Duck	6; may include no more than 4 mallards (only 1 of which may be a hen), 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 1 pintail and 1 black duck. The bag limit may include 2 scaup and 1 canvasback.	Double the daily bag limit
Coot	15	Double the daily bag limit
Merganser	5, only 2 may be hooded	Double the daily bag limit
Canada Goose, White-Fronted Goose & Brant	6 combined; no more than 2 of each	Double the daily bag limit
Snow Goose (including Ross' Goose)	20	none
Snow Goose Conservation Order	none	none
Falconry	3 birds	6 singly or combined

SHOOTING HOURS	
Regular	One-half hour before sunrise to sunset
exceptions	
Northeast Goose Zone	One-half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. during the Canada goose season
Snow Goose Conservation Order	One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset
Wildlife Management Areas	Regular, unless noted otherwise in the Public Hunting section of this guide.

YOUTH WATERFOWL SEASONS

Hunters age 15 and under can hunt ducks, coots, mergansers and geese on these days. Youth hunting during these seasons must comply with hunter education and hunting license requirements and be accompanied by an adult (at least 18 years of age).

Bag limits are the same as for regular duck and goose seasons.

SHOT SIZE, TYPE, SHOTSHELL LENGTH RESTRICTIONS

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-approved nontoxic shot no larger than size

“T” is required for all waterfowl hunting. Shot larger than size “T”, or shotshells longer than 3.5 inches, **MAY NOT BE POSSESSED OR USED** while hunting waterfowl. Currently, steel, bismuth, tungsten and certain tungsten composite shotshells are approved for use. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may approve other types of nontoxic shot which, if approved, will be permitted for waterfowl hunting. Possession or use of any lead shot or any shot not approved by USFWS while hunting or attempting to take waterfowl is prohibited statewide.

REPORTING BIRD BANDS

To report bird bands, call 1-800-327-BAND (1-800-327-2263) or go online at www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl. All federal bird bands can be reported to this number. The toll-free number is operational 24 hours a day. Operators are available from 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Friday. After these hours and on weekends, callers will reach an answering service requesting their name and daytime phone number so someone from the Bird Banding Laboratory can return the call.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

NOTE: Licenses and permits are not required for kids under the age of 12.

WATERFOWL HUNTING	Ages 12-15	Ages 16-64	Ages 65 and over OR Disabled
Kentucky Residents	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Waterfowl Permit† + Federal Duck Stamp	Senior/Disabled + Federal Duck Stamp
Nonresidents (must buy nonresident licenses/permits)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual, 1-Day or 5-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Waterfowl Permit + Federal Duck Stamp	

*Included in Youth Sportsman’s License
†Included in Resident Sportsman’s License

 HIP survey required (also required for Resident Sportsman’s License)

HUNTING LICENSE

Unless license-exempt under KRS 150.170, all hunters must possess a valid Kentucky hunting license when waterfowl hunting. Persons using a license authorization number in lieu of a paper license must have the authorization number and a picture ID with them while hunting. All Kentucky residents 65 years of age and older and Kentucky residents who are certified totally and permanently disabled by the Federal Social Security Administration, by a state Workers Compensation Board, by the Kentucky Teacher’s Retirement System, by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, by the United States Railroad Retirement Board, or Kentucky resident veterans who have a permanent 50 percent disability as the result of military-related injuries are required to purchase the **Senior/Disabled combination hunting and fishing license** (\$5) and carry it while hunting or fishing. This license includes all the following state permits: deer, turkey, migratory bird, waterfowl and trout.

KENTUCKY WATERFOWL PERMIT

Any person required to possess a hunting license, except children under the age of 16, taking or attempting to take waterfowl must possess a Kentucky Waterfowl Permit. (This permit is included with the Senior/Disabled and Sportsman’s License). The waterfowl permit covers all species of migratory birds. Those who buy a waterfowl permit, senior/disabled combination license, or Sportsman’s license **MUST COMPLETE** a Harvest Information Program Survey (HIP) form prior to purchase.

FEDERAL MIGRATORY BIRD STAMP

In addition to the state waterfowl permit requirement listed above, all persons age 16 or over must carry a valid federal migratory bird hunting stamp (commonly called duck stamp) to hunt waterfowl. Hunters under 16 must possess a youth hunting license but the Federal Waterfowl Stamp and Kentucky Waterfowl Permit are not required. The federal stamp must be validated by the hunter’s signature written across the face of the stamp in ink.

