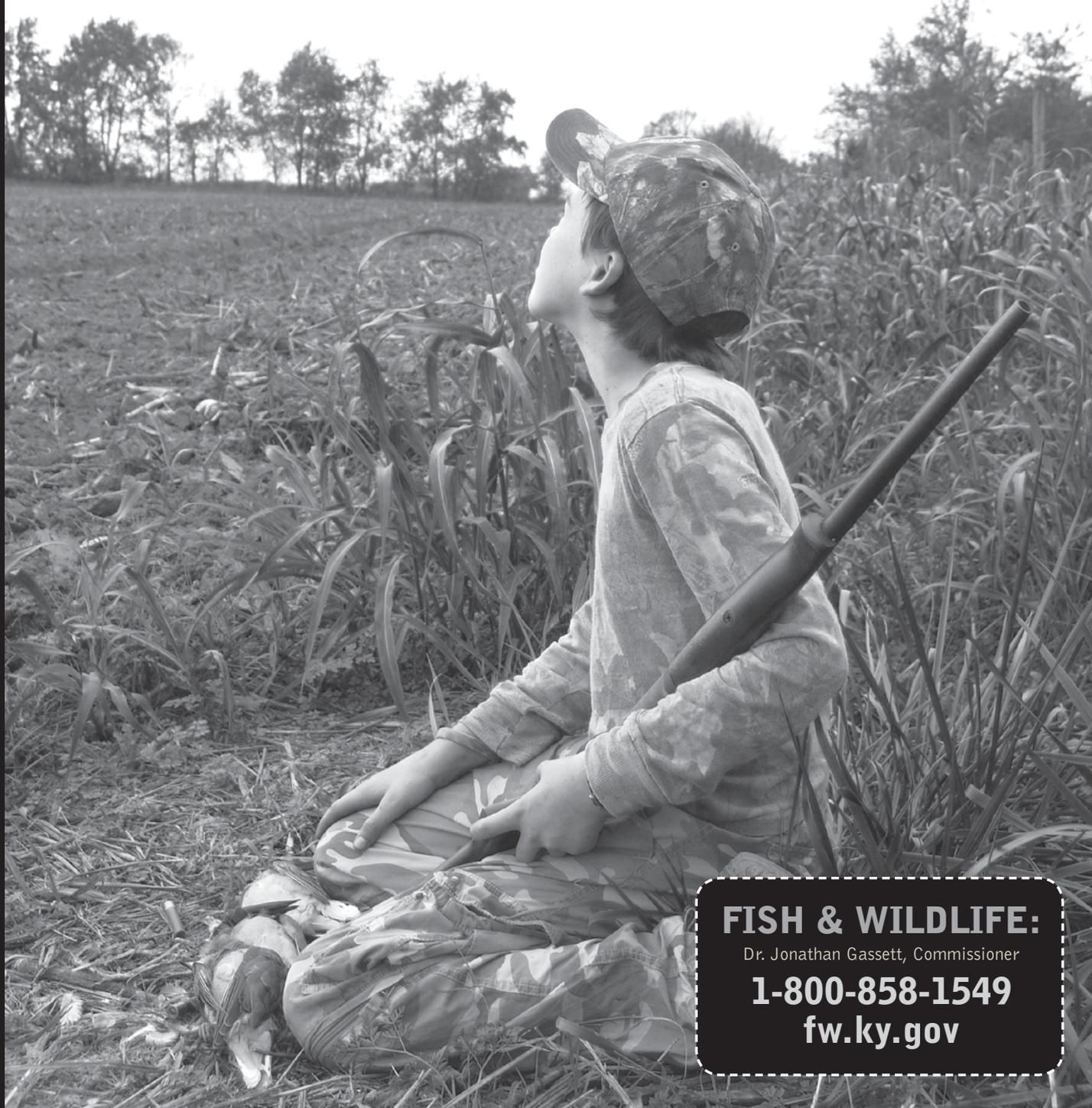




# KENTUCKY HUNTING GUIDE

for DOVE, WOOD DUCK, TEAL,  
WOODCOCK, SNIPE and CROW

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# GENERAL REGULATIONS

**HUNTING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

**License:** Unless license exempt, hunters must possess a valid Kentucky hunting license when hunting the species listed in this guide.

