


# Land Between The Lakes



- “Keep it Clean - Keep it Open”  
Please remove bait containers, fishing line, and other trash.  
 There are fishing line recycling stations near many LBL boat ramps.
- Check the LBL Recreation Map (also available online) for refuge boundaries and closure dates.
- Thanks for helping to protect your public land!

## 2010 LBL ANGLING INFORMATION

The Land Between The Lakes area has some of the nation's best sport fishing opportunities for bass, crappie, sauger, catfish, and bluegill. For anglers 16 and older (13 and older in Tennessee), a fishing license is required; an LBL permit is **not** required. Anglers must have a license for the state in which they are fishing, except there is a reciprocal agreement for a portion of Kentucky Lake, as described in the left margin on back. Fishing licenses are sold at many local businesses outside LBL. Respective state fishing regulations and limits apply except for those listed in the special sport fishing regulations table below. Anglers should carefully examine state regulations as size and creel limits can vary, dependent upon location. **The LBL Fishing Report is available by calling 270-924-2000 and selecting option 2.**

### Special Sport Fishing Regulations

LBL Area	Open Dates	Size Limit* Black Bass	Size Limit Crappie	Special Regulations
Bards Lake** (TN)	Year-round	15"	10"	No wake No more than 20 shell crackers per day & 15 crappie creel limit.
Energy Lake (KY)	Year-round, except western third-open Mar. 16-Oct. 31	15"	10"	No wake
Hematite Lake (KY)	Bank: Mar. 16-Oct. 31 Boat: May 16-Oct. 31 No boats with gasoline engines.	12"	None (0)	<b>Special Creel Limit:</b> 10 sunfish 8" and larger; and no more than 20 total redear sunfish.
Duncan Lake (KY)	Mar. 16-Oct. 31 No boats with gasoline engines.	12"	None (0)	<b>Special Creel Limit:</b> 10 sunfish 8" and larger; and no more than 20 total redear sunfish.
Honker Lake (KY)	Mar. 16-Oct. 31	15"	10"	No wake
Long Creek (KY) (Between Hematite and Honker Lakes)	Mar. 16-Oct. 31	15"	10"	None
Long Creek Pond (KY) (North side of Hwy. 68)	Mar. 16-Oct. 31	15"	10"	None
Visitor Center Pond (KY)	Year-round	12"	None (0)	<b>Special Creel Limit:</b> 5 catfish, 15" minimum size
Interior Ponds	Year-round	KY-12" TN-None (0)	KY-None (0) TN-10"	No minnows
Wildlife Refuges*** Fulton Bay (KY) Honker Bay (KY) Duncan Bay (KY) Smith Bay (KY) Rushing Bay (TN)	Mar. 16-Oct. 31 " " " "	15" " " " "	10" " " " "	See State Regs. " " " " "

\*There is no size limit for spotted bass in Kentucky (KY) or Tennessee (TN) portions.

\*\*Trotlines and limblines prohibited in Bards Lake. Jug fishing permitted from October 1 to March 21, with limits of 10 jugs per person, all jugs must be removed.

\*\*\*Other areas may be closed as indicated by buoys and signs.

### Bowfishing and Frog Gigging

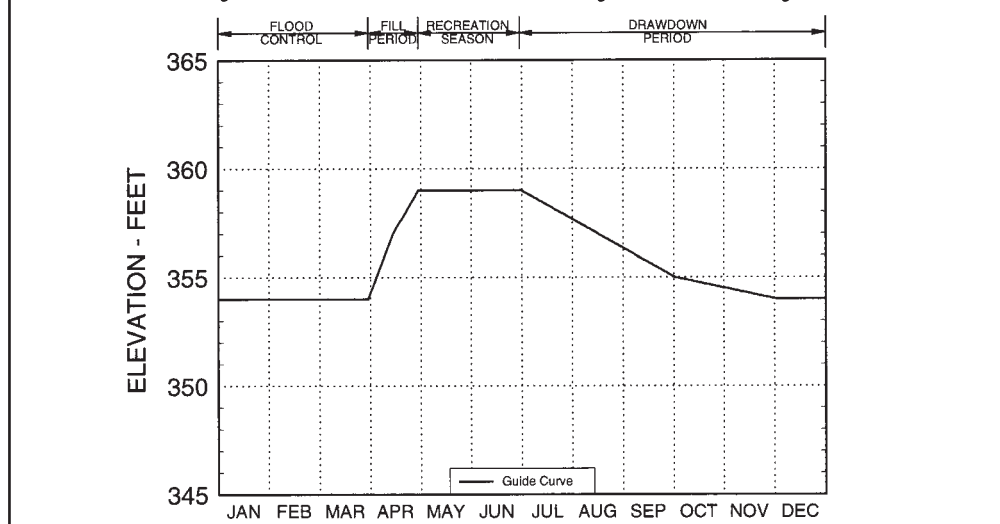
Bowfishing is permitted for nongame fish species along the LBL shoreline of Kentucky and Barkley Lakes and in Honker, Energy, and Bards interior lakes when open to fishing. Fishing licenses are required from the respective states where bowfishing is done.