HUNTER EDUCATION

All hunters born on or after January 1, 1975, must carry a valid hunter education course completion card while hunting, in addition to the appropriate Kentucky hunting license, federal duck stamp and state waterfowl permit. Hunters not required to have a hunting license are not required to possess the hunter education card. Hunters under the age of 12 may hunt without a course completion card, but must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age who remains in a position to take immediate control of the child’s firearm.

Temporary exemption

A one-time temporary hunter education exemption permit is available online at fw.ky.gov. This \$5 permit allows hunting without a hunter education card for one year from the date of purchase. After it expires, the hunter is no longer exempt and must successfully complete a hunter education course.

LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES

LICENSE / PERMIT	Resident	Nonresident
Annual Hunting (deer, elk or turkey)	\$20.00	\$130.00
Annual Fishing	\$20.00	\$50.00
Joint Husband/Wife Annual Fishing	\$36.00	Not available
1-Day Fishing	\$7.00	\$10.00
Nonresident 7-Day Fishing	Not available	\$30.00
Nonresident 15-Day Fishing	Not available	\$40.00
Trout Permit	\$10.00	\$10.00
1-Day Hunting (not valid for deer, elk, turkey or bear)	\$7.00	\$10.00
5-Day Hunting (not valid for deer, elk, turkey or bear)	Not available	\$40.00
Annual Youth Hunting (ages 12-15 only)	\$5.00	\$5.00
Annual Combination Hunting/Fishing	\$30.00	Not available
Senior/Disabled Combination Hunting/Fishing*	\$5.00	Not available
Deer Permit (statewide) (two deer)	\$30.00	\$60.00
Youth (ages 12-15) Deer Permit (one deer)	\$10.00	\$10.00
Bonus Antlerless Deer Permit (two deer)	\$15.00	\$15.00
Bonus WMA Quota Hunt Deer Permit (two deer)	\$30.00	\$30.00
Spring Turkey Permit (statewide) (two turkeys)	\$30.00	\$60.00
Youth (ages 12-15) Turkey Permit (one turkey, spring or fall)	\$10.00	\$10.00
Fall Turkey Permit (statewide)(four turkeys)	\$30.00	\$60.00
Kentucky Waterfowl Permit	\$15.00	\$15.00
Migratory Bird Permit	\$10.00	\$10.00
Annual Trapping	\$20.00	\$130.00
Annual Landowner/Tenant Trapping	\$10.00	Not available
Annual Youth (ages 12-15) Trapping	\$5.00	Not available
Sportsman's License* (Includes combination hunting/fishing, statewide deer permit, spring and fall turkey permits, state waterfowl permit and trout permit.)	\$95.00	Not available
Youth (ages 12-15) Sportsman's License* (Includes youth hunting license, youth deer permit and youth turkey permit. Fishing license, waterfowl permit and trout permit not required for youth.)	\$25.00	\$25.00
Elk Lottery Application (deadline April 30; available at fw.ky.gov only)	\$10.00	\$10.00
Youth WMA Elk Lottery (deadline April 30; available at fw.ky.gov only)	\$10.00	\$10.00
Elk Quota Hunt Permit (if drawn)	\$30.00	\$365.00
Out-of-Zone Elk Permit	\$30.00	\$365.00
Bear Permit	\$30.00	Not available
Peabody WMA User Permit	\$15.00	\$15.00
Land Between the Lakes (LBL) Hunter Use Permit	\$20.00	\$20.00
Temporary Hunter Education Exemption Permit (available online at fw.ky.gov only)	\$5.00	\$5.00
Federal Duck Stamp (available at post offices)	\$15.00	\$15.00
Shooting Preserve License (available online at fw.ky.gov only)	\$5.00	\$5.00

*Peabody and LBL permits, elk lottery application, elk quota hunt permit, out-of-zone elk permit, bear permit and federal duck stamp not included.

Annual licenses and permits are valid from the date of purchase through the last day in February. **New licenses are required annually March 1.** (A 1- or 5-day hunting license is valid only for the period shown on the license.)

Resident and nonresident youth under the age of 12 are not required to purchase licenses or permits (except the elk lottery application, elk quota hunt permit, out-of-zone elk permit and resident bear permit).