A **Kentucky waterfowl hunting permit**, and a federal migratory bird stamp, authorizes the holder to hunt all types of migratory game birds including waterfowl (ducks, geese, coots, mergansers), moorhens, gallinules, rails, doves, snipe and woodcock.

For those who hunt migratory birds **other than waterfowl**, a Kentucky migratory game bird permit is required. The state migratory game bird permit authorizes the holder to hunt dove, snipe, woodcock, moorhens, rails and gallinules. (A federal migratory bird stamp is not required to hunt these species.)

**When purchasing either a Kentucky waterfowl permit or state migratory game bird permit, hunters are required by federal law to complete a hunter harvest survey at the time of purchase.**

**BAITED FIELDS**

It is illegal to hunt doves or waterfowl over a "baited" field. Baited fields are areas where grain, salt or other attractants have been placed other than those that occur by legitimate agricultural practices. Mature wildlife food plots grown to attract doves are legal hunting areas, as long as no additional attractants have been placed on these areas.

**FALCONRY**

The wildlife species listed in this guide may be taken by licensed falconers with any legal hunting raptor during the regular hunting dates listed for each species. All bag and possession limits apply to falconry hunting.

**ABOUT THIS GUIDE**

This is a **SUMMARY** of the laws regarding hunting and trapping. This guide is intended solely for informational use. It is not a reprint of any referenced statute or regulation in its entirety and should not be used as such. Questions about the information contained in this guide should be directed to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) **BEFORE** engaging in the activities referenced. Actual wording of any Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) or Kentucky Administrative Regulation (KAR) can be viewed at [www.lrc.state.ky.us/kar/frntpage.htm](http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/kar/frntpage.htm).

**FIELD DRESSING**

When field dressing, or otherwise preparing for transportation, any of the species in this guide, except doves, one fully feathered wing or the head must be left on each bird for identification.

**HUNTING REQUIREMENTS**

All shotguns used to hunt any game species in Kentucky except deer must be plugged to hold three shells total; one in the chamber and two in the magazine. Shotguns of 10 gauge maximum are permitted.

**TAGGING**

No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following:  
1) The hunter's signature and address;  
2) The total number of birds involved, by species;  
3) The dates such birds were taken. Tagging is required if birds are being transported by another person for the hunter, or if birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment or taxidermy services.

**WANTON WASTE**

All migratory game birds shall be retrieved, if possible, and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field.

**NON-TOXIC SHOT**

Possession or use of any lead shot while hunting or attempting to take waterfowl is prohibited statewide. Only USFWS-approved non-toxic shot may be possessed and used to hunt **doves** on Ballard, Boatwright, Peal, Sloughs, Kaler Bottoms, Kentucky River, Duck Island, Taylorsville Lake, Ohio River Islands, South Shore and Yatesville Lake WMAs as posted by signs.

# WHICH LICENSE OR PERMIT DO I NEED?

KENTUCKY RESIDENTS	Ages 15 and under	Ages 16-64	Ages 65 and over OR Disabled
<b>Migratory Birds</b> (dove, snipe, woodcock, moorhens, rails, gallinules)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird or Kentucky Waterfowl Permit†	Senior/Disabled
<b>Waterfowl</b> (ducks, geese, coots and mergansers)	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)	Ages 15 and under	Ages 16 and over	
<b>Migratory Birds</b> (dove, snipe, woodcock, moorhens, rails, gallinules)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual, 1-Day or 5-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird or Waterfowl Permit	
<b>Waterfowl</b> (ducks, geese, coots and mergansers)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual, 1-Day or 5-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Waterfowl Permit + Federal Duck Stamp	

\*Included in Youth Sportsman's License

hunter harvest survey required

†Included in Resident Sportsman's License

## HUNTING SEASONS

See next page for further details about these hunting seasons.

