

## General Camping Regulations

- **Alcoholic beverages** in Land Between the Lakes: **Kentucky:** Public consumption of alcohol is prohibited. **Tennessee:** Possession of alcohol outside designated campsites in Piney, Boswell Landing, and Gatlin Point campgrounds is prohibited.
- **Camping equipment:** Securing camping equipment is your responsibility. Any camping equipment left unattended or left on a site longer than the allotted time may be towed/removed at the owner's expense.
- **Campsite occupancy:** Saving and/or holding sites is prohibited. Persons camping at site must occupy unit/site.
- **Children:** Any person under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Dumpsters:** Dumpsters are located at the Golden Pond Visitor Center and all designated camping areas and welcome stations. Dumping home or commercial trash anywhere in Land Between the Lakes is prohibited.
- **Dump stations:** Dump stations are located at North and South Welcome Stations and south of the central Hunter Check Station. Dumping gray or black water on the ground, in waterways, or in chemical or vault toilets is prohibited.
- **Fishing line:** Fishing line recycling is available at most boat ramps. Fishing line that has not been properly disposed of can entangle or choke wildlife.
- **Metal detectors:** Metal detectors are prohibited.
- **Pets:** Leaving pets unattended is prohibited. Keep all pets leashed (6' leash or less) and under control at all times. Hunting dogs during authorized hunts/field trials may be off leash outside campgrounds/camping areas.
- **Quiet hours:** Quiet hours are 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Generators are allowed from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- **Recycling stations:** Recycling stations are located at developed campgrounds, welcome stations, and the Golden Pond Visitor Center.
- **Respect the Resource:** Pack it in, pack it out. Keep your campsite clean and litter free at all times
- **Selling and advertising:** Selling goods or advertising within Land Between the Lakes allowed by permit only.
- **Spotlighting:** Spotlighting by any means is prohibited.
- **Structures:** Construction of structures is strictly prohibited.
- **Swimming:** Do not swim at boat ramps or courtesy docks. Swimming is at your own risk. No lifeguards are on duty anywhere at Land Between the Lakes.
- **Weapons:** Possession, transportation, or discharge of firearms, air guns, crossbows, bows and arrows, or other weapons are prohibited unless authorized by hunting and target range regulations or special permits.

## Prevent Wildfires

- **Know before you go:** check the Alerts webpage of our website for fire danger ratings and fire restrictions.
- Fires must be in grills, fireplaces, and fire rings. If there is no fire ring, **build campfires so they won't spread.**
- Fireworks are prohibited.
- Unattended campfires are prohibited.
- Dead and downed wood can be collected for campfires within Land Between the Lakes. Chainsaws allowed.
- Don't leave your fire unattended until it is completely out and cold to the touch.
- Keep a shovel, water, and fire extinguisher on hand to control your campfire.
- **Report wildfires!** Dial 9-1-1 or call Forest Service Law Enforcement at 877-861-2457.

## Protect Cultural and Natural Resources

- Keep wildlife wild. Wild animals are protected at Land Between the Lakes. Do not harass, feed, or approach wildlife.
- Damaging or destroying plants or trees is illegal and includes: carvings and/or nails in trees; lanterns hanging against trees; and cutting, removing, injuring, digging, or destroying living plants.
- Destruction, defacement, disturbance, or removal of any building, sign, structure, barrier, natural feature, archaeological artifact (including "scrap" metal), or public property of any kind is prohibited.
- Leave plants, flowers, and historic items behind for others to enjoy.
- Mushrooms, nuts, berries, or other fruit may be picked or gathered for personal use.
- Metal detectors are prohibited.

## USDA Forest Service

**Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area**  
Golden Pond Visitor Center  
238 Visitor Center Drive | Golden Pond, KY 42211

**General Information:** 1.800.525.7077 or 270.924.2000

**Website:** [www.landbetweenthe lakes.us](http://www.landbetweenthe lakes.us)

**EMERGENCY or reporting:** 911 or 1.877.861.2457

**Facebook:** @LBLNatlRecArea

**Email:** [LBLInfo@usda.gov](mailto:LBLInfo@usda.gov)

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# General Camping Rules

## LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES National Recreation Area

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### Backpack Camping

- Backpack campers must wear and carry all their camping equipment and personal belongings in a backpack and walk 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 backpacking along the Canal Loop, North/South, or Fort Henry Trails, there is no fee for this form of camping.
- Camping in a designated Basic Camping Facility while backpacking requires purchase of a Basic Camping Permit for each person ages 18 and over. Open year-round.

### Basic Camping

- Although basic camping facilities have fewer amenities than developed campgrounds, they can offer solitude and a more primitive camping experience. Open year-round. Basic Camping Permit required.

### Developed Campgrounds

- Includes Energy Lake, Hillman Ferry, Piney, and Wranglers Campgrounds. See website or individual campground brochures for more information. Developed campgrounds are open March through November with the exception of Wranglers which is open year-round. Nightly fee. Basic/Dispersed Camping Permit not applicable.

### Dispersed Camping

- Includes remote campsites throughout the recreation area. If you camp in a location not designated on our map, it is generally considered dispersed camping. Open year-round. Dispersed Camping Permit required.

### Self-Service Campgrounds

- Offers amenities including designated campsite pads, picnic tables, grills, fire rings, vault toilets, trash pickup, lake access, and boat ramps. Open year-round. Nightly fee. Basic/Dispersed Camping Permit not applicable.

