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New This Season

- White-fronted goose season is now 74 days with a 3-bird daily bag limit.
- Boat access restrictions on certain WMAs now include the seven days preceding the first day of the first segment of regular duck season. See pages 45-58.
- On Galla Creek WMA, the area accessible by boat from the Arkansas River Cutoff west of Flag Lake Road is excluded from boat and access restrictions. See Page 51.
- Federally approved nontoxic shot is only required for ducks, coots, mergansers and geese, except on certain WMAs and national wildlife refuges, where it is required for all migratory bird hunting. See Page 43.
- Applicants for special drawn permit waterfowl hunts will be limited to one application for WRICE program fields, one application for wildlife management draws and one application for youth blinds (if applicable) per application period.

Looking Ahead

- Regular duck, coot and merganser season in 2023-24 will be Nov. 25-Dec. 3, Dec. 9-23 and Dec. 27, 2023-Jan. 31, 2024
- Beginning in the 2023-24 waterfowl season, waterfowl hunting on Bell Slough, Ed Gordon Point Remove, Frog Bayou and Galla Creek WMAs and the Dyer Lake Unit of Ozark Lake WMA is limited to Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday during regular duck season and all day on the last day of regular duck season.
- Beginning in the 2023-24 waterfowl season, the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt will be the first Saturday and Sunday in February (Feb. 3-4).
- Beginning in the 2023-24 waterfowl season, the Special Veteran and Active-duty Military Waterfowl Hunt will be the first Sunday in February (Feb. 4).
- Beginning in the 2023-24 waterfowl season, all boats on the following WMAs will be required to have motors with only factory exhaust systems in place: Bell Slough, Beryl Anthony Lower Ouachita, Big Lake, Camp Robinson, Cut-Off Creek, Cypress Bayou, Dave Donaldson Black River, Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois d'Arc, Earl Buss Bayou DeView, Ed Gordon Point Remove, Frog Bayou, Galla Creek, Harris Brake, Henry Gray Hurricane Lake, Petit Jean River, Rex Hancock Black Swamp, Seven Devils, Steve N. Wilson Raft Creek Bottoms, Sheffield Nelson Dagmar, Shirey Bay Rainey Brake and Sulphur River WMAs. The following national wildlife refuges also will follow this regulation change beginning in the 2023-24 season: Cache River, Dale Bumpers White River, Felsenthal and Overflow NWRs.

Season Dates Summary

Duck, Coot and Merganser

Nov. 19-27, 2022 • Dec. 10-23, 2022 • Dec. 26, 2022-Jan. 31, 2023

Duck daily bag limit – 6, which may include no more than:

4 mallards (2 hens), 1 scaup, 3 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 2 redheads, 2 canvasbacks, 2 black ducks, 1 mottled duck. If not listed, up to 6 ducks of a species (including teal) may be taken.

Coot daily bag limit – 15.

Merganser daily bag limit – 5, which may include no more than 2 hooded mergansers.

Possession limit for ducks, coots and mergansers is three times the daily bag limit.

Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt

Dec. 3, 2022, and Feb. 4, 2023 On these days, youths 15 and younger may harvest ducks, geese, coots and mergansers. Youths who have not completed a hunter education course must be accompanied by a mentor 21 or older. Mentors may not hunt, but may call waterfowl. Shooting hours and bag limits are the same as the regular duck and goose seasons. Youth hunters can hunt on wildlife management areas 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset these two days. WMA General Use Permits are not required for youth hunters.

Special Active Duty Military and Veteran Hunt

Dec. 3, 2022, and Feb. 4, 2023 On these days members of active duty military and military veterans may harvest ducks, geese, coots and mergansers. Active duty military includes members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than for training). Veterans must have served in active military, naval, air service or Reserves and National Guard on Title 32 orders in a combat zone and must have been discharged or released under Honorable conditions. Hunters will need to have an active hunting license and stamps and one of the following or copy during the hunt: DD214, Veteran Benefit Card, Retired Military I.D., Veteran Hunting License (VLF, VLH, VLC or VLL) or Military I.D. card. Shooting hours and bag limits are the same as regular duck and goose seasons. Hunters may hunt on wildlife management areas from 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset these two days. WMA General Use Permits are required.

Light Goose Conservation Order (Snow, Blue and Ross's)

Feb. 1-3, 2023 and Feb. 5-April 25, 2023.

Special regulations apply during the conservation order.

- Hunters must call 833-345-0325 or go to www.agfc.com to receive a free snow goose registration permit (excludes youths 15 and younger).
- There is no bag limit or possession limit.
- Hunters may use electronic calls.
- Hunters may use unplugged shotguns.
- Hunters do not need a Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, Arkansas Waterfowl Stamp or HIP registration, but must have a valid hunting license from any state (excludes youths 15 and younger).
- Shooting hours are from 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset.

Snow, Blue and Ross's Goose

Oct. 29-Nov. 11, 2022, Nov. 19-27, 2022,

Dec. 10-23, 2022 and

Dec. 26, 2022-Jan. 31, 2023

Daily bag limit – 20

No possession limit

White-fronted Goose

Oct. 29-Nov. 11, 2022, Nov. 19-27, 2022,

Dec. 10-23, 2022 and

Dec. 26, 2022-Jan. 31, 2023

Daily bag limit – 3

Possession limit – 9

Early Canada Goose

Sept. 1-Oct. 15, 2022

Daily bag limit – 5

Possession limit – 15

Canada Goose

Nov. 19-27, 2022, Dec. 10-23, 2022

and Dec. 26, 2022-Jan. 31, 2023

Daily bag limit – 2

Possession limit – 6

Special Early Teal

Sept. 15-30, 2022

Daily limit - 6 (blue-winged, green-winged and cinnamon teal combined)

Possession limit - 18

Mourning, White-Winged and Eurasian Collared-Dove*

Sept. 3-Oct. 23, 2022

Dec. 8, 2022-Jan. 15, 2023

Mourning and white-winged dove
daily bag limit – 15

Mourning and white-winged dove
possession limit – 45

*No daily bag or possession limit on Eurasian collared-dove. (Eurasian collared-dove must remain fully feathered in the field.)

Virginia Rail and Sora (combined)

Sept. 10-Nov. 18, 2022

Daily bag limit – 25

Possession limit – 75

Wilson's Snipe

Nov. 1, 2022-Feb. 15, 2023

Daily bag limit – 8

Possession limit – 24

Common and Purple Gallinule (combined)

Sept. 1-Nov. 9, 2022

Daily bag limit – 15

Possession limit – 45

Woodcock

Nov. 5-Dec. 19, 2022

Daily bag limit – 3

Possession limit – 9

Daily Bag Limit – The total limit of a specific migratory game bird species that may be taken in one day.

Possession Limit – The total limit of a specific migratory game bird species that may be in your possession at any time, whether on your person or stored in another location.

Sunrise/Sunset Table for Little Rock

Shooting hours for ducks and geese are 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset. See Page 43 for shooting hours on wildlife management areas. Add 1 minute for each 9 miles west or subtract 1 minute for each 9 miles east of Little Rock (straight-line distance).

	October		November		December		January		February		March		April	
	Rise (AM)	Set (PM)	Rise (AM)	Set (PM)	Rise (AM)	Set (PM)	Rise (AM)	Set (PM)	Rise (AM)	Set (PM)	Rise (AM)	Set (PM)	Rise (AM)	Set (PM)
1	7:04	6:52	7:30	6:14	6:58	4:58	7:16	5:09	7:07	5:38	6:38	6:05	6:56	7:30
2	7:05	6:51	7:31	6:13	6:59	4:57	7:16	5:10	7:06	5:39	6:36	6:06	6:54	7:31
3	7:05	6:49	7:32	6:13	7:00	4:57	7:16	5:10	7:05	5:40	6:35	6:06	6:53	7:31
4	7:06	6:48	7:32	6:12	7:01	4:57	7:16	5:11	7:05	5:41	6:34	6:07	6:51	7:32
5	7:07	6:47	7:33	6:11	7:01	4:57	7:17	5:12	7:04	5:42	6:33	6:08	6:50	7:33
6	7:07	6:45	6:34	6:10	7:02	4:57	7:17	5:13	7:03	5:43	6:31	6:09	6:49	7:34
7	7:08	6:44	6:35	5:09	7:03	4:57	7:17	5:14	7:02	5:44	6:30	6:10	6:47	7:35
8	7:09	6:43	6:36	5:08	7:04	4:58	7:17	5:15	7:01	5:45	6:29	6:11	6:46	7:35
9	7:10	6:41	6:37	5:07	7:05	4:58	7:17	5:15	7:00	5:46	6:27	6:11	6:45	7:36
10	7:11	6:40	6:38	5:07	7:05	4:58	7:16	5:16	6:59	5:47	6:26	6:12	6:43	7:37
11	7:11	6:39	6:39	5:06	7:06	4:58	7:16	5:17	6:58	5:48	6:25	6:13	6:42	7:38
12	7:12	6:37	6:40	5:05	7:07	4:58	7:16	5:18	6:57	5:49	6:23	6:14	6:41	7:39
13	7:13	6:36	6:41	5:04	7:07	4:59	7:16	5:19	6:56	5:50	7:22	7:15	6:39	7:39
14	7:14	6:35	6:42	5:04	7:08	4:59	7:16	5:20	6:55	5:51	7:21	7:16	6:38	7:40
15	7:15	6:34	6:43	5:03	7:09	4:59	7:16	5:21	6:54	5:52	7:19	7:16	6:37	7:41
16	7:15	6:32	6:44	5:03	7:09	5:00	7:15	5:22	6:53	5:53	7:18	7:17	6:36	7:42
17	7:16	6:31	6:45	5:02	7:10	5:00	7:15	5:23	6:52	5:54	7:16	7:18	6:34	7:43
18	7:17	6:30	6:46	5:02	7:11	5:00	7:15	5:24	6:51	5:55	7:15	7:19	6:33	7:43
19	7:18	6:29	6:47	5:01	7:11	5:01	7:14	5:25	6:50	5:56	7:14	7:20	6:32	7:44
20	7:19	6:27	6:49	5:00	7:12	5:01	7:14	5:26	6:49	5:56	7:12	7:20	6:31	7:45
21	7:20	6:26	6:49	5:00	7:12	5:02	7:13	5:27	6:47	5:57	7:11	7:21	6:29	7:46
22	7:21	6:25	6:50	5:00	7:13	5:02	7:13	5:28	6:46	5:58	7:09	7:22	6:28	7:47
23	7:21	6:24	6:51	4:59	7:13	5:03	7:13	5:29	6:45	6:59	7:08	7:23	6:27	7:47
24	7:22	6:23	6:52	4:59	7:14	5:03	7:12	5:30	6:44	6:00	7:07	7:24	6:26	7:48
25	7:23	6:22	6:52	4:59	7:14	5:04	7:11	5:31	6:43	6:01	7:05	7:24	6:25	7:49
26	7:24	6:21	6:53	4:58	7:14	5:05	7:11	5:32	6:42	6:02	7:04	7:25	6:24	7:50
27	7:25	6:19	6:54	4:58	7:15	5:05	7:10	5:33	6:40	6:03	7:02	7:26	6:23	7:51
28	7:26	6:18	6:55	4:58	7:15	5:06	7:10	5:34	6:39	6:04	7:01	7:27	6:21	7:51
29	7:27	6:17	6:56	4:58	7:15	5:07	7:09	5:35			7:00	7:28	6:20	7:52
30	7:28	6:16	6:57	4:58	7:16	5:07	7:08	5:36			6:58	7:28	6:19	7:53
31	7:29	6:15			7:16	5:08	7:08	5:37			6:57	7:29		

Source: The United States Naval Observatory website See <http://aa.usno.navy.mil> for times and locations other than Little Rock.

