

Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area
Kentucky & Barkley Lakes
Visitor & Impact Report
Grand Rivers, Kentucky

Grand Rivers, Kentucky, is the Northern Gateway to Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area (LBL), a 170,000-acre, with 110,000 acres located in Kentucky, outdoorsmen's paradise between Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley in western Kentucky and Tennessee. The Northern entrance to the recreation area is located on Highway 453/Trace, 4.5 miles from Interstate 24 exit 31, making the location easily and quickly accessible for travelers and vacationers. Highway 453/The Trace is the only access to the North Entrance of the Land Between the Lakes.

Lake Barkley is 58,000 acres of water to explore, one of Kentucky's biggest and most popular bodies of water. Nearby Kentucky Lake connects to Lake Barkley and forms the 170,000-acre peninsula, the Land Between the Lakes. Combined Kentucky Lake, the largest manmade lake in the eastern United States, and Lake Barkley provide over 218,000 acres of recreational boating, fishing, commercial, and freight transportation and is part of America's Great Loop, with an estimated 300 boats on the loop at any given time.

2022 Land Between The Lakes Tourism/Visitor Impact:

- 1.8 Million total visitors
- 13,759 North Welcome Station Visits (note: NWS was closed for five months in 2022 due to damage to the facility. In 2021, 21,610 visits were made to the NWS)
- 44,445 visits to the Woodlands Nature Center
- 29,177 visits to the 1850's Homeplace attraction
- 20,539 visits to the Planetarium
- Approximately 35% of total visitors required over-night accommodations (camping, commercial lodging, vessel dockage)

Kentucky Lake / Lake Barkley Tourism/Visitor Impact:

- 17 Million visitors annually
- Approximately 750 recreational vessels are moored in Grand Rivers year-around
- Over 1,000 boat lunches are made within 5 miles of Grand Rivers on Kentucky Lake Annually by Fishing Tournament participants
- The Western Waterways creates an estimated economic impact of \$750 million annually
- 2.1 million website visits to specific Kentucky Lake websites annually

Information cited
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