



2011 General LBL Rules and Regulations

Welcome to Land Between The Lakes (LBL) National Recreation Area. LBL offers camping, hiking, biking, horseback riding, wildlife viewing, an off-highway vehicle area, environmental education opportunities, and more. During your stay with us, please help provide a quality experience for all our visitors by following all LBL rules and regulations. You are responsible for knowing and following all LBL rules and regulations, for a complete list please visit www.lbl.org. Remember **you are responsible for your own safety** while enjoying outdoor recreation opportunities at LBL.

GENERAL CAMPING RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Keep campsite clean and litter free at all times, you are responsible for all refuse on your site. No refuse may be left on the ground, place all garbage in dumpsters or take it home. "Pack it in. Pack it out."
- Quiet hours are 11pm to 6am. Generators may be operated from 6am to 11pm (Jones Creek is 24-hours). Respect your neighbors' right to privacy, peace, and safety.
- Never leave a fire unattended. Campfires may be prohibited during periods of extreme fire danger. Only dead and downed wood may be collected for campfires within LBL. Chainsaws may be used.
- In developed campgrounds fires must be in grills and fireplaces; **build all campfires so they won't spread.**
- Campers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Public consumption of alcoholic beverages in violation of KY or TN state law is prohibited. In addition, possessing alcoholic beverages outside designated campsites in Piney, Gatlin Point, and the TN portion of Rushing Creek/ Jones Creek is prohibited.
- Construction of storage buildings, toilet buildings, and other structures is strictly prohibited.

BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING AREAS *Each person 18 and older must possess a Backcountry Camping Permit.*

- Includes 15 designated Backcountry Areas with boat ramps—Bacon Creek (temporarily closed due to construction), Boswell Landing, Demumbers Bay, Eddyville Ferry, Ginger Bay, Grays Landing, Kuttawa Landing, Neville Bay, Nickell Branch, Pisgah Point, Redd Hollow, Shaw Branch, Sugar Bay, Taylor Bay, and Twin Lakes. Camping in a designated Backcountry Camping Area is not required. Some areas, but not all, may have picnic tables, fire rings, dumpsters, and toilets.
- You may not camp with a Backcountry Camping Permit within cemeteries; picnic areas; fee campgrounds; Colson Hollow Group Area; Brandon Spring Group Center; the Nature Watch Demonstration Area between Mulberry Flat Road and Silver Trail Road, east of Taylor Bay to Lake Barkley; within 200 yards of US68/KY80, The Trace, Mulberry Flat, Silver Trail, KY Lake Drive, and Fort Henry roads; and within 200 yards of any public day-use facility.
- **Maximum stay**, 14 nights; on 15th day, camping unit and occupants must vacate the backcountry site by moving at least 1-mile away from present campsite for a minimum of 7 days. For information and availability of long-term/seasonal camping with a special-use permit, call 270-924-2044.
- Leaving camping equipment unoccupied overnight or on a site longer than 14 nights is prohibited. Equipment may be removed or towed at owners' expense. No saving sites.

Backcountry Camping Fees

- Annual permit is \$20, 3-night permit is \$5. Two copies provided; must repurchase if both are lost.
- Available at Golden Pond Visitor Center and Wranglers Campground year-round; March through November, permits may be purchased at North and South Welcome Stations, Hillman Ferry, Piney, Energy Lake, Rushing Creek Campgrounds, The Homeplace, and Nature Station. Discounts of any kind do not apply.
- **Group Backcountry Permits:** Available for non-profit, youth, or charitable organizations. Fees begin at \$25. Call 270-924-2044 for more information.
- **Colson Hollow Group Area:** Reservation only. Fees begin at \$50. Call 270-924-2044 for more information.

NEW FOR BACKPACKERS *A backpacker is a person who carries all their camping equipment and personal belongings in a backpack and wears it on their back; walks via a hiking trail to camp one or more nights, generally moving along the trail to a different location by foot each day. This does not include parking a vehicle and carrying supplies by hand to a campsite nearby.*

- If you are backpacking along the Canal Loop, North/South, or Fort Henry Trails, please obtain a free Backpacking Permit. Permits are located at the North Welcome parking lot, parking area across from South Welcome, and Jenny Ridge Picnic Area. Instructions are located with the permits.
- If you plan to camp in a designated Backcountry Camping Area such as Sugar Bay, Nickell Branch, or Twin Lakes while backpacking along a trail, you will need to purchase a Backcountry Camping Permit for each person 18 and over.