## Basic and Dispersed Camping

### Basic/Dispersed Camping Permit:

- Each person ages 18 and older must possess a Basic/Dispersed Camping Permit.
- Annual and 3-day permits are available for purchase.
- Permits available for purchase 24/7 through the official Land Between the Lakes website: [www.landbetweenthelakes.us/reservations](http://www.landbetweenthelakes.us/reservations)
- Permits can also be purchased year-round at the Golden Pond Visitor Center and Wranglers Campground or during March through November at North and South Welcome Stations, Homeplace, Nature Station, and Hillman Ferry, Piney, and Energy Lake Campgrounds.
- See website or *Rates and Hours* brochure for permit fee information. Discounts of any kind do not apply.
- Basic/Dispersed Camping Permit not applicable at Self-Service or Developed Campgrounds.

### Maximum Stay at Basic/Dispersed Facilities:

- Maximum stay: 14 nights during any 30 consecutive days. On day 15, camping unit and occupants must move off Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area.
- Leaving camping equipment unoccupied overnight or on a site longer than 14 nights is strictly prohibited.

### Basic and Dispersed Camping is Prohibited:

- Within cemeteries, picnic areas, and day-use areas
- With horses
- Within nightly fee campgrounds
- Within Colson Hollow Group Camp
- Within Brandon Spring Group Center
- Within Woodlands Nature Watch Area between Mulberry Flat Road and Silver Trail Road, east of Taylor Bay to Lake Barkley
- Within 200 yards of US68/KY80, Woodlands Trace National Scenic Byway, Mulberry Flat, Silver Trail, KY Lake Drive, and Fort Henry roads
- Within 200 yards of any public day-use facility, Nature Watch Demonstration Area in TN south of Ft. Henry Road, or Central Hardwoods Scenic Trail

### Basic Camping Facilities:

- Demumbers Bay, Ginger Bay, Neville Bay, Pisgah Point, and Twin Lakes are our five basic camping facilities. Basic camping amenities may include boat ramps, picnic tables, fire rings and/or grills, dumpsters, mowed areas, and vault toilets.

## Self-Service Campgrounds

### Self-Service Campground Payment Information:

- Read sign and instructions at entrance.
- Campers pay a nightly per camping unit fee for camping at Self-Service Campgrounds.
- Within 30 minutes of arrival at a Self-Service Campground, campers must fill out an envelope, insert camping fee, and deposit in metal fee tube. Payment is with cash or check only.
- The Basic/Dispersed Camping Permit cannot be used at Self-Service Campgrounds.

### Self-Service Campground Fee Information:

- See rate chart at campground entrance for fee information. Fees for each campground are also available online: [www.landbetweenthelakes.us](http://www.landbetweenthelakes.us).
- Senior and Access Pass cardholders receive 50% off camping. Electric usage is not discounted.
- Pass cardholders must possess a card to receive discount and must occupy the site. Card may not be borrowed by a family member or friend.

### Self-Service Campground Camping Unit Information:

- Camping fee is per camping unit, per night:
  - Two tents = one camping unit
  - Three or four tents = two camping units
  - One camper and one tent = two camping units
- Each fee allows two vehicles and up to eight people per camping unit, per night.
- Two camping units are allowed on each site.
- All camping units, including vehicles and tents, must be placed on designated site pads- not on grass.

### Maximum stay at Basic/Dispersed facilities:

- Maximum stay is 14 days during any 30 consecutive days. On day 15, camping unit and occupants must move off of Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area.

### Self-Service Campground Facilities:

- Birmingham Ferry, Boswell Landing, Cravens Bay, Fenton, Gatlin Point, Nickell Branch, Redd Hollow, Smith Bay, Sugar Bay, and Taylor Bay.
- Self-Service Campgrounds offer designated campsite pads, picnic tables, grills, fire rings, vault toilets, trash pickup, lake access, and boat ramps.
- Cravens Bay and Fenton are small campgrounds that have designated sites with access to drinking water, picnic tables, fire rings, toilets, boat ramps, and dumpsters. In addition, Cravens Bay has flush toilets and sells ice seasonally; Fenton offers designated sites with electric hook-ups.

## Seasonal/Long-Term Camping

- **Seasonal Camping:** Call 270.924.2044

## Group Camps

- **Brandon Spring Group Center:** Reservations required. For information, call 931.232.7405.
- **Colson Hollow Group Camp:** Reservations required. For information, call 270.924.2044.

## Rules of the Road

- Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) designates roads where public motor vehicle use is authorized in Land Between the Lakes. **Obtaining this information is your responsibility.** The MVUM is available online at [www.landbetweenthelakes.us/maps](http://www.landbetweenthelakes.us/maps).
- All motor vehicles, including motorcycles, campers, and RVs, must be properly licensed.
- Roads signed "Cemetery Use Only" are only to be accessed by those visiting the cemetery. No recreational access allowed.
- Parking is permitted within one vehicle length off a Forest Service authorized road.
- Blocking access to any road, trail, or gate is prohibited.
- 50 mph speed limit on Woodlands Trace Scenic Byway.
- Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs), including trail bikes, motocross bikes, mini-bikes, all-terrain vehicles, and three and four-wheelers, must be operated in Turkey Bay OHV Area only. E-bikes and street legal and state-registered motocross bikes are legal to ride on all authorized roads.
- Moped operators must comply with all Land Between the Lakes and state regulations:
  - Kentucky:** Scooter/moped/motorized cycle operators must have a valid state driver's license
  - Tennessee:** Scooter/moped/motorized cycle operators must have a Motor-Driven Cycle License and wear a helmet
- Biking is not permitted on Nature Station Trails or south of Golden Pond on the North/South Trail.
- Golf carts are prohibited except at Cravens Bay, Hillman Ferry, Energy Lake, and Piney Campgrounds. Golf cart drivers must be 16+ years of age and have a valid operators license.

**Remember: you are responsible  
for your own safety.**