Frog gigging is permitted by gig only (no firearms) in LBL interior ponds, Bards, Energy, and Honker Lakes from May 15 through Aug. 31. Daily limit is 15. Frog gigging is permitted along the LBL shoreline by gig only in accordance with statewide seasons and regulations. According to Kentucky state law, either a hunting or fishing license may be used for frog gigging. In Tennessee, only a hunting license is valid for frog gigging.

**Note: Individuals frog gigging with a hunting license in the Kentucky portion of LBL and all Tennessee frog giggers must possess an LBL Hunter Use Permit.**



### Monthly Water Levels on Kentucky and Barkley Lakes



The annual water level pattern is the same for Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley, as the lakes are joined by a canal at LBL's north end. Some day-to-day variations in water levels occur, but levels generally follow this graph. Much higher water levels may occur during flooding or lower levels may occur during droughts in any season.

#### Reciprocal Agreement on Kentucky Lake:

Anglers can now fish, with either a Kentucky or Tennessee fishing license, from Eggnor's Ferry Bridge (U.S. Hwy 68/80 in Kentucky) south to the Gov. Ned McWherter Bridge (U.S. Hwy 79 in Tennessee) including all embayments except Blood River in Kentucky. Anglers must abide by each state's size and creel limits when fishing waters in that state.

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For more information on LBL write: Land Between The Lakes, 100 Van Morgan Drive, Golden Pond, KY 42211-9001, call 270-924-2000, or visit our web site at [www.lbl.org](http://www.lbl.org).

#### Seasonal Fishing Opportunities: Kentucky and Barkley Lakes

##### Spring (April to June)

Fishing success is rated excellent. As waters warm above 60°F fish move to shallow areas in protected coves to spawn. Fish for crappie, largemouth bass, and a variety of sunfish in these areas around any form of cover. Fish for catfish below the dams and in the main lakes near riprap and large rock banks.

##### Summer (July to mid-September)

Fishing success is rated good. As water temperatures rise above 80°F fish move to deeper main lake areas along sand bars and old creek channels. Fish for white bass (sometimes called "stripes"), catfish, sauger, and largemouth and smallmouth bass near drop-offs in 8 to 20 feet of water. Sunfish can still be caught in shallows near the banks. Fish for catfish and rockfish below the dams.

##### Fall (mid-September to mid-November)

Fishing success is rated good. Fish move along main lake shorelines and into the deeper bays. Fish for crappie and largemouth and smallmouth bass around brush, logs, and other cover near the bank in 3 to 10 feet of water. Fish for catfish near the river channels or in the dam tailwaters.

##### Winter (mid-November to mid-March)

Fishing success is rated fair. Fish for crappie along drop-offs with cover in 10 to 20 feet of water in the main lakes or in larger bays. Fish for smallmouth bass on sunny main lake gravel bars and points. Fish 30 to 40 feet deep for catfish near the river channels or below the dams.

#### Eagle Nests on LBL Shoreline

Several bald eagle nests are active at LBL each year. Some of these are near the shoreline. Please avoid disturbing eagles by not approaching too closely. Although bald eagles are no longer listed under the Endangered Species Act, they are still protected.

#### Have questions on LBL or state fisheries and wildlife management programs?

##### Contact:

Environmental Stewardship Dept.  
Land Between The Lakes  
100 Van Morgan Drive  
Golden Pond, Kentucky 42211-9001  
Phone 270-924-2065  
(8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mon-Fri)

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency  
Ellington Agricultural Center  
P.O. Box 40747  
Nashville, Tennessee 37204  
Phone 615-781-6500

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources  
#1 Sportsman's Lane  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601  
Phone 800-858-1549

#### Reporting Illegal Activities

To report illegal fish and wildlife activities call:

USDA Forest Service Law Enforcement Office	877-861-2457 or 270-924-2196
Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency	800-831-1173
Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources	800-252-5378