SELF-SERVICE CAMPGROUNDS *Read sign and instructions at entrance.*

- Within 30 minutes of arrival, fill out envelope, insert camping fee, and deposit in metal fee tube.
- Basic camping is \$9/night. See special rates for Senior and Access Pass card holders and multiple night discount on Rate Chart at the entrance to the campground. Senior and Access Pass card holders receive 50% off basic camping, and must possess a card to receive discount. Electric rates are not discounted.
- Birmingham Ferry, Fenton, Gatlin Point, and Smith Bay allow a 21-day length of stay. After 21 days, campers must remove all equipment from campground and move at least 1-mile away for 7 consecutive days before returning.
- Cravens Bay, Rushing Creek, and Jones Creek allow a 21-day length of stay and have attendants to monitor the campground (March-November). After 21 days, the camper must vacate campsite and move either to another site in the campground or vacate the campground for at least 7 days before returning to the same site.

Amenities *All Self-Service Campgrounds are small campgrounds and have designated sites with picnic tables, fire rings, toilet, boat ramp, dumpster, and access to drinking water. The following sites offer additional amenities:*

- **Cravens Bay:** Attendant March-October; flush toilets seasonally; sells ice seasonally
- **Fenton:** Designated sites with electric hook-ups
- **Rushing Creek/Jones Creek:** Attendant March-November; open-air showers and flush toilets (seasonally); boat ramp (Kentucky Lake) and 24-hour generator camping at Jones Creek only; sells wood, ice, and Backcountry Camping Permits seasonally; playground; multi-purpose playcourt; drink machine; campers not camped at Rushing or Jones Creek may use the showers for \$2/person
- **Smith Bay:** Drinking water may be accessed at Birmingham Ferry entrance

Other Information

- All camping units, including vehicles, must be placed on designated site pads; they are not permitted on the grass.
- Camping fee is per camping unit, per night (RV, pop-up, van, etc). Two tents are considered one camping unit. Example: Three or four tents are considered two camping units. One camper and one tent are two camping units.
- Each fee allows two vehicles and up to eight people per camping unit, per night.
- Saving or holding sites is prohibited. Actual persons camping at site must occupy unit/site. If using a Senior or Access Pass, the card holder must occupy the site. A pass holder may not receive a discount for multiple sites. Card may not be "borrowed" by a family member or friend.

RULES OF THE ROAD

- All LBL designated roads where public motor vehicle use is authorized are identified on the **Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM)**. This map is available at www.lbl.org, at North and South Welcome Stations, and Golden Pond Visitor Center. **Obtaining this information is your responsibility.**
- Roads signed “Cemetery Use Only” are not to be driven for recreational purposes. They are only to be accessed by those visiting the cemetery. They are not to be used for hunting or camping access.
- Parking is permitted within one vehicle length off an authorized road. Blocking access to any road or trail is prohibited. Driving in and rutting of fields is prohibited and can result in enhanced penalties.
- **OHV's**, including trail bikes, motorcross bikes, mini-bikes, all-terrain vehicles, three and four-wheelers, **may be operated in Turkey Bay OHV Area only**. Street legal and state registered motorcross bikes are legal to ride on all legal roads.
- Maximum speed on The Trace is 50mph. Speed limit through campgrounds and day-use areas is 15mph unless otherwise posted.
- All motor vehicles, including motorcycles, campers, and RV's must be properly licensed to operate on LBL designated roads.
- Golf carts may serve as an additional means of transportation within campgrounds **only** for individuals with physical disabilities. These may only be operated with a displayed DMV issued accessible placard issued to that person.
- Mountain biking is permitted on numbered roads and trails designated for mountain biking. Biking is not permitted on Nature Station Trails or North/South Trail south of Golden Pond. The Fort Henry Trails have been temporarily opened to mountain biking until the new Pryor Creek Trail System is completed. Refer to the LBL Recreation Map or individual trail maps available at the Golden Pond Visitor Center, North and South Welcome Stations, and other LBL facilities.
- Moped operators must comply with all LBL and state regulations. In Kentucky, operators of a scooter/moped/motorized cycle must possess a valid state driver's license. In Tennessee, operators of a scooter/moped/motorized cycle must possess a Motor Driven Cycle License and wear a helmet.