SPECIES	Season Dates	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
<b>Dove</b>	Sept. 1 - Oct. 24 and Nov. 22-27, 2007	15 (including white-winged dove)	30
<b>Common Snipe</b>	Sept. 19 - Nov. 4 and Nov. 22, 2007 - Jan. 20, 2008	8	16
<b>Virginia &amp; Sora Rail</b>	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9, 2007	25 singly or combined	25
<b>Gallinule &amp; Common Moorhen</b>	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9, 2007	15 singly or combined	30
<b>American Woodcock</b>	Oct. 20 - Dec. 3, 2007	3	6
<b>Crow</b>	Sept. 1 - Nov. 7, 2007 and Jan. 4 - Feb. 28, 2008	none	none
<b>Early Wood Duck &amp; Teal (includes blue-winged, green-winged and cinnamon teal)</b>	Sept. 19-23, 2007	4 birds with no more than 2 wood ducks	8 birds with no more than 4 wood ducks
<b>September Canada Goose</b>	Sept. 1-9, 2007	2	4
<b>Youth Waterfowl Days</b>	Eastern Zone: Nov. 3-4, 2007 Western Zone: Feb. 2-3, 2008		

### SHOOTING HOURS

<b>Dove, private land</b>	Sept. 1: 11 a.m. to sunset Sept. 2 - Oct. 24 and Nov. 22-27: one-half hour before sunrise to sunset
<b>Dove, public land (WMAs, leased fields)</b>	Sept. 1 - Oct. 24: 11 a.m. to sunset Nov. 22-27: one-half hour before sunrise to sunset
<b>All other species</b>	one-half hour before sunrise to sunset

### DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Daily limit refers to the number of birds which may be taken during a one-day period. Possession limit applies to transporting birds after two or more days of hunting but *does not* permit a double daily bag limit in the field.

## OTHER SEASON NOTES

### DOVE

Hunters may take unlimited numbers of exotic Eurasian collared doves for the 2007 seasons if the head and/or a wing remains attached during transport or in the field. Eurasian collared doves cleaned in the field count toward the 15-bird daily dove bag limit. They resemble morning doves, but possess a black slash across the back of their necks. Hunters should not continue to hunt for Eurasian collared doves after reaching the 15-bird daily dove bag limit.

### CROW

Mechanical devices and electronic attracting devices for crow hunting may only be used during the open season. Crows observed committing or about to commit acts of depredation may be taken year-round; however, persons attempting to take depredating crows shall not use blinds, decoys, calls or other lures to attract birds into shooting range during the closed season.

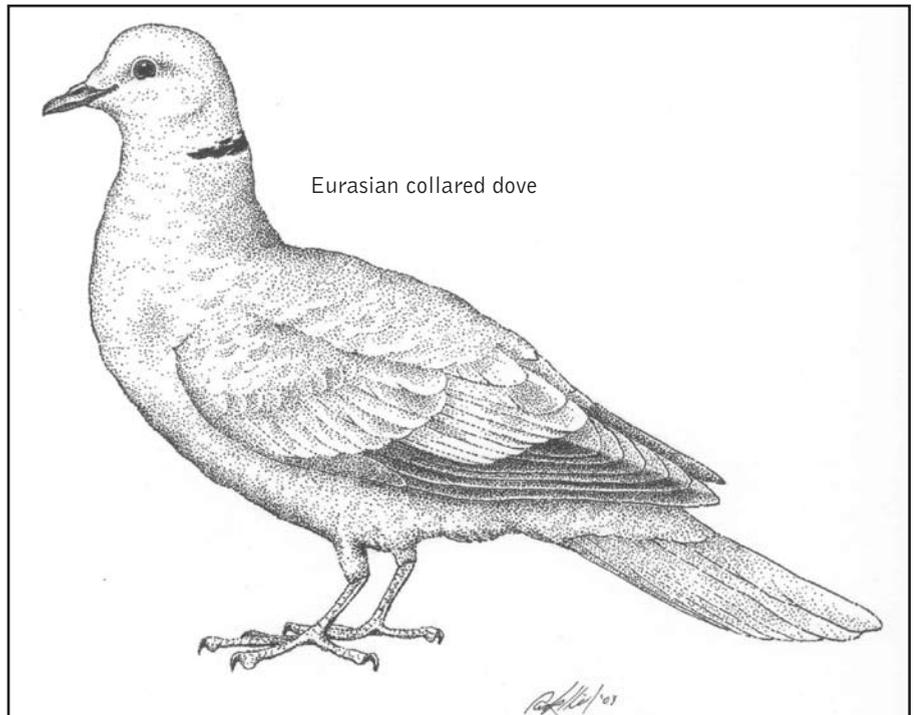
### EARLY WOOD DUCK AND TEAL

USFWS-approved non-toxic shot no larger than size T is required for all waterfowl hunting. Hunters may not possess or use lead shot while hunting or attempting to take waterfowl.