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Hurricane Lake Sees Some Help



Henry Gray Hurricane Lake WMA has been a major focus of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission since 2018. That year, biologists found that a large portion of the WMA's southern greentree reservoir had suffered a major die-off of trees that provide the pair-bonding shelter and food resources mallards seek during their wintering period in Arkansas. In addition to changes in intentional water level management on the WMA, AGFC staff have guided contractors and engineers as they have worked to alter the infrastructure and improve the way water flows through greentree reservoirs.

Last fall, AGFC staff placed bridges and stream crossings on Mallard Pond Road on the WMA, partially reestablishing drainage when river conditions allow. The road was built on a natural high river bank, creating an impromptu levee. Using lidar, a high-detail elevation mapping technique, the AGFC identified seven water-control structures that required removal to promote free flow of water to and from the Little Red River. Contractors constructed five bridges and a low-water crossing that will allow water to flow out of the WMA when river levels allow and continue to provide good public access. A seventh water-control structure was removed, but building a crossing was unnecessary as it was beside the road and did not affect access.

Buck Jackson, the AGFC's statewide wetlands program coordinator, said the plug removal was only the first step in infrastructure changes on the WMA.

"Water needs to rise and fall more naturally through these systems if we want to keep the quality of the habitat they provide in the long-term," he said. "But keeping the water flowing when it is high is much more complicated than simply unplugging a drain. All that water has to have a place to go and the passages have to be large enough to pass the water efficiently. Otherwise it's like trying to drain a swimming pool with a garden hose."

Another major infrastructure change in progress is the addition of a new water-control structure on Glaise Creek, which was inadequate for the amount of water needed to drain through the WMA. The previous structure, which was only 40 wide, will remain but the reopened channel will allow much more water to flow.

"Engineers estimated that we needed at least 10,000 cubic feet per second of water to pass through the WMA when the White River hits 23 feet at the Augusta gauge," Jackson said. "The current infrastructure can't come close to keeping up with that volume of water."

Both of these projects are partially funded by North American Wetlands Conservation Act grants approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Ducks Unlimited worked with the AGFC to secure

these grants.

Jackson says the two projects on Hurricane are still only a portion of the work needed, and it's only one of the many WMAs with greentree reservoirs in need of updating and renovation.

"We're making better headway now than we've been able to before," Jackson said. "Seeing the results from every project completed gives us a little more inspiration to keep going with this monumental task."

Bayou Meto Management Changes Expand to Woods and Water



Last year marked the beginning of additional water management changes at George H. Dunklin Jr. Bayou Meto WMA. The AGFC limited any intentional flooding above 179 feet mean sea level on Bayou Meto's greentree reservoirs. During the 2022-23 season that level will again be lowered, to 178.5 feet msl. Below this elevation where the majority of Bayou Meto's red oak trees now showing signs of severe stress have been found.

AGFC Chief of Wildlife Management Luke Naylor, stresses that the limitation is only to intentional flooding, and that higher water levels are likely to occur should sufficient rain fall in Bayou Meto's watershed.

"That's just the highest level we're intentionally holding during the wintering period. The water will pulse over that if the rain comes and then recedes, creating a more natural flooding cycle. Last year saw

a few of these pulses and some great hunting for people watching for the new water. Gauge readings will be available at www.agfc.com/gtr."

Contractors also began the first stage of management and recovery on the area's bottomland hardwood forest within a portion of Upper Vallier and Government Cypress greentree reservoirs. Timber harvest is underway to make room for the next generation of forest.

Rob Willey, AGFC's statewide habitat program coordinator, worked with staff and contractors throughout 2021 and 2022 marking trees to be cut.

All forest management activities are being implemented above 178.5 feet msl to correlate with the modifications to water management.

"These trees are on the way out," Willey said. "We have to work to protect the healthy trees that remain to ensure that the red oak component continues in the future with improved water-management capabilities and practices that are being developed."

In addition to removing trees in poor health, the thinning operation will remove overcup oaks and other tree species that have less value to mallards. Overcup oaks are more water tolerant but do not provide the same benefits to mallards as the willow oaks and Nuttall oaks managers are trying to preserve, so more of these trees will be removed to make room for desirable species to flourish.

"About 75 percent of the trees marked for removal are overcup oaks," Willey said. "The remaining species targeted for harvest include green ash, red maple, elms, hickories, sugarberry and sweetgum. The overcup oaks are creating a closed canopy that shades out the red oak regeneration, and the other species are adding to that competition for light and space by shading out red oak seedlings from the midstory."

Other AGFC-owned WMAs seeing forest thinning and timber harvest operations this summer include Hope Upland WMA, Sulphur River WMA, Mike Freeze Wattensaw WMA, Holland Bottoms WMA and Big Lake WMA. Roughly 5,000 acres of the 380,000 acres under AGFC ownership are

contracted for harvest operations to benefit wildlife, pending continued dry weather. During Fiscal Year 2022, the AGFC received \$372,305 from forestry operations (0.4 percent of the agency's revenue), all of which was redirected to improvements within the WMA system.

Renovation in full swing at Earl Buss Bayou DeView WMA



Greentree reservoirs in Earl Buss Bayou DeView Wildlife Management Area in Poinsett County also saw the beginning of major renovation work planned over two phases. Phase one began in early June with heavy machinery bringing in modern infrastructure to be installed in the WMA's Thompson Tract GTR.

Two large (15- and 18-foot wide) electrically powered metal overshot gates that can be operated remotely will replace two outdated 4-foot structures that used a screw gate and aluminum "boards" to retain water. The new water-control structures are going in at the Thompson Tract, in the middle of the WMA, and the South Oliver greentree reservoir, on the property's south end. Phase two, most likely beginning next summer, will add more water-control structures, rebuild levees and add spillways that will let spring and summer floodwater flow through the WMA more efficiently.

Much like on Hurricane Lake WMA, the work at Bayou Deview was partially funded through Ducks Unlimited and the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

Some forest management work also has taken place at Bayou Deview. The WMA did not see as



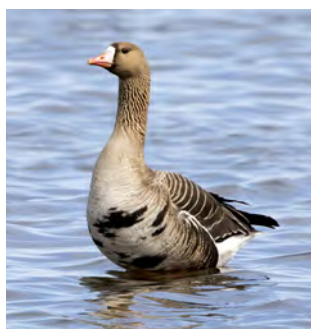
much tree death as other areas, and a good amount of red oaks remain in the greentree reservoirs. The canopy is closed and needs to be opened to allow young red oaks to become established.

Bayou DeView is channeled in northeast Arkansas, unlike the winding parts of Bayou DeView found near Interstate 40 near Brinkley. The bayou's periodic flooding can cover nearby roadways over 1 foot deep. Spring floods are going to happen, but biologists have learned that moving water is much less damaging than stagnant water held back by poor drainage.

Jason Carbaugh, an AGFC regional biologist based in Jonesboro, said, "It's natural for the area to flood in spring. When the 2021 duck season closed, I started pulling boards (after two large snowfalls) in February. Bayou DeView flooded and drained five times from March through July. This past spring it flooded (and drained) four times after duck season closed. These new structures that we're putting in, as well as renovating levees and putting in large spillways, will allow those natural spring floods to flow through these WMAs at a much more efficient rate, improving forest health and regenerating red oak communities."

Steady hunter numbers post slight increase in 2021 harvest

Duck stamp sales and active hunter estimates in Arkansas last year were nearly identical to the 2020-21 waterfowl season. In 2021-22, hunters purchased 101,877 state duck stamps, an increase of only 37 stamp sales from the 2020-21 sales of 101,840. Resident duck stamps totaled 51,670, while nonresidents purchased 50,207 stamps. Unlike fishing and general hunting license sales, waterfowl hunting did not see a dramatic rise and fall in participation during the last few years as a result of COVID-19. Total active hunters in the state are estimated through Harvest Information Program registrations and surveys. Through HIP data, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates Arkansas had 56,500 active duck hunters last year, increasing only 200 hunters from the year prior. When the margin for error in these estimates is calculated, they are essentially identical.



Duck harvest increases amid near-nationwide declines

The USFWS estimates last season's Arkansas duck harvest at 915,900, an increase from 2020-21's harvest of 889,000. This was not the trend with many other states typically known for high duck harvests. California, Louisiana and Texas all saw decreases in harvest, with the Texas harvest plummeting an estimated 58 percent. Arkansas's estimated harvest was second only to California, which claimed 929,800 ducks taken during their 100-day season with a more liberal seven-duck bag limit. The estimated seasonal duck harvest per hunter was 16.2 ducks, a slight increase from the 15.8 ducks taken per hunter during the 2020-21 season. This also ranks near the top in the nation as well, with only California (21.1 ducks per hunter), Oregon (19.2 ducks per hunter) and Louisiana (16.5 ducks per hunter) posting higher average harvests.