HUNTING AND FISHING

- LBL is a Wildlife Management Area. See the LBL website or visit the Golden Pond Visitor Center or a Welcome Station to obtain LBL hunting and fishing information, regulations, and maps. LBL seasons differ from the states. Knowing where you may and may not hunt or fish is your responsibility.
- Spotlighting by any means is illegal. Injuring or taking wildlife/fish not in-season by licensed or unlicensed persons is illegal.

DOMESTIC ANIMALS

Horses

- All horse trails are signed with brown signs.
- Permits are required for all equestrian use in LBL. Permits can be purchased at Wranglers Campground. Horseback riders can ride along backcountry roads and authorized trails.
- Horses are restricted from hiking trails, except the North/South Trail from Road 342 to Road 204 and the Model Trail around South Bison Range.
- Horses are restricted from US68/KY80, The Trace, and the right-of-way, except from Colson Overlook to Road 170 (Ford's Bay Road) and from Road 356 to Road 204. Crossing The Trace is permitted.
- Horses are prohibited in cemeteries, agricultural fields, and camping/day-use areas.
- Wagons must have fluorescent triangles displayed. For night riding, front and rear lights are required.
- Riders are asked to avoid riding cross-country during periods of wet soil conditions.
- Backcountry camping with horses is prohibited; campers with horses must use Wranglers Campground.

Other Pets

- All dogs, cats, and other pets must be kept on a leash and under control at all times, except hunting dogs during authorized hunts and field trials.
- Pets can get lost in LBL. All pets should have a collar identifying owner's name and contact information, as well as current rabies inoculations (per state regulations).
- Owners are responsible for the actions of their pets; clean up animal waste in developed areas.
- Leaving pets unattended is prohibited.



PROTECT YOUR NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

- Dumping gray or black water onto the ground, in waterways such as lakes and streams, or in chemical or vault toilets is prohibited. Dump stations are provided at North Welcome, South Welcome, and Golden Pond (just south of the Hunter Check Station). All waste must be properly disposed of or packed out.
- Wildlife and plants are protected. Any act which damages or destroys plants or trees is illegal. This includes carvings, nails, and lanterns hanging against trees. No living plants shall be cut, removed, injured, dug, or destroyed unless specifically authorized by written permit or through duly executed contract. (Exception: mushrooms, nuts, berries, or other fruit may be picked or gathered.)

- Respect cemeteries. No camping or riding is permitted within cemetery boundaries.
- Do not dump home or commercial trash anywhere in LBL.
- The use of metal detectors within LBL is strictly prohibited.
- Destruction, defacement, disturbance, or removal of any building, sign, structure, barrier, archaeological artifact, natural feature, or public property of any kind is prohibited.
- Private structures of any kind cannot be built or maintained in LBL.
- Selling goods or items within LBL is allowed by permit only. Advertising and private or public notices may not be distributed or displayed in the area unless authorized. Do not place any information on bulletin boards.
- Violation of the above regulations may result in fines and/or arrest. Violation of other laws may result in a more serious penalty.

FOR YOUR SAFETY *You are responsible for your own safety!*

- **For emergencies or to report a crime (theft, accident, or disturbance), please call 911 or 1-877-861-2457.**
- **Should you need non-emergency law enforcement assistance, contact the USDA Forest Service Law Enforcement Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm by calling 270-924-2196.**
- LBL is not responsible for theft or damage to personal property.
- Possession, transportation, or discharge of firearms, air guns, crossbows, bows and arrows, or other weapons or explosives (including fireworks) are prohibited except as authorized by hunting regulations or special permits.
- Disorderly conduct or disturbance of the peace is prohibited.
- Swimming and boating are permitted except where restricted by signs. No lifeguards are on duty anywhere in LBL. Please do not swim at boat ramps.
- Boats must be operated and equipped in accordance with state and federal boating laws. Boating on impoundments shall be in accordance with regulations posted at each location. Boats are prohibited on ponds.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call 202-720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

For more information on LBL visit www.lbl.org, call 800-LBL-7077, 270-924-2000, or write: Land Between The Lakes, 100 Van Morgan Drive, Golden Pond, Kentucky 42211-9001.