### SEPTEMBER CANADA GOOSE

The following areas are closed to this season:

**1. The Northeast Goose Zone and public lands in West Central Goose**



Eurasian collared dove

**Zone** (private lands in West Central Goose Zone are open):

- **Northeast Zone:** Bath, Menifee, Morgan (except the portion in Paintsville Lake WMA) and Rowan Counties including Cave Run Lake.
- **West-Central Goose Zone:** Muhlenberg County, Ohio County south of Rough River, Butler County west of Hwy. 79 and north of Hwy. 70, and Hopkins County east of Hwys. 814 and Madisonville, and south of Hwy. 85 east of Madisonville.

**2. Ballard Reporting Area:** The portion of Ballard County north or west of the Ballard-McCracken County line to Hwy. 358; Hwy. 358 to U.S. 60; U.S.

60 to the city limits of Wickliffe; the city limits of Wickliffe to the center of the Mississippi River.

Areas manipulated for dove hunting **ARE NOT** legal for waterfowl hunting.

### YOUTH WATERFOWL DAYS

Two weekends, one in each duck zone, have been designated for youth only to waterfowl hunt. Hunters under age 16 may take a legal limit of ducks, coots, mergansers and geese on these days. (Western Duck Zone: All counties west of and including Daviess, Ohio, Butler, Warren and Simpson)

Eastern zone: Nov. 3-4, 2007

Western zone: Feb. 2-3, 2008

## PUBLIC HUNTING

### 2007 PUBLIC DOVE FIELDS

#### WMAs and Leased Fields

Fields leased from private landowners are open for public dove hunting Sept. 1, 3, 5 (except Mentor-Youth Hunt sites are closed to the general public September 1 and 2). All fields re-open Sept. 8 - Oct. 24.

Leased fields are closed to public access except on the dates listed above. Hunters may drive by dove lease fields prior to the season but may not leave their vehicles to scout. Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) are open during regular seasons under statewide regulations unless otherwise specified in the following list. **When hunting a public area, hunt safely and be courteous of others. Do not leave trash behind. The future of the dove lease program depends on you.**

### WESTERN KENTUCKY

#### Ballard County

- **Ballard Wildlife Management Area** (WMA): U.S. 60 west from Paducah, 16 miles (prox) then turn right onto Hwy. 310. Travel 6 miles (prox) to stop sign at Hwy. 358. Cross Hwy. 358 and continue on Hwy. 310 to Hwy 1105. Cross Hwy. 1105 onto Mitchell Lake Rd. then travel 2 miles (prox) to fields on both sides of road. *U.S. Fish & Wild-*

life Service (USFWS)-approved, non-toxic shot only.

- **Boatwright WMA** (formerly Barlow Bottoms). 2 miles west of Barlow on Mound City Rd., right onto Axe Lake Rd., 0.5 mile (prox) on left. *USFWS-approved, non-toxic shot only.*

### **Christian County**

- 20 acres: Hwy. 109 north, off Hwy. 1682 from Hopkinsville, then right onto Hwy. 800. Turn right onto gravel road at '5090' mailbox.

### **Crittenden County**

- 20 acres: Hwy. 120 east from Marion to Hwy. 1917 south. Field is 0.5 mile (prox) on left.
- 20 acres: Hwy. 902 west from Dycusburg. Field is 0.5 mile (prox) on left.

### **Graves County**

- 7 acres: Hwy. 80 west from Mayfield, then left onto Hwy. 384. Turn left onto Rozzell Church Rd. Field is 0.5 mile (prox) on left.

### **Livingston County**

- 20 acres: Hwy. 70 east from Smithland for 1.7 miles, then left onto Scotts Chapel Road. Field is 2.9 miles on right.

### **McCracken County**

- **West Kentucky WMA:** Tract 1 – 21 acres. U.S. 60 west from Paducah to Future City, right (north) onto Hwy. 996. Travel 1.4 miles (prox) then turn left (west) onto Hwy. 725 for 1.4 miles (prox) to parking area on north side of road. *Tract 1 closed Sept. 1 for Mentor-Youth Hunt; phone 1-800-858-1549 for reservations.* Tract 5 – 30 acres in 4 fields. U.S. 60 west from Paducah to Future City, turn right (north) onto Hwy. 996, travel 3.6 miles (prox) then left (west) onto Hwy. 358 for 1.7 miles. Turn right (north) onto Boldry School Rd for 1 mile (prox) to fields on both sides of road.