Arkansas again led the nation in mallard harvest, with 389,125 taken. The next closest state in mallard harvest was Washington, with 188,043 mallards reported. Missouri ranked third in mallard harvest with 177,561. Hunters in the nearby states of Kansas and Oklahoma harvested 235,307 mallards combined. Arkansas duck hunters harvested twice the number of mallards taken throughout the entire Atlantic flyway.

Arkansas tops list in specklebelly harvest

Arkansas goose hunters killed an estimated 152,200 geese, with 82,468 white-fronted geese, 11,070 Canada geese and 58,669 snow, blue and Ross's geese combined. This was the largest goose harvest in the Mississippi Flyway. The white-fronted goose harvest was the highest in the United States and accounted for more than 35 percent of total white-fronted goose harvest nationwide. Light goose conservation order hunters added an estimated additional 454,000 geese to Arkansas's harvest.

Licensing and Permits

A Waterfowl Hunter 16 or Older Must Carry:

1. A valid federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (\$25) physical stamp, signed in ink across the face, or the electronic code from purchasing the federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp online (\$29). This option is only valid for 45 days from date of purchase until physical stamp arrives in mail;

And proof of the following license privileges (may be carried on paper, an electronic copy on the user's smartphone or through a Commission-issued Conservation Hard Card):

2. A valid license (See 4 below) coded DSR (Resident Arkansas Waterfowl Stamp: \$7), DSN (Nonresident Arkansas Waterfowl Stamp: \$35), PLD (65+ Resident Arkansas Waterfowl Stamp), MRD (Military Retiree Lifetime Waterfowl Permit), or VLD (Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Waterfowl Permit).

3. Proof of Arkansas HIP registration; and

4. One of the following hunting licenses:

- Resident Wildlife Conservation License (HNT), \$10.50
- Resident Sportsman's License (RS), \$25
- Combination Sportsman's License (CS), \$35.50
- 65+ Resident Annual Sportsman's License (PAH), \$3.50
- 65+ Resident Sportsman's License (see Page 13) (PLH), \$25
- 65+ Resident Combination License (see Page 13) (PLC), \$35.50
- Resident Military Retiree Lifetime Hunting License (MRH), \$25
- Resident Military Retiree Lifetime Combination License (MRC), \$35.50
- Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Hunting License (VLH), \$1.50
- Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Combination License (VLC), \$3
- Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Combination License (VLL), \$52.50
- 3-year Resident Disabled Sportsman's License (RDH), \$25
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- Nonresident 5-Day Small Game Hunting License (SG5), \$70
- Nonresident Annual Small Game Hunting License (NRH), \$110
- Nonresident 1-Day All Game Hunting License (AG1), \$55
- Nonresident 3-Day All Game Hunting License (AG3), \$125
- Nonresident 5-Day All Game Hunting License (AG5), \$180
- Nonresident Annual All Game Hunting License (NBG), \$350
- Lifetime Sportsman's Permit, One year of residency required (Arkansas Waterfowl Stamp not required) (LSP), \$1,000

5. In addition to a valid hunting license, nonresidents must carry the following permit before hunting waterfowl on all WMAs. See Page 44.

- Nonresident 5-Day Wildlife Management Area Waterfowl Hunting Permit (see Page 44) (NW5), \$30.50

6. A free WMA General Use Permit when hunting or trapping on any WMA (WMP). See Page 43.

How Do I Buy a License?

- Visit www.agfc.com, click “Buy Licenses.”
- Call 833-345-0325 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
- Licenses are available over the counter at AGFC regional offices, nature centers and many sporting goods stores across the state.



Telephone and online purchases must be made by credit card. Small game and fishing privileges become effective immediately. A valid printed license or acceptable electronic format license must be in your possession before hunting big game (deer, turkey, bear, elk or alligator). Disability and commercial licenses are not available by phone or online.

What Kinds of Licenses or Permits Do I Need to Hunt in Arkansas?

If you are 16 or older, an Arkansas hunting license is required to hunt wildlife unless you are on a licensed game-bird shooting resort that supplies pen-raised birds. The license must be carried with you. If you guide, aid or assist someone else for pay or other value, you must have a guide license.

How Do I Replace a Lost License?

AGFC's licensing system allows license information to be retrieved via smart phone/mobile device. Purchasers can also print their own license at home or at license vendors around the state.

Do I Qualify as a Resident?

- Any person whose primary residence is in Arkansas and has been for the past 60 consecutive days (some licenses require longer residency)
- Full-time students of Arkansas schools, colleges or universities (with proof of enrollment)
- Residents that are full-time students of schools outside of Arkansas
- Active-duty military personnel and members of the National Guard who are assigned to an Arkansas Guard Unit
- Active-duty military who were Arkansas residents when entering service regardless of where they are stationed
- Owning property or real estate in Arkansas does not qualify a person as a resident.

What Are Disability Licenses?

Resident disabled hunters may purchase a three-year disability hunting license for \$25 or a three-year combination license for \$35.50 (includes fishing privileges) through the Little Rock AGFC office. Proof of 60 days Arkansas residency or one year of residency for lifetime and proof of 100 percent total and permanent disability from the Social Security Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs or the Railroad Retirement Board is required.

What Is HIP Registration?

Each year, before hunting migratory game birds, hunters 16 years and older must register for the Harvest Information Program (HIP) at any AGFC office or online at www.agfc.com. Proof of Arkansas HIP registration must be carried while hunting.

Which Licenses Do Hunting Guides Need?

A guide is someone who guides hunters for pay or other consideration. Residents and nonresidents may not guide for waterfowl on any land owned or leased by AGFC or any NWR.

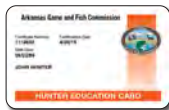
- Resident guide license – \$25
- Nonresident guide license – \$450

These licenses are available from all AGFC offices (see Page 1), online and at all license dealers; expire June 30; and do not include hunting privileges.

What Is a Nonresident WMA Waterfowl Permit?

In addition to a valid Arkansas hunting license, nonresidents must purchase a permit to hunt waterfowl on wildlife management areas during regular duck season (Page 44). The cost is \$30.50 for a five-day permit. The permit is valid only Nov. 19-27, 2022; Dec. 27, 2022-Jan. 5, 2023, and Jan. 21-Jan. 31, 2023.

Who Needs a Hunter Education Card?



A hunter born after 1968 must carry a valid hunter education card, unless 'HE-VERIFIED' is noted on your hunting license. Hunters under 16 do not need to have a card if they are under the direct supervision of an adult 21 years or older. Arkansas honors the home state hunter education cards of nonresidents. Call 833-345-0325 or check www.agfc.com for a class schedule. to replace a lost card visit ilostmycard.com or call 833-345-0325.

What Are Resident 65 Plus Lifetime Licenses and Permits?

Hunters 65 or older may purchase a lifetime hunting license. To hunt waterfowl, a state lifetime waterfowl permit (purchased once after age 65), HIP registration and federal waterfowl stamps are required. Licenses are available on the internet and at all AGFC offices, including nature centers. Customers must be an Arkansas Resident for one year to purchase.

Deferred Hunter Education Code

A free Deferred Hunter Education Code (DHE) can take the place of the hunter education requirement for hunters 16 and older. The code is available at any license purchasing agent, by phone or online:

- The hunter must possess a valid Arkansas hunting license while hunting.
- The hunter must be in the direct supervision of a licensed hunter at least 21 years old who is either certified in hunter education or was born on or before Dec. 31, 1968.
- The hunter may not have been convicted or forfeited bond for prior hunter education certification violations or other AGFC-sanctioned hunting privilege revocations.

Military Lifetime Licenses

Resident Military Retiree Lifetime Licenses are available at any AGFC regional office. Sportsmen must be 60 or older and show proof of one year of Arkansas residency and retirement from a branch of the U.S. Armed Services. Military lifetime trout and state waterfowl stamp permits, federal waterfowl stamps, resident trapping permits and HIP registration are not included with this license.

Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Licenses are available at the Little Rock office only. There is no age requirement for this license, but sportsmen must show proof of one year of Arkansas residency and proof of service-connected disability.

- Veterans with 100 percent permanent service-connected disability may purchase a Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Fishing License (VLF) for \$1.50, a Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Hunting License (VLH) for \$1.50 or a Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Combination License (VLC) for \$3. This license does not include state or federal waterfowl stamps, trout stamps, trapping permits or HIP registration. Veterans Lifetime State Waterfowl Stamps (VLD, \$7) and trout stamps (VLT, \$5) are available. Please contact the Little Rock office for more information.
- Veterans with a 70 percent permanent service-connected disability or veterans with a 50 percent service-connected disability and have received the Purple Heart Medal may purchase a Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Combination License (VLL), which includes hunting, fishing, trout and state waterfowl stamp privileges for \$52.50.

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Ducks of Arkansas



Mallard drake

Look for a green head and a sharp contrast between the chestnut breast and gray belly.

Mallard

Length – 24 inches

Roughly 50 percent of ducks taken in Arkansas are mallards. More mallards are shot in Arkansas than in any other state.



Mallard hen



Black Duck

Length – 24 inches

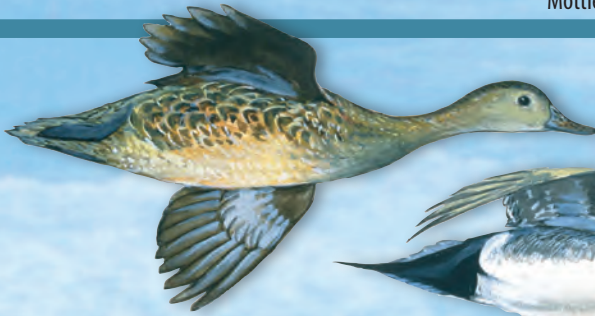
Looks like a dark version of a mallard hen. White underwings and pale head contrast with a dark body. Often flies with mallards. Hens and drakes have a similar appearance. Fewer than 2,000 are taken in Arkansas each year.

Mottled Duck

Mottled ducks are rare in Arkansas. Drake and hen mottled ducks look like hen mallards, but the body feathers are a little darker than the mallard, yet not as dark as a black duck, and have the characteristic mottling shown in this illustration. The wing patch has a blue-green tint, no front white bar and a rear faded white stripe may be present.



