

Hunting and fishing licenses available for '26-27

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FRANKFORT — The 2026-2027 Kentucky license year for fishing, hunting, boating and more began Sunday, March 1, so outdoor enthusiasts can now buy 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.

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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



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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.

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.

If you have questions, go to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Licenses webpage or type "Licenses" into the search bar on the agency website (fw.ky.gov). You also reach them by calling 800-858-1549 or at info.center@ky.gov, weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (ET), except holidays.

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Legacy Greenscapes: March Newsletter

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2026 Newsletter:

VOLUNTEERING WITH A SIDE OF CHILI

In February we had a decent turnout for our Chili Fellowship for Great Backyard Bird Count as well as the Community Work Dance Party - including an inquisitive Northern Mocking Bird (*Mimus polyglottos*)! We worked on take-and-make kits to start perennial plants from seed. Distribution of kits will happen intermittently throughout the month. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram for latest updates!

MEET US OUT HERE FOR MORE COMMUNITY WORK DANCE PARTIES ON THESE DATES:

Mon, Mar 16th, 3-6pm
- Trash Pick-up
Mon, Mar 30th, 3-6pm
- Perennial Plantings

More Benches Coming Soon - Now is Your Chance to Sponsor One!

Become an enduring part of Legacy Grove Park!

The Legacy Giving Commemorative Bench Program allows our supporters to honor the life of a friend or family member and provide an attractive and useful amenity to the park and its green spaces. Sponsor a bench and commemorate it with a plaque.

The placement of memorial benches is limited at Legacy Grove. Only two more benches are available! Bench donation cost is \$3,000.

For more information or to apply, fill out this form. Or contact Director, Jayd Raines at director@legacygreenscapes.org

Do you create sustainable fashion? Your

looks can walk our runway!

Last year we hosted our first Sustainable Fashion Show and had five designers showcase over 20 designs during our Earth Day Celebration. The beautiful clothing were created by using sustainable practices like upcycling techniques, thrifting, and repurposing. The result was an incredible show that inspired!

Are you a designer, crafter, or artist that works in fashion or textiles and would like to walk in our fashion show? Find out more and sign-up here!

PARK HIGHLIGHTS

Winter Ice Storm at the Park

Like much of the rest of Kentucky, Legacy Grove was under several inches of ice. A slippery blank

slate if only for a couple weeks. During the thaw, we captured little moments of life, like this little plant covered in sculptural ice crystals. The beautiful little things are awaiting at the park for those who care to look.

Fair-Weather Days Brings Crowds

A respite between the ice storm and the rainy upcoming week, a break in the weather or a wonderful "False Spring" brought out the crowds at the playground. We've got a ways to go until the weather stays warm enough to turn on the bathrooms - but probably around the beginning of May!

Legacy Picks Up our Bluegrass Gives Check!

Thanks to the community fundraising efforts during Bluegrass Gives in

December helped us raise over \$43,000 (that is donations made by folks like you!). This February we attended a check presentation by the Bluegrass Community Foundation where \$916,322 was distributed to 33 non-profits in Clark County.

Who lives at the park? Purple Finch, Haemorhous purpureus!

Spotted during our Bird Walk for the Great Backyard Bird Count, this Purple Finch was spotted - although we might consider the bird more red then purple. This bird is a species that was introduced from the European continent but now calls large parts of the United States their home, including Legacy Grove!

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Howdy folks!

Your friend Jayd here. Hard to believe that it is the 1st of March! Spring is knocking at our door and with it comes loads of fun at Legacy Grove. You can see from the newsletter that activities are really starting to ramp up. One of the things that I am most excited about is the addition of a few Movie Nights to our Legacy Nights events! Our collaboration last Fall with Leeds Center for the Arts to show a movie was such a popular event that we couldn't help but make it a more frequent event.

I hope that you are all looking forward to Spring as much as we are. Lets look ahead to sunny days, warm temperatures and green grass!

Jayd Raines

Executive Director

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