## **WEST CENTRAL KENTUCKY**

### **Barren County**

- **Barren River Lake WMA:** Goose Island Unit – 12 acres. Access from US 31 E to Hwy. 1318. Dry Creek Unit: 17 acres. Access from Hwy. 87 to Bradshaw Rd.

### **Breckinridge County**

- **Yellowbank WMA:** 35 acres. 20 miles north (prox) of Hardinsburg on Hwy. 259; 20 miles (prox) west of Brandenburg on Hwy. 144 to Hwy. 259.
- 20 acres: Travel Hwy. 259 from Hardinsburg or Leitchfield, to McCoy-Roff Rd, to field at the end of Jack Galloway Rd.

### **Hancock County**

- 20 acres: U.S. 60 west from Hawesville then right on Hwy. 271 north to Hwy. 334. Field located northwest of 271-334 intersection.

### **Henderson County**

- 18 acres: From U.S. 60 east of Henderson, travel north on Hwy. 811. Turn west (left) onto Hossman-Newburg Rd for .2 miles to parking lot on left.
- **Sloughs WMA:** 40 acres. Hwy. 136 to Geneva, then onto Hwy. 268 for 6.5 miles (prox). *USFWS-approved, non-toxic shot only.*

### **Muhlenberg/Ohio Counties**

- **Peabody WMA:** Sinclair Unit – 48 acres in eight fields. Homestead Unit – 10 acres in one field. Midway Unit – 12 acres in two fields. User permit required for Peabody WMA, call 270-273-3568 for more information.

### **Union County**

- **Higginson-Henry WMA:** Hwy. 56, 7 miles (prox) southeast of Morganfield. Two fields, see maps at kiosk. *One field (marked by signs) closed Sept. 1 for Mentor-Youth Hunt; phone 1-800-858-1549 for reservations.*

## **CENTRAL KENTUCKY**

### **Anderson County**

- **Taylorsville Lake WMA:** From U.S. 62, take Hwy. 248 north for 2.5 miles (prox). Field is in Van Buren Bottoms, below the Hwy. 248 bridge at Salt River. *USFWS-approved, non-toxic shot only.*

### **Bourbon County**

- 20 acres: Hwy. 1940 north from Ruddles Mill, then west (left) onto Cook (aka Wyatt-Lebus) Rd. for 1 mile.

### **Grant County**

- **Lloyd WMA:** Take Crittenden exit from I-75. Follow U.S. 25 south to Hwy. 491, turn left across railroad tracks.

### **Henry County**

- **Kentucky River WMA:** U.S. 421 to Hwy. 561, 1 mile west of Gest (near Lock 3). *USFWS-approved, non-toxic shot only.*

### **Kenton County**

- **Mullins WMA:** One mile north of Crittenden on Eads Rd., bordering I-75.

### **Madison County**

- Blue Grass Army Depot: U.S. 421, south of Richmond. *Reserved for Mentor-Youth Hunt Sept. 1, advance application and background check required. Open hunt Sept. 15, background check required. Call 1-800-858-1549 or log-on to fw.ky.gov for more information.*

### **Miller Welch/Central Kentucky**

- **WMA:** 9 miles southeast of Richmond; from U.S. 421 take Dreyfus Rd. east (Hwy. 3376 aka Bearwallow Rd.) at Kingston and proceed (prox) 2 miles east. Go past the WMA office on your right to Muddy Creek Road South. Turn right (south) on this county road through center of area. Dove fields on right.

### **Mercer County**

- 20 acres: Exit Bluegrass Parkway onto U.S. 127 south. Turn right (west) onto Hwy. 1987 (Kirkwood Rd) and travel 3 miles (prox) to field on left.