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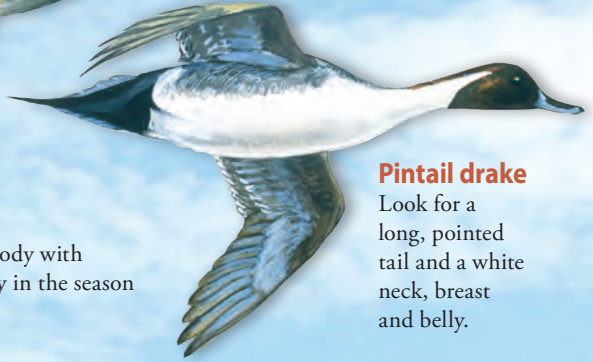


Pintail hen

Northern Pintail

Length – 26 inches

Look for a long, streamlined body with narrow wings. Often seen early in the season and again in January.



Pintail drake

Look for a long, pointed tail and a white neck, breast and belly.



Gadwall drake

Gadwall

Length – 21 inches

Look for a white patch on the back of each wing and a white belly. A gadwall flock looks like a flock of small, slim mallard hens.



Gadwall hen

Wood Duck

Length – 18½ inches

Frequents woods along streams or flooded timber. Commonly breeds in Arkansas.



Wood duck drake

Look for a long tail, a large head held high in flight and a white belly and chin.



Wood duck hen

Frequently emits a long squealing call in flight.

American Wigeon

Length – 21 inches

Look for a showy white belly and a light blue bill tipped with black. Generally seen in small flocks and taken in low numbers.



Wigeon hen



Wigeon drake

Look for white patches on the shoulder, white forehead and a green eye band.

Northern Shoveler

Length – 21 inches

Has an undeserved reputation for being poor table fare.



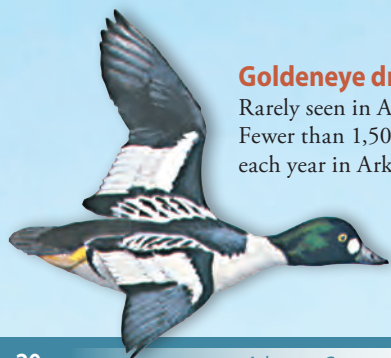
Shoveler drake

Look for a wide, spoon-like bill, a white breast, a dark belly and pale blue shoulder patches.



Shoveler hen

Look for an orange, spoon-like bill. Otherwise, looks like a small mallard hen.



Goldeneye drake

Rarely seen in Arkansas. Fewer than 1,500 shot each year in Arkansas.

Common Goldeneye

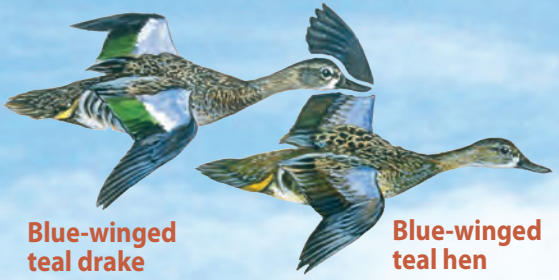
Length – 19 inches

Distinctive wing-whistling sound in flight has earned the name of “whistlers.” These are active, strong-winged fliers moving singly or in small flocks. Generally seen on large rivers and lakes. Look for chunky body, fast direct flight, flash of white on wing.

Blue-winged Teal

Length – 16 inches

Look for rapid, twisting flight in dense flocks. Shoulders are pale blue. Less than one-third the size of a mallard. Most have migrated through Arkansas to Mexico and Central America by mid-October.



Blue-winged teal drake

Blue-winged teal hen



Green-winged teal hen



Green-winged teal drake

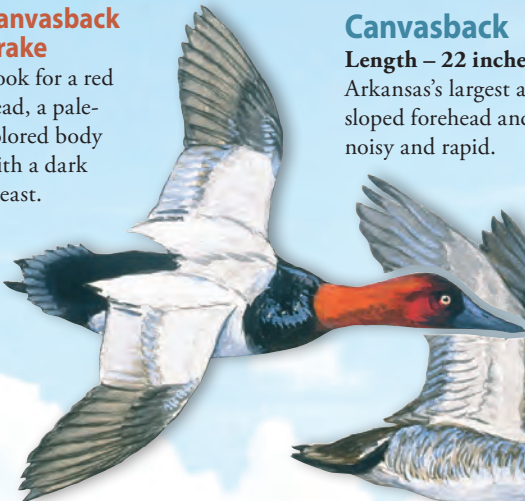
American Green-winged Teal

Length – 15 inches

The smallest duck seen in Arkansas. A fast duck that flies in dense flocks similar to those of blue-winged teal. Both sexes appear pale underneath and dark on top. Two pale lines on the top of wings are often visible. Teal prefer shallow water and are common in rice fields.

Canvasback drake

Look for a red head, a pale-colored body with a dark breast.



Canvasback

Length – 22 inches

Arkansas's largest and fastest duck. Look for a sloped forehead and a dark bill. Wingbeats are noisy and rapid.

Canvasback hen

The same distinctive profile as the drake.



**Redhead
drake**



**Redhead
hen**

Ruddy Duck

Length – 15½ inches

When flying, their small wings stroke so fast they resemble bumblebees.

Hens and drakes are similar in appearance during fall. Look for white cheek patch on males. Often seen on minnow ponds and large lakes with buffleheads.



**Ruddy duck
drake**

Ruddy duck hen



**Bufflehead
drake**

Bold black-and-white pattern.



Bufflehead hen

Bufflehead

Length – 14½ inches

Small, fast-flying duck. Look for white on its head and wings. Plump appearance. Often seen with ruddy ducks.



Ring-necked drake

Ring-necked Duck

Length – 17 inches

Swift, erratic flight. Look for a dark head and breast with a white belly. Dark back and wings help distinguish this duck in flight from scaup. Often seen in rice fields and agricultural reservoirs.



Ring-necked drake eclipse



Ring-necked hen



Scaup drake

Commonly seen on the Arkansas River late in the season.

Scaup

Length – 18½ inches

Looks similar to a ring-necked duck but with a white back, bright blue bill and white on its wings.



Scaup hen

Look for a distinct white face patch.

Hooded Merganser

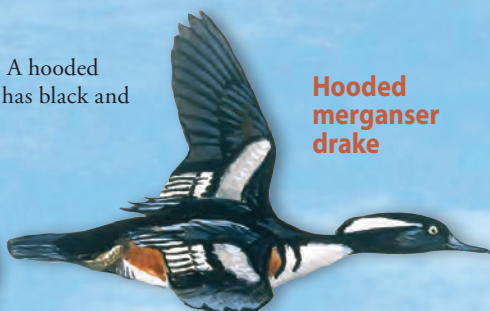
Length – 21½ inches

Mergansers have narrow, pointed bills. A hooded merganser is small with a “hood,” and has black and white on each wing patch feather.

**Hooded
merganser
hen**



**Hooded
merganser
drake**



Red-breasted Merganser

Length – 23 inches

Uncommon. Flight is strong and direct, usually low over the water. Difficult to distinguish in flight from the common merganser. Female's head and neck are paler than female common merganser.

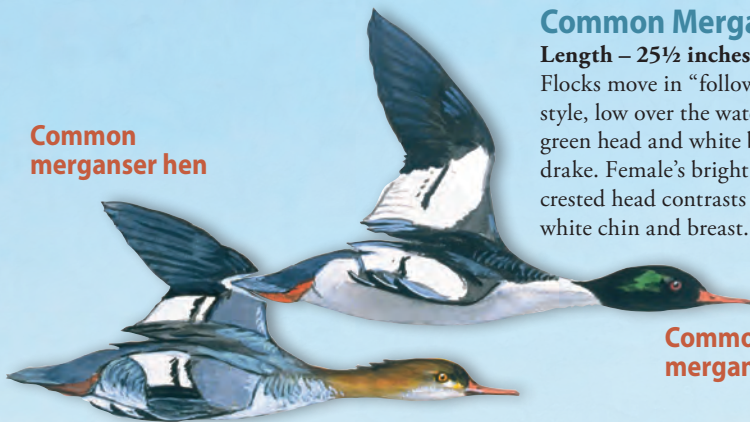
**Red-breasted
merganser
hen**



**Red-breasted
merganser
drake**



**Common
merganser
hen**



Common Merganser

Length – 25½ inches

Flocks move in “follow the leader” style, low over the water. Look for green head and white body on the drake. Female's bright chestnut, crested head contrasts sharply with white chin and breast.

**Common
merganser
drake**

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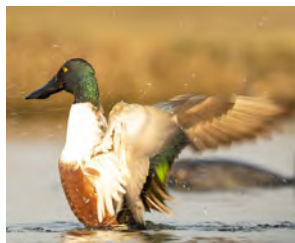
Avian Influenza Facts for Hunters

All hunters should be observant and careful when harvesting and handling wild birds, due to the possible presence of highly pathogenic avian influenza viruses.

In late 2021, a Eurasian strain of the HPAI virus arrived in North America. Cases have been confirmed in domestic birds, wild birds and wild mammals throughout the Mississippi Flyway.

Influenza experts expect a resurgence of “bird flu” as waterfowl migrations get underway. In other states, dabbling ducks are the most commonly infected waterfowl, but geese, swans, shorebirds, raptors and other species also can be infected.

Wild birds can be infected with HPAI and show no signs of illness. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, public health risk from HPAI remains low, but people should avoid handling any sick or dead birds found in the wild.



Safety Guidelines for Hunters

- Harvest only waterfowl that act and look healthy. Do not handle or eat sick animals.
- Field dress and prepare game outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
- Wear disposable gloves while handling and cleaning game.
- Remove and discard intestines soon after harvesting and avoid direct contact with intestinal contents. Dispose of unwanted parts in a manner that prevents scavenging by domestic animals and wildlife.
- Do not eat, drink or smoke while handling carcasses.
- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after cleaning harvested game. If soap and water are unavailable, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Clean knives, equipment and surfaces that came in contact with game.
- Thoroughly cook all game to an internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit before eating it.
- After handling waterfowl, change clothes and footwear before coming into contact with domestic poultry.
- Immediately report any wild bird die-offs or sick birds to the AGFC's wildlife health program with coordinates of the location (agfc.health@agfc.ar.gov).

