



# 2025-2026 Kentucky fishing and hunting licenses available

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annual Fishing License for \$23 or a 3-year Fishing License for added convenience and value at just \$55.  
Licenses and permits are sold online through Kentucky Fish and Wildlife’s website License Sales portal, searchable off the homepage at fw.ky.gov. Licenses and permits also are sold at agent locations across the state. A list of license agents by county is available on the department’s website.  
The department receives its primary funding through revenue raised by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, as well as federal excise taxes generated by the sale of recreational firearms and ammunition, archery gear and fishing equipment. Springtime provides many opportunities to take someone new into the field. Youth turkey weekend is April 5-6, while the main turkey season opens a week later, on April 12. The Youth Sportsman’s License, available to residents ages 12-15, is a great value at \$30 and covers turkey hunting and deer hunting.  
The warmer weather also provides for fantastic fishing across the state. Learn about those opportunities in the Fishing and Boating Guide. The 2025-2026 guide is available on the agency website.  
Another great resource is the Fish Boat KY app. Available free from iTunes and Google Play, the app helps anglers find waterbodies, boat ramps and other water access from the palm of their hand. Users can also search by species of fish, store copies of their licenses, and much more using the smartphone app  
To learn all the basics on hunting and fishing, the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website (fw.ky.gov) has many resources for individuals new to the sports. For in-person classes, search Hook and Cook or Field to Fork on the site. Classes are offered across the state to provide learning opportunities for all ages.  
Anglers from throughout the central United States come to Kentucky to fish its waters, including the state’s renowned trout fishery in the Cumberland River and the crappie fishery in Kentucky and Barkley lakes. Kentucky is a top destination nationally for deer hunting and maintains the largest elk herd east of the Rocky Mountains. The application period to apply for a 2025 elk hunt runs through April 30.  
For more information about hunting and fishing opportunities in Kentucky, visit the department website at fw.ky.gov. For questions, call 1-800-858-1549, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (ET) weekdays, excluding holidays.



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## Floodplains and Wetlands Early Public Notice Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

To: All persons of the Hyden-Leslie Water District, Leslie County, Kentucky  
This is to give notice that the **Hyden-Leslie Water District under 24 CFR Part 58** has conducted an evaluation as required by [Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990], in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its project in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment for the Wilder Branch Pump Station Project. The Wilder Branch Pump Station Project will consist of 1 Duplex pump station, site work and a permanent generator at Wilder Branch, 1 duplex pump station, site work and a permanent generator at Trace Branch, 1 duplex pump station telemetry package for Wilder Branch and 1 duplex pump station telemetry package for Trace Branch. It will also include a telemetry repeater at the hospital hill tank, a central telemetry unit at the water treatment plant, 39 water meters with radio read, 39 of the 5/8” x 3/4” tandem setter tub w/IPRV (installed), and electrical service to both pump stations.

Written comments must be received by Kentucky River Area Development District at the following address on or before **March 14, 2025. Kentucky River Area Development District, 941 N. Main Street Hazard, KY 41701, (606) 436-3158**, Attention: **Lisa Napier, Assistant Director of Community and Economic Development during the hours of 8am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday.** Comments may also be submitted via email at **lisa@kradd.org**.

Date: February 25, 2025

# So Be It..... Little Children Make a Difference (Part 2)

“No sir, but she was always at our house. When Bob here was sick, she nursed him so tenderly, and her hymns would calm him when nothing else worked. She did that for everyone in the neighborhood. What she’s been to us, only God Himself knows. And now she’s gone.”  
Dr. Gordon entered the small room where Annie lay at rest. Beside the coffin, an elderly woman wept. “I never thought she’d go before me. She came every evening to read and sing to me. Her prayers, oh, those prayers, they brought to me Jesus. You could almost feel Heaven just listening to her.” A man gently placed his arms around her shoulders. “Mother, come home now. We will see her again.” “I know, I know. She told me she’d wait for me at the gate.”  
The room fell quiet as Dr. Gordon prepared to lead the service. Flowers surrounded Annie’s small body. A young girl stood nearby, lost in grief, having placed a single dandelion in Annie’s hands.  
When the service had ended, people lingered, one after another stepping forward for a final look. It seemed no one could bear to let her go.  
The next day a man knocked at Dr. Gordon’s door. “I’m Annie’s uncle. She wouldn’t rest until I promised to join the church. I’m here to keep that promise.”  
Matthew 19:14. Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”  
I want to encourage everyone who is involved in the children’s ministry at your church. Please don’t take it lightly thinking it’s not important enough. God has called you into an im-

portant part of a child’s life through the church, the body of Christ. They are your little flock, and you have been commissioned to lead them through the love of Jesus. You are important in your church under the leadership of your pastor. There are four things Jesus taught about children’s ministries. One day, Jesus’s disciples came to him with a question, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” (Matthew 18:1) The parallel passage in Luke 9:46-48 reveals that the disciples had been debating among themselves as to which of them would be the greatest. It’s as if each of Jesus’s followers is asking, “Will it be me?” Jesus responded to their self-indulgent questions in the Bible by telling them to prioritize children. He answered his disciples by telling them to: 1) become like children, 2) welcome children, 3) protect them, and 4) value them as a kingdom priority.  
Jesus sees children differently. Little ones are valuable to Him. Each child should be respected as one of God’s precious little ones. They should not be seen as a bother or a nuisance to be taken into some shabby room for someone to babysit while “big” church goes on. In one sense they are just a miniature church that needs a shepherd to love them and lead them to Jesus. You are to teach children with the whole Bible. Encourage them to develop a Biblical mindset and Christian worldview. Encourage children to give their hearts to Jesus by leading them to recognize their sinful nature and to respond in repentance and faith in God. Encourage them to trust in the promises of God. Fix up the classroom in fun colors, books,



posters, etc. Teach them in a fun way a child can understand. Invest some creative time in making the class exciting. PRAY! PLAN! PLAY! They will be excited to come.  
Annie Graham is a true story, and I hope and pray it will inspire all children’s ministry teams and every Sunday school teacher! You have a high calling, and you do make a difference! Make it count. Pray for the children in your classes. You are not a church babysitter. You are their shepherd, and they are your little sheep. How many little ‘Annie Grahams’ might there be in our churches that would go out do the work of Jesus in their own circle of friends and even adults all because you invested in their lives. Nothing is more precious than the faith of a child! AMEN! SO BE IT (3.5.25)  
JOYFUL House of Prayer, 2519 Quicksand Road, (P.O. Box 856), Jackson, Kentucky 41339. Send Comments/Prayer Requests to: Pastornaomi-4god@gmail.com. FB: JoyfulHoprayer. Services: 10am Sunday and Joyful Kids class at 10:30am. 6:30pm Thursdays. Radio Broadcast: WJSN 97.3 FM & WEKG 81.0 AM Sundays 1-2pm  
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