### **Nelson/Spencer County**

- 20 acres: Hwy. 55 north from Bloomfield, turn right (east) onto Hwy. 458 for 0.1 mile (prox) to first graveled drive on right. *Closed Sept. 1 for Mentor/Youth Hunt; phone 1-800-858-1549 for reservations.*

### **Owen County**

- **Kentucky River WMA:** Hwy. 355 north to Browns Bottom Rd. *USFWS-approved, non-toxic shot only.*

### **Washington County**

- 20 acres: Field is 0.5 mile south of Fredericktown, two miles from U.S. 150 on Burg Hill Rd., off Short Creek Rd. *Closed Sept. 1 for Mentor/Youth Hunt; call 1-800-858-1549 for reservations.*

## **NORTHEASTERN KENTUCKY**

### **Carter/Elliott County**

- **Grayson Lake WMA:** Frazier Flats Unit – From I-64 at Grayson take Hwy. 7 south 7.5 miles (prox). Turn left onto Hwy. 1496 for 4 miles (prox) to Hwy. 1122 (Little Fork). Turn right on Hwy. 1122 and go 3.3 miles (prox) and turn right on Wells Branch Rd. for 2.6 miles (prox) to the intersection. Left at intersection and go 0.2 miles (prox) to WMA parking area.

### **Fleming County**

- 17 acres: Travel Hwy. 32, 1 mile (prox) west of Flemingsburg near mile marker 9.
- **Marietta Booth tract of Clay WMA:** From Carlisle take Hwy. 32 east for (prox) 12 miles then right at WMA sign. Go 0.3 mile to WMA parking area on left.

### **Lawrence County**

- 20 acres: From Blaine take Hwy. 32 to Hwy. 469 at Martha. then left onto Hwy. 469 for (prox) 1.8 miles.
- **Yatesville Lake WMA:** From Hwy. 201 (prox) 3.5 miles north of Blaine, turn onto Cherokee-Irish Creek Rd. Travel

(prox) 1 mile, dove fields on right. *US-FWS-approved, non-toxic shot only.*

### Lewis County

- **Lewis County WMA:** From the junction of Hwy. 8 and AA Hwy. (Hwy. 10) near Quincy, 4.9 miles east on Hwy. 8 to the St. Paul/Morris Hill access sign. Left at sign and cross railroad tracks then left for 0.2 mile to dove field.

### Morgan County

- 20 acres: Take U.S. 460 west from West Liberty to Hwy. 705. Travel northwest on Hwy. 705 to Woods Bend Rd. Field on right just past Woods Bend Youth Camp.

### Nicholas County

- **Clay WMA:** From Carlisle, take Hwy. 32 northeast for 8 miles (prox), then turn right onto Hwy. 3315 (Cassidy Creek Rd.).

### Pike County

- **Fishtrap Lake WMA:** From U.S. 23 south of Pikeville, take U.S. 460 east for 15.2 miles (prox). Turn left and proceed 3.2 miles (prox) to field.

## SOUTHEASTERN KENTUCKY

### Adair County

- **Green River WMA:** 12 acres – sunflowers. From Hwy. 55, 2 miles north of Columbia, travel north on Hwy. 551 for 2.25 miles. Turn left onto Hwy. 2971 (Holmes Bend Rd), go 4 miles then turn left onto Corbins Bend Rd. for 2.2 miles

to field.

### Green County

- 20 acres: Hwy. 61 north from Greensburg, turn left onto Hwy. 569 then right turn onto Hwy. 566. Travel 2.2 miles (prox) to fields on both sides of road.
- 20 acres: Hwy. 68/70 south from Greensburg 7.5 miles (prox). Turn right onto Hwy. 218 for 2 miles (prox), left onto Roy Bagby Rd. Fields at end of road, on right. *Closed Sept. 1 for Mentor/Youth Hunt; phone 1-800-858-1549 for reservations.*

### Lincoln County

- 20 acres: From the U.S. 27/150 intersection at Stanford, travel 6 miles southeast on U.S. 150. After crossing the Cedar Creek Lake dam, turn left onto Sportsman's Lane. Travel 0.3 mile to parking area at Cedar Creek Sportsman's Club. *Closed Sept. 1 for Mentor/Youth Hunt; phone 1-800-858-1549 for reservations.*

### Pulaski County

- 20 acres: Hwy. 80 west from Somerset for 15.6 miles (prox), then right onto Hickory Nut Rd. for 6 miles (prox) to field on right.

### Taylor County

- **Green River WMA:** Two fields. 10 acres – wheat. From Campbellsville, take Hwy. 70 east for 2.2 miles (prox) to dirt road on left (across from Hwy. 76).