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General Hunting Regulations

Captive Mallards and Live Decoys

It is illegal to hunt migratory waterfowl over live decoys at any time. It is illegal in Arkansas to release captive-reared mallards unless:

- The owner is operating and the hunter is shooting at a Commission-licensed game bird shooting resort.
- The owner has a valid shoot-to-kill retrieving dog training permit and legally purchased the mallards from the holder of a wildlife breeder/dealer permit or has legally imported the mallards into Arkansas in accordance with an AGFC wildlife importation permit. Shoot-to-kill retrieving dog training permits are available through any AGFC wildlife management employee or wildlife officer.

Transferring Wildlife

Each hunter's harvested waterfowl must be kept in a way so it is easily identifiable as belonging to that hunter. It is illegal to possess wildlife harvested by someone else, unless accompanied by a signed statement from the taker, stating name, address, species, date taken and license number. **See example at bottom of page.**

A driver's license number with state of origin may be substituted for the hunting license number. A hunter education card number or date of birth may be substituted for the hunting license number for hunters under 16 years of age.

Failure to Report a Hunting- or Trapping-Related Incident

It is unlawful for persons to fail to immediately report a hunting- or trapping-related incident involving personal injury above basic first-aid treatment to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission so an investigation may be conducted.

If the incident involves only one individual and they are admitted to the hospital and incapacitated for any length of time, the incident should then be reported as soon as possible.

To report hunting- or trapping-related incidents, please call 833-356-0824.

Transferring fish or wildlife to another person?

Stay legal. Make sure you provide this information with the transfer.

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Address of Giver

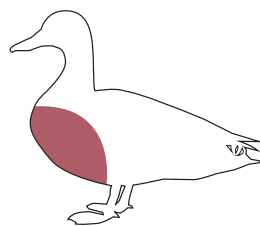
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* A hunter education card number or date of birth may be substituted for hunters under 16.

Wanton Waste

It is illegal to discard (or allow to go to waste) any edible portion of game birds taken.

Edible portions for game birds are breasts.



Legal Hunting Equipment

Legal Shot

Hunters may have only U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-approved nontoxic shot in their immediate possession when hunting waterfowl.

Hunters may use only nontoxic shot size T (.2-inch diameter) and smaller when hunting waterfowl and coots. Other migratory birds may be taken with nontoxic shot size T and smaller or lead shot size BB (.18-inch diameter) and smaller.

Baiting Laws

Complete information about baiting is available from:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: <https://www.fws.gov/story/2021-12/information-waterfowl-hunters>

Who Is Responsible?

Federal rules prohibit the taking of migratory game birds by the aid of baiting or over any baited area, if the person knows or reasonably should know that the area is baited. Hunters, guides and landowners are responsible for understanding and obeying regulations about baiting and knowing the conditions of the area to be hunted.

Example: If a hunter hires a guide who has spread corn throughout the hunting area, but the corn is underwater where the hunter cannot detect it and reasonably had no knowledge that the bait was present, the hunter would not be guilty of hunting over bait. Hunters should ask guides or landowners if the area has been baited.

What Are the Penalties for Baiting?

Baiting migratory game birds is a criminal offense with fines up to \$200,000 and a one-year prison term. Hunting over a known baited area can result in fines up to \$15,000.

What Is a Baited Area?

A baited area is where salt, grain or other feed has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered in such a way to lure or attract waterfowl or doves to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them.

An area is considered baited for 10 days following the complete removal of salt, grain or other feed.

What is the Difference in Field Preparation for Dove Hunting opposed to Waterfowl Hunting?

Agricultural crops may be manipulated for doves, but not for waterfowl and coots.

Dove hunting also is allowed over lands planted by means of top sowing or aerial seeding, if seeds are present solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting or a normal agricultural soil stabilization practice.

What About Normal Agricultural Operations?

Normal agricultural operations are those that have been conducted in accordance with official recommendations of state cooperative extension specialists. The University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service has a publication on normal agricultural operations at <https://www.uaex.uada.edu/publications/pdf/FSA-9082.pdf>.

Natural Vegetation vs. Planted Crops

Natural vegetation may be manipulated by mowing, disking or other means, but planted standing crops may not be manipulated. Millet is treated as an agricultural crop and may not be manipulated if it was planted that year. Millet that has grown on its own in subsequent years (called "volunteer") is considered natural vegetation and may be manipulated.

Ratoon Rice May Not Be Manipulated

Ratoon rice (additional rice grown as a second harvest from early maturing varieties) is treated as a standing agricultural crop. It may be hunted over, but may not be manipulated. Hunters should be cautious not to take any actions to intentionally scatter the grain of ratoon rice while hunting, placing decoys or accessing fields with standing ratoon rice.

Can I Put up a Blind?

Hunters may conceal a blind on privately owned property using vegetation from agricultural crops or natural vegetation as long as it does not result in the exposing, depositing or scattering of grain.



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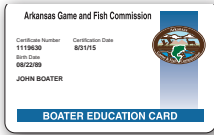
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approved AGFC boating education course and carry proof of completion while operating any motorboat on Arkansas waters.

A motorboat is defined as any vessel operated upon water propelled by sail or machinery, whether or not the machinery is the principal source of propulsion.

The boating education course teaches the fundamentals of safe and responsible boating and is written on a sixth-grade reading level.

The internet course is available online. Students study the material and take the examination in person. There is a \$29.95 charge.

After successful completion of one of these options, the student will be mailed a Boating Education Card.

Information and class schedules are available online at www.agfc.com or by calling 833-345-0325 (toll-free).

Stop the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species

- All boat plugs must be removed before leaving the loading area.
- Clean boats, trailers, decoys and other equipment thoroughly between hunting trips with hot soapy water, a high-pressure washer, or a light bleach solution (1 cup bleach to 10 gallons water).
- Let boats, trailers and other equipment fully dry for 4 to 6 hours, preferably in the sun.
- Tell other hunters and boaters about prevention and spread of aquatic nuisance species.
- Aquarium hobbyists and water gardeners should purchase native species instead of non-natives.
- Never release non-native plants or animals into the wild.
- If you see an aquatic nuisance species, you can report it to Matt Horton at 501-604-0485 or reportants@agfc.ar.gov.
- Learn more ways to help at the following links:
 - www.habitattitude.net
 - www.anstaskforce.gov
 - plants.ifas.ufl.edu



Giant Salvinia

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PULL THE PLUG

All plugs must be removed from boats before leaving the boat launching area. This simple action will help prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species like the invasive aquatic plant giant salvinia. Please help by doing your part by not only pulling your plug, but also cleaning any plants off of your boat trailer and hunting equipment that may be trying to hitch a ride!

Property Regulations

Hunting Near a Residence

Hunters lawfully present through ownership or lease agreement may hunt on their own property, regardless of distance to another person’s residence.

However, all other hunters using firearms within 150 yards of a residence or using archery equipment within 50 yards of a residence must have written permission from the owner or occupant of that residence.

Hunting on Private Property

Written permission (see example below) from the landowner or leaseholder is required before hunting, fishing, trapping or releasing hunting dogs or pursuing wildlife with dogs on private property.

Written permission is not required if the person hunting is a relative of the landowner or leaseholder and permission can be verified.

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Federal Regulations Overview



In addition to state regulations, the following federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting and storing of migratory game birds.

Special boating regulations apply on NWRs in Arkansas (see Page 44). It is illegal for waterfowl hunters to be guided on National Wildlife Refuges. Both hunters and guides are subject to penalties.

Caution: The following material is a summary. Each hunter should also consult the federal regulations found in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20 (available at <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-50/chapter-I/subchapter-B/part-20>). More restrictive regulations may apply to national wildlife refuges and state wildlife management areas.

Illegal Hunting Methods

You may not hunt migratory waterfowl:

- 1) With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fish hook, poison, drug, explosive or stupefying substance.
- 2) From a sink box or any other low floating device that conceals you beneath the surface of the water.
- 3) From a motorboat or sailboat, unless you shut the motor off or furl the sail and the vessel is no longer in motion.
- 4) With a shotgun that can hold more than three shells, unless you plug it with a one-piece filler that cannot be removed without disassembling the gun.
- 5) From or by means, aid or use of any motorized vehicle or aircraft. If you are a paraplegic or are missing one or both legs, you may hunt from a stationary motorized land vehicle.

Dual Violation

A violation of a state migratory game bird regulation is also a violation of federal regulations.

Wanton Waste

You must make a reasonable effort to retrieve and keep all migratory game birds you kill or cripple while in the field. You must immediately kill any wounded birds you retrieve and count those birds toward your daily bag limit.

Rallying

You may not hunt migratory game birds that have been concentrated, driven, rallied or stirred up with a motorized vehicle or sailboat.

Tagging

You may not give your birds to another person in the field, regardless of whether or not they are properly tagged. You may not leave migratory game birds in the custody of another person unless you tag the birds with your signature, address, number of birds identified by species and the date you killed them.

Dressing

You may not completely field-dress waterfowl before taking them from the field. The head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached while you transport them to your home or processor.

Duck Stamp

If you are 16 or older, you must carry a valid federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp. You must sign the stamp in ink across the face before hunting. Electronic proof of duck stamp purchases is valid only for 45 days after purchase.

Protected Birds

Federal law prohibits the killing of nongame migratory birds.

For More Information

If you have additional questions about waterfowl hunting, contact Division of Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Room 81, Post Office Building, Little Rock, AR 72201. Telephone: 501-324-5643, or contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1500 Museum Road, Suite 105, Conway, AR 72032. Telephone: 501-513-4474.



