

2026-2027 Kentucky fishing and hunting licenses available

The 2026-2027 Kentucky license year for fishing, hunting, boating and more begins on Sunday, March 1, 2026. Outdoor enthusiasts are able to purchase all the licenses, tags and permits they need to enjoy Kentucky's outdoors through the end of February 2027.

Licenses and permits are sold online through the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resource's License Sales portal and the My Profile app, both searchable on the department's website at fw.ky.gov. Licenses and permits also are sold at agent locations across the state. A list of license agent locations by county is available on the department's website.

The 2026-2027 license and permit fees will remain the same as the current license year ending Saturday, Feb. 28, 2026. License and permit fees for the 2025-2026 license year were increased slightly across the board in January 2026 following a new, inflation-based pricing system measured on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the national measure of inflation calculated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Federal Duck Stamp and application fees were exempt from CPI adjustments.

In Kentucky, a license covers basic hunting or fishing for many species, whereas additional state permits are required when pursuing specific species, such as fishing for trout or hunting for migratory birds, deer, wild turkey or black bear. Sportsmen's-

type licenses include multiple species permits as well as basic hunting and fishing privileges.

For newcomers to all the great outdoor opportunities that Kentucky has to offer, a reduced-cost sportsman's license is now available for resident first-time buyers. Only individuals who have not purchased an annual Kentucky hunting or fishing license - or a combination license that includes an annual license - since 1996 are eligible. The \$37 license includes a resident hunting and fishing license, spring turkey permit, fall turkey permit, trout permit, state migratory bird and waterfowl permit and statewide deer permit.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife provides a number of resources to assist avid outdoor enthusiasts and newcomers alike with information on waterbodies, public lands, fishing and hunting education and all the regulations to help anglers and hunters make the most of their time outdoors via its website and the hunting and fishing guides it produces annually. This includes the new Fishing and Boating Guide available online and in print.

Another great resource is the Fish Boat KY app. Available free from the Apple App Store 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.

The department receives its primary funding through revenue raised by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and permits, as well as federal

excise taxes generated by the sale of recreational firearms and ammunition, archery gear and fishing equipment.

For questions, the pub-

lic may refer to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Licenses webpage or type "Licenses" into the search bar on the agency website (fw.ky.gov), or contact the

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Information Center at 800-858-1549 or at info.center@ky.gov, weekdays 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Eastern), except holidays.



Down by the Jordan River

Talented Northern Kentucky painter Tammy Stephens has been hired by the Warsaw Christian Church to paint a mural on the walls surrounding its baptistry. The mural shows the Jordan River and its surroundings. She also painted the large mural on the walls of the Gallatin County Public Library that lead to the children's wing. Photo by Kelley Warnick

Public Meeting Notice (26001-PMN)

Owen County Public Transit will be conducting a public meeting to recommend and update its passenger fare schedule and operating hours, the first proposed fare adjustment since 2016.

To facilitate public comment in this process, OCPT is providing two (2) avenues of participation for the public meeting to be held on Monday, March 19, 2026, at 10 AM EST.

1. In-Person: Owen County Courthouse, Second Floor, 100 North Thomas Street, Owenton, Kentucky 40359
2. Virtual Zoom meeting:

Topic: Public Hearing - Owen County Public Transit
 Time: Mar 19, 2026, 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
 Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/96916313630?pwd=sCY2sYek0PTLaAYYDEiE8kAGyi5OF.1>

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In addition to attending the meetings listed above, comments may be submitted via email to ptcomment@owencountyky.us, via the customer care line at 502.750-2828.

No final decisions have been made. As required by federal regulations, OCPT will conduct an analysis and gather public input through meetings and multiple feedback channels before any fare changes are considered.

If approved, the new fare structure will go into effect on July 1, 2026.

1. Operational Hours:

- a. Proposed operational hours change:

Current Hours		SFY27 New Hours	
Hours	Days	Hours	Days
6am - 4pm EST	Monday-Friday	6am - 6pm EST	Monday-Friday
		6am - 12pm EST	Saturday

2. Fare Rate Change:

- a. Proposed fare rate change:

Current Fare Rate Structure	SFY27 Fare Rate Structure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All trips up to 10 miles one way \$3.00 • All trips over 10 miles one way \$3.00 + \$.40/mile • Dialysis and Cancer Treatments \$10.00/round trip (up to 85 miles round trip) • Any trips over 85 miles \$10 + \$.40/mile after the 85 miles maximum \$40/week • Multiple out of town trips for work \$10/round trip (up to 85 miles round trip) • (Must not have a car or may not have a valid driver's license; unless prior approval by administration) • Any trips over 85 miles \$10 + \$.40/mile after the 85 miles maximum \$40/week • Veteran medical appointments 1/2 off regular price (If OCPT receives grant money from the State of KY for Veterans, the fare will be free. If we do not have grant money the fares will be 1/2 off the regular rate.) • Any appointments out of the State of Kentucky \$3.00 + \$.40/mile 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All trips \$1.00/mile

New agriculture plate offered

Kentucky drivers can now show their appreciation for the state's agriculture community with a new license plate. The "Friends of Agriculture" special license plate is now available for all vehicles. Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell has announced.

The new plate was made possible after House Bill 157 (HB 157), which was sponsored by Reps. Ken Upchurch, Adam Moore, and Mitch Whitaker, passed during the 2025 legislative session. HB 157 expands the eligibility for an agriculture special license plate.

Before its passage the

previous agricultural special license plate was only applicable for those with a qualified farm vehicle.

The "Friends of Agriculture" plate does not replace the farm plate. The new plate is an additional way for individuals to show their pride in Kentucky agriculture, but don't qualify for the farm plate.

FFA and 4-H members from across the state submitted designs for the new plate.

The final plate design features a scenic rolling hills farmland highlighted with an image of the flag of the United States in the corner.

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- Feature Item: Mini Marble \$3.29 lb
- Mild Cheddar \$3.19 lb.
- Habanero Jalapeno \$3.39 lb.
- Honey Ham \$4.49 lb.
- Rotisserie Chicken \$6.09 lb.
- Garlic Bologna \$5.39 lb.