



Big South Fork NRRRA Hunting Guide

2006

Welcome to Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area (NRRRA). We are one of the few National Park Service units legislated for hunting. Since the National Park Service manages Big South Fork NRRRA, some additional laws and regulations will apply. We hope you enjoy your hunting experience in Big South Fork and wish you good luck!

SEASONS

The seasons within the Big South Fork NRRRA are the same as the statewide seasons. The exception to this is in Kentucky, the seasons vary from the statewide seasons. These variances are listed in the wildlife management area section of the Kentucky Hunting & Trapping Guide under Big South Fork.

While hogs may be hunted during normal big game seasons, an extended season for hog hunting will run from January 18, 2006 to February 28, 2006 in both states. A National Park Service permit and a state Big Game License are required to hunt hogs during this season in Big South Fork NRRRA. Permits are \$5.00 and may be purchased at park visitor centers or from numerous vendors adjacent to the park. For more information contact 606-376-5073 (KY) or 423-286-7275 (TN).



Except for the following listed regulations, the hunting regulations within the Big South Fork NRRRA are the same as the respective state. In other words, when hunting in Tennessee—follow Tennessee regulations; and when hunting in Kentucky—follow Kentucky regulations

You must have the appropriate license for the state in which you are hunting.

SAFETY ZONES

Hunting is permitted anywhere within Big South Fork NRRRA, except for those areas designated as safety zones. These safety zones are located around developed areas and a listing is included at the end of this guide.

The safety zone maps are also available as separate handouts and may be found at either park visitor center.

BAITING

The placement of salt, minerals, or food items or other bait to attract wildlife to a specific area is prohibited. (36 C.F.R. 2.2(b)(4)) This does not prohibit the use of cover scents, or attractant scents.

HUNTER ORANGE

All hunters, including those hunting small game, and those accompanying hunters during any big game firearm season (except turkey) shall wear a minimum of 500 square inches of blaze orange on their head and upper body during day light hours. (36 C.F.R. 1.5(2))

HORSES

Hunting from or possessing a loaded weapon upon a horse or other animal is prohibited within the park. (36 C.F.R. 2.4(b)) This does not prohibit you from using your horse to get to the area in which you wish to hunt as long as it is an area that is open to horse use. You must, however, dismount from your horse prior to loading your gun or beginning to hunt.



FIREARMS

You may not possess a loaded firearm in or on a motor vehicle. A firearm is considered loaded if there are rounds in the chamber or magazine, a muzzleloader is unloaded if there is no cap on the nipple or powder in the priming pan. (36 C.F.R. 2.4 (b)) You may not possess a loaded firearm in a boat or vessel except when that boat or vessel is being used as a shooting platform in accordance with State and Federal law. You may only load your firearm after the motor has been shut off and all forward motion due to that motor has stopped. (36 C.F.R. 2.4(b)) Firearms may be transported in or on a motor vehicle, boat or horse but they must be rendered temporarily inoperable, or packed, stored or cased in a manner that prevents their ready use. (36 C.F.R. 2.4 (a)(3)) This law can be satisfied several ways, a cased unloaded gun satisfies the requirements of this law. An unloaded gun with a trigger lock installed satisfies this law. An unloaded gun with the ammunition stored in a separate part of the vehicle satisfies this law. An unloaded gun laying in the passengers seat with the ammunition right beside it does not satisfy the requirements of this law.

DOGS

Dogs may not be used to hunt any big game animal within the Big South Fork N.R.R.A. Dogs may be used to hunt small game, game birds, and those furbearers authorized by State Law. The practice known as trolling or tramping of raccoon and squirrel dogs and related activities are prohibited along the Leatherwood Ford Road, the Bandy Creek East and West Access Roads, the Blue Heron Road, East Rim Overlook Road, Yahoo Falls and Alum Ford Roads within the boundaries of the Big South Fork N.R.R.A. (36 C.F.R. 2.15(b))

FOOD STORAGE

Food storage regulations are strictly enforced throughout the park. Campers must have all food storage containers and/or coolers placed inside a vehicle when not attended. If backpacking, campers should hang backpacks and food packs from trees using the proper technique (contact visitor centers for more information). Do not leave any food or food scraps behind, please leave a clean camp.

VEHICLES/ATV's

Vehicles and ATV's must stay on designated roads or trails. Motorized vehicles, including ATV's are not allowed in the gorge area of the park.

ROCKSHELTERS/ ARCHES

This is a National Park Service area, therefore, cultural resources are protected from looting and digging. These types of offenses constitute a criminal offense and will be prosecuted.

TREE STANDS

Permanent treestands and "screw-in" treestand steps are prohibited.



Tennessee Safety Zones

1. East Rim/Headquarters Area
2. Bandy Creek Campground Area
3. Oscar Blevins Farm
4. Station Camp Horse Camp
5. Station Camp River Crossing
6. Charit Creek Lodge
7. Burnt Mill Bridge
8. Brewster Bridge
9. Peters Bridge

Kentucky Safety Zones

1. Yahoo Falls Area
2. Alum Ford Campground and River Access
3. Yamacraw Bridge
4. Worley River Access
5. Blue Heron Area
6. Bear Creek Horse Camp