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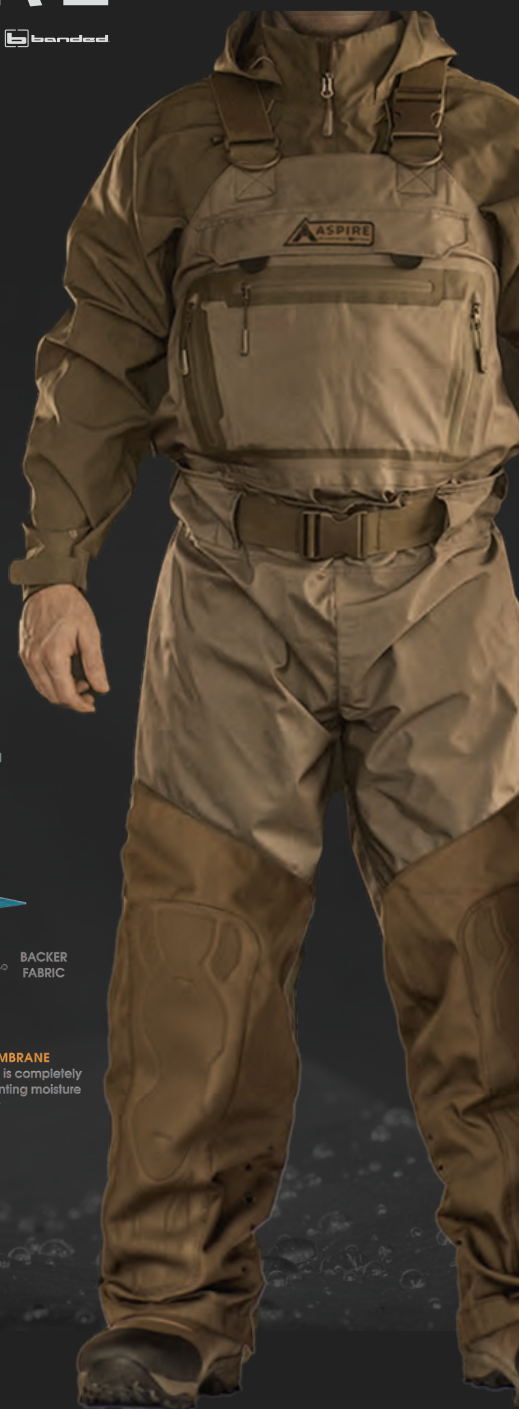
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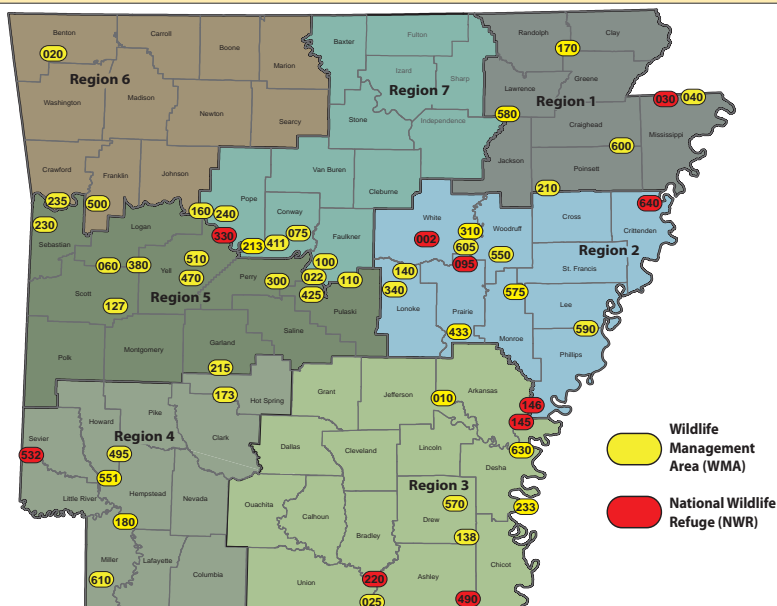


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Special Waterfowl Permit Hunts

The AGFC manages a handful of public areas and private leases through a limited application and drawing process to reduce hunting pressure and increase hunt quality for those who are drawn. Visit www.agfc.com/waterfowlpermithunt for more details.

- Applications are accepted through the AGFC's online licensing site, <https://ar-web.s3licensing.com>, from 3 p.m. Thursday until midnight Sunday of each weekend preceding the hunt date. Permits are drawn and notifications are sent each Monday.
- Each hunter may submit one application for WRICE fields, one for WMA permit hunts, and one for WMA youth hunts (if applicable).
- Each hunter drawn may have up to three additional people in their hunting party for the time specified on the permit.

General Permit-based Hunts

- Permit-based hunts for all ages are available at Cypress Bayou WMA (Page 48), Freddie Black Choctaw Island WMA West Unit (Page 51), the Conway George Tract on Sheffield Nelson Dagmar WMA (Page 56) and Steve N. Wilson Raft Creek Bottoms WMA (Page 57).

WRICE Program

- Interested hunters should visit ww.agfc.com/wrice to explore available fields.
- Successful applicants may hunt the field they are drawn for from 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset each day of the weekend drawn.
- Hunters may not access WRICE fields outside of the days of their hunt; scouting by the roadside with binoculars is recommended.

Permit-based Youth Hunts

- Youth permit hunt areas are available at Sheffield Nelson Dagmar WMA (Page 56), Freddie Black Choctaw Island WMA West Unit (Page 51) and Steve N. Wilson Raft Creek Bottoms WMA (Page 57).
- Youth permit hunt applications are only visible on the licensing site for users logged in under a youth hunter's Customer Identification Number.
- Youth hunts require at least one adult mentor per party not to exceed one adult mentor per youth hunter.
- Mentors may hunt with youths during these special permit hunts except during the annual statewide youth hunt dates (Dec. 3, 2022, and Feb. 4, 2023).

General WMA Regulations

A free annual WMA General Use Permit is required to hunt or trap on all WMAs. Permits are available online at www.agfc.com or by calling 833-345-0325 or any regional office.

Waterfowl Guides

It is illegal for waterfowl hunters to be guided for pay or other compensation on wildlife management areas, special use areas or national wildlife refuges. Both hunters and guides are subject to penalties.

Hunting Ends at Noon

Except where noted on pages 45-62, waterfowl hunters on WMAs may only shoot from 30 minutes before sunrise until noon from Nov. 19-Jan. 30. Waterfowl hunting is allowed 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset Jan. 31 as well as Dec. 3 and Feb. 4 (Youth and Special Active Duty Military and Veteran Waterfowl Hunts) on WMAs.

Waterfowl Hunter WMA Access Times

Waterfowl hunters must be off water-inundated areas or natural/man-made water courses by 1 p.m. (by noon on Dave Donaldson Black River WMA and George H. Dunklin Jr. Bayou Meto WMA) from Nov. 19-Jan. 30. Waterfowl hunters must be off water-inundated areas or natural/man-made water courses by 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3, Jan. 31 and Feb. 4.

No Equipment Left Overnight

Waterfowl decoys, dog stands and platforms may not be left out overnight on wildlife management areas, special use areas or wildlife demonstration areas, including river channels within exterior boundaries of WMAs. Boats in staging areas must be occupied, except slough boats at Dave Donaldson Black River WMA, which may be left at slough boat access points.

Nontoxic Shot Required

Federally approved nontoxic shot is required for ducks, geese and mergansers statewide. It is required for ALL migratory bird hunting on the following WMAs: Bell Slough, Beryl Anthony Lower Ouachita, Big Lake, Camp Robinson, Cut-Off Creek, Cypress Bayou, Dave Donaldson Black River, Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois d'Arc, Earl Buss Bayou DeView, Ed Gordon Point Remove, Frog Bayou, Galla Creek, Harris Brake, Henry Gray Hurricane Lake, Petit Jean River, Rex Hancock Black Swamp, Seven Devils, Steve N. Wilson Raft Creek Bottoms, Sheffield Nelson Dagmar, Shirey Bay Rainey Brake and Sulphur River WMAs.

Vegetation Destruction Prohibited

On Commission-owned WMAs, it is illegal to use or possess chemical defoliants, chainsaws, handsaws, hatchets, axes, weed trimmers or other cutting devices.

Screw-in tree steps and hooks also are not allowed.

Exceptions to this rule include: hunting knives, pocketknives and pocket saws; campers in designated camping areas; and trappers using hatchets during trapping season.

Permanent Duck Blinds

It is illegal to build, erect or hunt from a duck blind (any structure fabricated from metal, lumber, wire, nylon or other building materials) which is not removed or torn down each day at the end of shooting hours. This applies to all WMAs including river channels within exterior boundaries of WMAs.

Special Youth, Active-Duty Military and Veteran Hunts

Hunting is allowed for only youths 15 and under as well as members of active-duty military and military veterans Dec. 3 and Feb. 4. All participants during these hunts have no shot shell limits on WMAs and may hunt from 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset on WMAs. Nonresident Waterfowl WMA Permits are not required for this hunt. See Page 4.

Certain Waterfowl Decoys Prohibited

From the first day of regular duck season until the end of regular duck season as well as early teal season, youth hunts and veterans hunts, it is unlawful on Commission-owned WMAs or lakes and on national wildlife refuges to possess, or take or attempt to take waterfowl with the use of any simulated wing movement decoy or any decoy with moving parts or electrical components; subjected to any artificial means that makes it appear to move, splash or cause ripples. Exception: Manually operated "jerk strings" may be used to simulate movement.

Simulated Wing Movement Decoys

Simulated wing movement decoys are any electric, mechanically operated, wind-powered, or manually powered apparatus or device that simulates wing movement, including any device that spins one or more fixed- or stationary-winged decoys around a central axis.

Nonresident 5-day WMA Waterfowl Permit

In addition to a valid Arkansas hunting license, nonresidents need a a valid Arkansas waterfowl stamp (DSN) and a 5-day Nonresident WMA Waterfowl Hunting Permit (NW5) to hunt waterfowl on all wildlife management areas. The permit costs \$30.50 and is valid only Nov. 19-27, 2022; Dec. 27, 2022-Jan. 5, 2023, and Jan. 21-Jan. 31, 2023. All hunters will also need a free WMA General Use permit when hunting on any WMA.

Boating Regulations on WMAs and NWRs

It is unlawful to operate a boat in any manner that is hazardous to persons or property on any part of a WMA or NWR including ramps, structures, boat lanes or other areas.