## OTHER HUNTING AREAS

The following areas have special seasons and regulations for all hunting. Contact the individual areas at the addresses and telephone numbers listed below.

### FORT CAMPBELL MILITARY RESERVATION

Outdoor Recreation Branch  
Hunting and Fishing Unit  
Ft. Campbell, KY 42223-5000  
(270) 798-2175

### FORT KNOX MILITARY RESERVATION

Hunt Control Office  
Fort Knox, KY 40121-5000  
(502) 624-2712

### LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Golden Pond, KY 42211-9001  
(270) 924-2064

### REELFOOT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

4343 Hwy 157  
Union City, TN  
(731) 538-2481

### CLARKS RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

P.O. Box 89  
Benton, KY 42025  
(270) 527-5770

### OHIO RIVER ISLANDS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

P.O. Box 1811  
Parkersburg, WV 26102-1811  
(304) 375-2923

## SPECIAL WMA RESTRICTIONS

Wildlife Management Areas not listed here or in the "Closed Areas" section are open under statewide regulations.

### BOATWRIGHT WMA

(Ballard County) Ballard and Swan Lake portion

Dove: September 1 - October 13, 2007  
Snipe: September 19 - October 13, 2007  
Rails, Moorhen, Gallinules: September 1 - October 13, 2007

No woodcock hunting permitted.

The body of water known as Swan Lake and other areas designated by signs are closed to all hunting.

### CENTRAL KENTUCKY WMA (Madison County)

Dove: September 1 - October 13, 2007  
Snipe: September 19 - October 13, 2007  
No woodcock hunting permitted.

### PIONEER WEAPONS AREAS

Breech- and muzzle-loading shotguns may be used to take wood ducks and teal on the shoreline portions of the Pioneer Weapons Areas at 1) Cave Run Lake, and 2) all waterfowl at Barren River Lake.

### WEST KENTUCKY WMA (McCracken County)

Dove: September 1 - October 24 and November 22 - 27, 2007  
Snipe/Woodcock: Dates same as for dove, hunting permitted on tracts 2, 3, 6, and 7 only.

## REPORT A POACHER!

- Call **1-800-25ALERT** (1-800-252-5378) to report wildlife law violators.
- This number is for reporting wildlife and boating violations or similar emergencies only. Operators are not equipped to handle routine requests for information or to transfer calls.
- For general information, call toll-free 1-800-858-1549 weekdays 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Eastern. Check your deer, elk, turkey, bobcat or otter at 1-877-CHKGAME (1-877-245-4263)

## CLOSED AREAS

### CLOSED TO MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING

1) the main block of Robinson Forest WMA; 2) the portion of Grayson Lake WMA within three-quarters of a mile of the dam, the Deer Creek Branch, the shores of Camp Webb and the state park. 3) The Greenbrier Creek Branch of Yatesville Lake and Yatesville Lake, including all islands, north of the mouth of Greenbrier Creek Branch; 4) Land Between the Lakes NRA from Sept. 30-Nov. 30.

### CLOSED TO WATERFOWL HUNTING

All designated goose refuge lakes

within the Western Kentucky coalfields are closed to all waterfowl hunting.

### WATERFOWL REFUGES

The following areas are waterfowl refuges: portion of Cumberland Lake WMA including Wesley Bend (bounded by Fishing Creek, Fishing Creek Road and Beech Grove Road) and Yellowhole (bounded by Fishing Creek Road and Hickory Nut Road) are closed to the public Oct. 15 - March 15. Ohio River Waterfowl Refuge (From Smithland Lock and Dam upstream to powerline crossing at river mile 911.5) is closed to hunting Oct. 15 - March 15 and Stewart Island is closed to the public Oct. 15 - March 15. On Peabody WMA, portions of Sinclair

and Homestead mines as marked by signs are closed to the public Oct. 15 - March 15. On Sloughs WMA, the Sauerheber Unit is closed to the public Nov. 1-March 15 except the Crenshaw and Duncan tracts which are open for waterfowl hunting only. On Taylorsville Lake WMA, the portion east of Van Buren Boat Ramp as marked by signs is closed to the public Nov. 1 through the last day of February, except the area between Van Buren Boat Ramp and the KY 248 bridge is open to fishing from Nov. 1 - 14. The area of Yellowbank WMA posted by signs is closed to the public Oct. 15 - March 15.