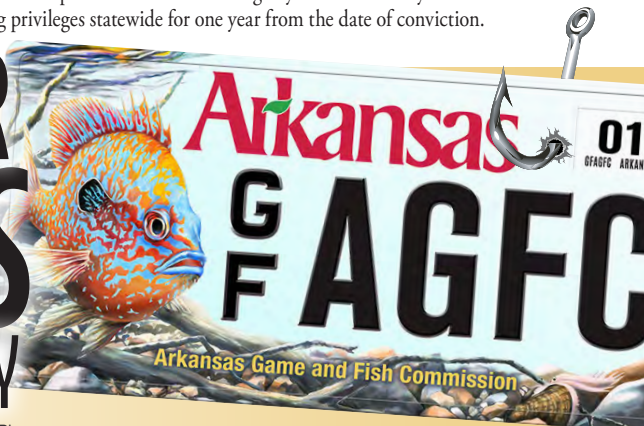
Examples of illegal boating practices include:

- 1) Weaving through congested vessel traffic;
- 2) Jumping the wake of another vessel too close to such other vessel;
- 3) Operating a vessel when visibility is obstructed;
- 4) Moving at a speed that exceeds the safe and reasonable limits under the circumstances or that creates a hazardous wash or wake upon approaching or passing vessels;
- 5) Inattentive operation;
- 6) Failure to keep a proper lookout;
- 7) Failure to observe navigation rules;
- 8) Swerving at the last possible moment to avoid collision where correction reasonably could have been made earlier;
- 9) Operating while intoxicated or under the influence of any narcotic drug, barbiturate, or marijuana or while under any physical or mental disability so as to be incapable of operating safely under the circumstances;
- 10) Colliding with, striking or bumping another vessel, object or person;
- 11) Otherwise operating a vessel in a manner that endangers life, limb or property.
- 12) Impeding the normal and reasonable movement of boating traffic, except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or in compliance with regulations.
- 13) With the exception of meeting oncoming boats, all boating traffic must proceed in single-file with no passing allowed, exception when boats have exited the current direction of travel or are no longer under power.
- 14) All boating traffic on a WMA or NWR must maintain a minimum distance of 100 feet (approximately 6-boat lengths) between boats.

Any person found guilty of negligent operation (unintentional hazardous operation) may be fined \$250 to \$2,500, may be sentenced up to 60 days in jail and will be prohibited from accessing any WMA for one year from date of conviction.

Any person found guilty of reckless operation (intentional hazardous operation) may be fined \$500 to \$5,000, may be sentenced up to 90 days in jail, will be prohibited from accessing any WMA for one year from date of conviction and lose hunting and fishing privileges statewide for one year from the date of conviction.

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WMA-specific Details

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Unless noted, migratory game bird season dates are the same as statewide seasons. Commission-controlled waterfowl rest areas are closed Nov.1-Feb. 15. Check your specific WMA for exceptions. For shooting hours, refer to Page 43.

Bayou Meto WMA (Zone 010) ●

AGFC 833-363-7638 • 33,832 acres • Arkansas, Jefferson counties

- See George H. Dunklin Jr. Bayou Meto WMA

Beaver Lake WMA (Zone 020)

Corps of Engineers 866-253-2506 • 8,007 acres • Benton, Carroll, Madison, Washington counties

- Waterfowl hunting is allowed 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset during the waterfowl season.

Bell Slough WMA (Zone 022)

AGFC 833-356-0879 • 2,366 acres • Faulkner County

- No boats allowed Nov. 12-18, Nov. 28-Dec. 9 and Dec. 24-25.
Exception – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas and boat launch ramps) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31 and Feb. 4.
- Palarm Creek Waterfowl Rest Area is closed to all access from Nov. 1-Feb. 15.
- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- Waterfowl hunters may not possess shotgun shells containing shot larger than No. 2 and may possess no more than 15 shells unless hunters are in camping, parking or boat-launching areas or during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunts and Special Military Hunts, Dec. 3 and Feb. 4.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31.
Exception – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 3 and Jan. 31.
- No airboats during duck season.
- Non-motorized boat access to water trails in the afternoon during duck season is allowed.
- Hunters accessing Grassy Lake from Bell Slough are not required to have a Camp Robinson sportsman's pass, but must stay in or on the water. For information on the sportsman's pass, call 501-212-4090.

Beryl Anthony Lower Ouachita WMA (Zone 025) ●

AGFC / Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission 877-836-4612 • 7,020 acres (includes Coffee Prairie Natural Area) • Ashley, Union counties

- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- Hunters may not enter the WMA before 4 a.m. (excluding the Ouachita River). Waterfowl hunting ends at noon.
- All waterfowl hunting equipment (blinds, guns, decoys, etc.) must be removed by 1 p.m. each day. Fishing and non-hunting activities allowed.
- No airboats during duck season. (excluding the Ouachita River)

Big Lake WMA (Zone 040) ●

AGFC 833-200-5199 • 12,320 acres • Mississippi County

- No boats allowed Nov. 12-18, Nov. 28-Dec. 9 and Dec. 24-25.
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3.
Exception 2 – Boats allowed on the following waters:
 - The North/South Ditch.
 - All lateral ditches and borrow pits.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and boat staging areas) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31 and Feb. 4. Boats may only be launched in boat staging areas after 2 a.m. and must remain occupied between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m. Nov. 19-27, Dec. 10-23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 31.
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 3 and Jan. 31.
Exception 2 - Boats allowed on the following waters:
 - The North/South Ditch.
 - All lateral ditches and borrow pits.
- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- Mallard Lake is closed to hunting except the early teal season. Fishing and non-hunting activities are allowed.
- Any firearm being transported in Ditch 28 must be dismantled or unloaded and cased.

Blue Mountain WMA (Zone 60)

Corps of Engineers 833-356-0871 • 4,000 acres • Logan and Yell Counties

- Waterfowl hunting is allowed 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset during the waterfowl season.

Brewer Lake/Cypress Creek WMA (Zone 075)

City of Conway 833-356-0879 • 1,200 acres • Conway County

- The lake is closed to hunting.

Camp Robinson SUA (Zone 100)

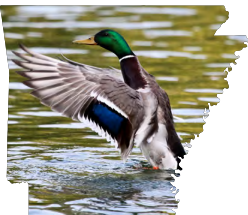
AGFC 833-356-0879 • 4,029 acres • Faulkner County

- Waterfowl season is closed. See Craig D. Campbell Lake Conway Reservoir.

Camp Robinson WMA (Zone 110)

National Guard 501-212-5230 • 9,319 acres • Faulkner, Pulaski counties

- No boats allowed Nov. 12-18, Nov. 28-Dec. 9 and Dec. 24-25.



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- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas and boat launch ramps) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31 and Feb. 4.
- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- Waterfowl hunters may not possess shot shells containing shot larger than No. 2 and may possess no more than 15 shells unless hunters are in camping, parking or boat launching areas or during Special Youth Waterfowl Hunts and Special Military Hunts, Dec. 3 and Feb. 4.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31.
Exception – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 3 and Jan. 31.
- Hunters gaining access to Grassy Lake from Bell Slough are not required to have a sportsman's pass from the military base, however they must stay in or on the water.
- A General Use Permit (WMP) is required. All hunters should contact the Visitor Center at the front gate for current access procedures. Call 501-212-4090 or visit <https://arkansas.nationalguard.mil/Home/Camp-Robinson-Maneuver-Training-Center/> for additional information. Vehicular access is limited to designated improved surface roads. For access restrictions that affect all users during waterfowl season, check the waterfowl guidebook or visit www.agfc.com/camprobinsonwma. Military Department activities take precedence over recreational activities and may cause changes to access requirements, dates and available training areas without notice.

Cane Creek Lake

AGFC / U.S. Soil Conservation Service / Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism 870-628-4714 • 1,700 acres • Lincoln County

- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- Waterfowl hunting ends at noon.

Cedar Creek WMA (Zone 127)

AGFC 833-356-0871 • 103 acres • Scott County

- Closed to waterfowl hunting.

Coal Pile Lake

AGFC 833-363-7638 • Desha County

- Closed to hunting. Fishing and non-hunting activities are allowed.

Craig D. Campbell Lake Conway Reservoir

AGFC 833-356-0879 • 6,700 acres • Faulkner County

- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- Closed to waterfowl hunting except on Caney Creek, Dix Creek, Palarm Creek and Pierce Creek bays outside posted buffer zones.
- Waterfowl hunting ends at noon.

Cut-Off Creek WMA (Zone 138) ●

AGFC / Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission 833-363-7638 • 8,725 acres (includes Cut-Off Creek Ravines Natural Area) • Drew County

- No boats allowed within the WMA outside of the channel of Cut-Off Creek from Nov 12-Feb 4.
- No airboats during duck season.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and the channel of Cut-Off Creek) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31 and Feb. 4. (Boats may only be launched in boat-staging areas after 2 a.m. and must remain occupied between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m.)
- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- Waterfowl hunters may not possess shot shells containing shot larger than No. 2 and may possess no more than 15 shells unless hunters are in camping, parking or boat launching areas or during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunts and Special Military Hunts, Dec. 3 and Feb. 4.

Cypress Bayou WMA (Zone 140)

AGFC 833-345-0283 • 2,638 acres • Lonoke, White counties

- No boats allowed Nov. 12-18, Nov. 28-Dec. 9 and Dec. 24-25.
- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- No airboats during duck season.
- From Nov. 19-27, Dec. 10-23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 31, 2023, Red Cut Slough Tract on Cypress Bayou WMA is open for waterfowl hunting only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Anyone entering flooded areas must have a signed Cypress Bayou Waterfowl Hunting Daily Use Permit on their person.
- On Tuesdays and Thursdays, non-restricted permits are available at the parking area. Hunters are not restricted to designated locations on these days.
- On Saturdays and Sundays, a limited number of permits will be available by online drawing. Permits will be for designated locations. There may be a total of four hunters per party for each location drawn. All members of each hunting party must hunt within immediate proximity of each other.
- Visit www.agfc.com and click on "Buy License" to apply.
- All permits must be carried while hunting, completed and returned to the collection box at the end of the hunt.
- Permits are not required during the Youth/Veteran Waterfowl Hunt.