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## YOUTH HUNTING

### MENTOR/YOUTH DOVE HUNTS

Fields set aside for Mentor/Youth hunts are open September 1 to pre-registered hunters only and closed to all hunting September 2. On this day adult dove hunters can introduce a young hunter to the challenge and tradition of the early season dove hunt. Hunts require preregistration (see item 5 for details). Thereafter, **unreserved** slots will be available on a first come, first served basis. The following rules describe the hunt.

### MENTOR/YOUTH HUNT RULES

1. Open only to adults accompanied by a youth (ages 15 and under), though not necessary for the youth to hunt.
2. Both mentor and youth can hunt, but must do so from the same field location (stake). All hunters must stay within 15 feet of their assigned shooting location. One adult may take two youths to these hunts. Two shotguns are allowed per

stake. Two limits of 15 doves allowed per stake.

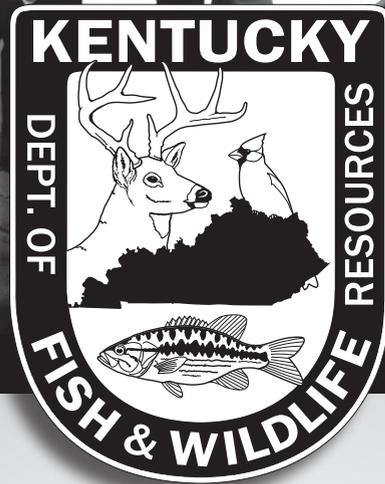
3. This year's Mentor/Youth hunt date is **September 1, 2007**. Designated Mentor/Youth Hunt fields open to public hunting on September 3.
4. The number of hunters in Mentor/Youth Hunt fields will be strictly limited to insure a safe and quality hunt.
5. Field slots will be available only by advanced registration from 8:00 a.m. EDT August 13, until 4:30 p.m. EDT, August 24; call 1-800-858-1549. Unreserved slots will be available on a first come, first served basis at the field on the day of the hunt until all slots are filled.
6. Hunting groups *must check in prior to hunting and check out prior to* leaving the field with KDFWR staff.
7. After the field is filled no new hunting groups will be allowed in.
8. Hunting groups in the field may move

to different staked sites when the assigned group vacates that site.

9. Hunters *must* leave their guns at their shooting location (stake) when retrieving downed birds.
10. Shooting hours limited to 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., local time. All hunting groups must be out of the field by 7:30 p.m., local time.
11. All hunters will be responsible for cleaning up their shooting location (including empty shells) prior to leaving the field.
12. Mentors and youth must conduct themselves in a safe manner and abide by these and other rules posted at the hunt field. Failure to do so will result in termination of hunting privilege for that field that day.
13. Hunter education and licensing requirements apply.



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FISH & WILDLIFE RESOURCES

## WHO WE ARE

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) is an agency of the Kentucky Commerce Cabinet. Our nine-member commission is nominated by Kentucky sportsmen and sportswomen and appointed by the governor. This commission appoints the department's commissioner.

We employ about 500 people full-time, including Conservation Officers, wildlife and fisheries biologists, conservation educators, and information technology, public relations, customer service and administrative professionals.

Our Headquarters is located in Frankfort, but we work with landowners, hunters, anglers, boaters and wildlife enthusiasts statewide.

## WHAT WE DO

We conserve and enhance fish and wildlife resources and provide opportunity for hunting, fishing, trapping, boating and other wildlife-related activities.

Every year, we:

- Enforce hunting, fishing and boating laws across Kentucky for resource protection and public safety.
- Manage about 1 million acres of public land and water for the benefit of all fish and wildlife species.
- Stock more than 4 million fish in public waters.
- Build and maintain public boat ramps, shooting ranges and bank fishing access areas.
- Assist more than 2,000 private landowners with fish and wildlife habitat improvement.
- Inform and educate more than 400,000 kids and adults through education and outreach programs.

## HOW YOU HELP

The KDFWR receives no money from the state's General Fund.

You provide our agency's funding every time you:

- Buy a hunting or fishing license
- Buy a firearm, ammunition, or archery equipment
- Pay your boat registration fee
- Buy fuel for your boat