Dardanelle WMA (Zone 160)

Corps of Engineers 833-356-0871 • 42,500 acres • Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Pope, Yell counties

- Waterfowl hunting is not allowed on that part of Big Spadra and Little Spadra creeks north of the railroad, east of Crawford Street, south of I-40 and west of Arkansas Highway 103.
- Waterfowl hunting is allowed 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset during the waterfowl season. Waterfowl hunting ends at noon on the McKennon Bottoms and the Potter's Pothole Units although hunting is allowed 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset Jan. 31 and during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunts and Special Military Hunts, Dec. 3 and Feb. 4.
- Dogs and hunting or trapping devices are not allowed on Johnson County WRA. Access on Johnson County WRA on Nov. 1-3 is limited to Mobility Impaired Permit Gun Deer permit holders.
- Additional Corps of Engineers regulations apply. Contact COE, P.O. Box 1087, Russellville, AR 72801, 479-968-5008

Dave Donaldson Black River WMA (Zone 170) ●

AGFC 833-200-5199 • 25,482 acres • Clay, Greene, Randolph counties

- Waterfowl hunters must be off water by noon.
- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- No boats allowed Nov. 12-18, Nov. 28-Dec. 9 and Dec. 24-25.
 - Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3.
 - Exception 2 – Boats allowed on the following waters:
 - Black River
 - Little River
 - Winchester Canal (designated by signs)
 - Reyno Canal (designated by signs)
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and boat staging areas) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31 and Feb. 4. Boats may only be launched in boat staging areas after 2 a.m. and must remain occupied between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m.
- No boats allowed from noon to 4 a.m. Nov. 19-27, Dec. 10-23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 31.
 - Exception 1 – Boats allowed within the Black River.
 - Exception 2 – Boats allowed from Noon until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 3 and Jan. 31.
 - Exception 3 – Boats allowed from Noon until 6:30 p.m. on the following waters:
 - Black River
 - Little River
 - Winchester Canal (designated by signs)
 - Reyno Canal (designated by signs)

- Lake Ashbaugh is closed to all hunting except early teal season. Fishing and non-hunting activities are allowed.
- Hubble Lake is closed to all hunting except early teal season. Fishing and non-hunting activities are allowed.
- Winchester WRA and the Brookings moist-soil units are open to deer modern gun youth hunt permit holders only Nov. 5-6.
- Decoys may be left overnight in slough boats. Slough boats may be left overnight at designated locations. Visit www.agfc.com/davedonaldson for more details.

DeGray Lake WMA (Zone 173)

Corps of Engineers 877-836-4612 • 14,000 acres • Clark, Hot Spring counties

- A mobility-impaired waterfowl hunt will be held and administered by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers personnel on the Lower DeGray Lake Waterfowl Rest Area. A free permit is required. During this hunt, access on the Lower DeGray Lake Waterfowl Rest Area is limited to mobility-impaired permit holders. The hunt is Jan. 7-8. Call 870-246-5501 for permit details and application.
- Within the boundaries of the Lower DeGray Lake Waterfowl Rest Area, all killing devices are prohibited except by permitted participants of special hunts and archery equipment used for bow fishing.
- Waterfowl hunting is allowed 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset during the waterfowl season.
- No hunting within designated recreation areas.

Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois D'Arc WMA (Zone 180)

AGFC 833-372-2434 • 13,658 acres • Hempstead County

- No boats allowed Nov. 12-18, Nov. 28-Dec. 9 and Dec. 24-25.
Exception – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and boat staging areas) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31 and Feb. 4. Boats may only be launched in boat staging areas after 2 a.m. and must remain occupied between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m.
- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois d'Arc Lake WRA is open for fishing and non-hunting access.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31.
Exception – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 3 and Jan. 31.
- Boats are not allowed on the greentree waterfowl area 14 days before duck season opens.
- No outboard motors larger than 25 horsepower, surface-drive motors larger than 37 horsepower or airboats during duck season (except for Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois d'Arc Lake).

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Earl Buss Bayou DeView WMA (Zone 210) ●

AGFC 833-200-5199 • 4,501 acres • Poinsett County

- No boats allowed Nov. 12-18, Nov. 28-Dec. 9 and Dec. 24-25.
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3.
Exception 2 – Boats allowed on the following waters:
 - Thompson Tract boat ramp and boat run.
 - North Oliver Campground primitive boat access, including the natural slough.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and boat staging areas) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31 and Feb. 4. Boats may only be launched in boat staging areas after 2 a.m. and must remain occupied between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m.
- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- Lake Hogue is closed to all hunting except early teal season. Fishing and non-hunting activities are allowed.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m. Nov. 19-27, Dec. 10-23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 31.
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 3 and Jan. 31.
Exception 2 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on the following waters:
 - Thompson Tract boat ramp and boat run.
 - North Oliver Campground primitive boat access, including the natural slough.
- No airboats during duck season.

Ed Gordon Point Remove WMA (Zone 213) ●

AGFC / Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission 833-356-0879 • 8,854 acres (includes Goose Pond Natural Area) • Conway, Pope counties

- No boats allowed Nov. 12-18, Nov. 28-Dec. 9 and Dec. 24-25.
Exception – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas and boat launch ramps) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31 and Feb. 4.
- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31.
Exception – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 3 and Jan. 31.
- No airboats during duck season.
- Deer Modern Gun Hunt permit holders may access Steve Frick Waterfowl Rest Area Nov. 5-9.

Electric Island WMA (Zone 215)

AGFC 833-356-0933 • 118 acres • Garland County

- Closed to waterfowl hunting.

Fort Chaffee WMA (Zone 230)

U.S. Army 833-356-0871 • 66,000 acres • Crawford, Franklin, Sebastian counties

- Waterfowl hunting is allowed 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset during the waterfowl season.

**Freddie Black Choctaw Island WMA and Deer Research Area
(West Zone 232, East Zone 233)**

AGFC 833-363-7638 • 9,501 acres • Desha County

East Unit:

- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- No airboats during duck season. (both units, excluding the Mississippi River)

West Unit:

- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- Closed to waterfowl hunting except for permit holders during permit waterfowl hunts.
 - Hunting allowed in designated locations through online permit lottery.
 - Visit www.agfc.com and click on "Buy Licenses" to apply. Youth permit applications only appear if logged in under the youth hunters' Customer ID.
 - All-day hunting on Saturday and Sunday (Youth/Adult Hunt) and half-day hunting on Wednesday (Adult Hunt).
 - No more than four participants per party are allowed in each designated location. During Youth/Adult Hunt there is a minimum of one adult mentor per party not to exceed one adult mentor per youth hunter. During Youth/Adult Hunts all members of the party may hunt.

Frog Bayou WMA (Zone 235)

AGFC 833-356-0871 • 790 acres • Crawford County

- No boats allowed Nov. 12-18, Nov. 28-Dec. 9 and Dec. 24-25.
Exception – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas and boat launch ramps) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31 and Feb. 4.
- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31.
Exception – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 3 and Jan. 31.
- No boat motors are allowed.
- Hunters must park in designated areas.
- Waterfowl hunters: please register online at: www.agfc.com/waterfowlhunt before and after each waterfowl hunt.

Galla Creek WMA (Zone 240) ●

AGFC 833-356-0879 • 3,329 acres • Pope, Yell counties

- No boats allowed Nov. 12-18, Nov. 28-Dec. 9 and Dec. 24-25.
Exception – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3.
- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31.
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 3 and Jan. 31.
Exception 2 – Boats allowed on the following waters:
 - Arkansas River Cutoff west of Flag Lake Road.
- Closed to all access (except in designated parking areas and boat launch ramps) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31 and Feb. 4.
- No airboats during duck season.

George H. Dunklin Jr. Bayou Meto WMA (Zone 010) ●

AGFC 833-363-7638 • 33,832 acres • Arkansas, Jefferson counties

- Waterfowl hunters must be off water by noon.
- No boats allowed Nov. 12-18, Nov. 28-Dec. 9 and Dec. 24-25.
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3.
Exception 2 – Boats allowed on the following waters:
 - Mulberry Access (includes all of the Salt Bayou ditches to the confluence of Little Bayou Meto)
 - Buckingham Flats Access (includes Big Bayou Meto)
 - Cannon Brake Access (includes Little Bayou Meto only within the Cannon Brake Impoundment)
 - Cox Cypress and Grand Cypress lakes
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and boat staging areas) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31 and Feb. 4.. Boats may only be launched in boat staging areas after 2 a.m. and must remain occupied between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m.
- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- No outboard motors larger than 25 horsepower, surface-drive motors larger than 37 horsepower or airboats.
- No boats allowed on the Government Cypress Walk-in Waterfowl Impoundment. For a map of the Government Cypress Walk-In Waterfowl Impoundment, visit www.agfc.com/bayoumeto.
- No boats allowed from noon to 4 a.m. Nov. 19-27, Dec. 10-23 and Dec. 26-31.
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from noon until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 3 and Jan. 31.
Exception 2 – Boats allowed from noon until 6:30 p.m. on the following waters:
 - Mulberry Access (includes all of Salt Bayou ditches to the confluence of Little Bayou Meto).
 - Buckingham Flats Access (includes Big Bayou Meto).
 - Cannon Brake Access to include Little Bayou Meto only within the Cannon Brake Impoundment.
 - Cox Cypress and Grand Cypress lakes.
- Waterfowl hunters may not possess shotgun shells containing shot larger than No. 2 and may possess no more than 15 shells unless hunters are in camping, parking or boat-launching areas or during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunts and Special Military Hunts, Dec. 3 and Feb. 4.

Harris Brake WMA (Zone 300) ●

AGFC 833-356-0933 • 2,700 acres • Perry County

- No boats allowed Nov. 12-18, Nov. 28-Dec. 9 and Dec. 24-25.
Exception – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas and boat launch ramps) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31 and Feb. 4.
- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- Waterfowl hunting allowed only on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, Special Youth Waterfowl Hunts, Special Military Hunts, Dec. 3 and Feb. 4, and Jan. 31.
- Hunting is allowed 30 minutes before sunrise until noon, except the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunts, the Special Military Hunts and the last day of the last duck season, when waterfowl hunting is allowed 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset.
- During duck season, other hunters may hunt only during the same hours and days as duck hunters, except for those deer archery hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting and trapping and hunting furbearers at night.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31.
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 3 and Jan. 31.
Exception 2 – Boats allowed within Harris Brake Lake.
- No airboats during duck season. (excluding Harris Brake Lake)
- Harris Brake Lake is closed to hunting, except for Canada goose hunting Sept. 1-Oct. 15.

Henry Gray Hurricane Lake WMA (Zone 310) ●

AGFC 833-345-0283 • 17,524 acres • White County

- No boats allowed Nov. 12-18, Nov. 28-Dec. 9 and Dec. 24-25.
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3.
- Exception 2 – When the main gate at Mitchell Corner is open, boats are allowed on the following waters:
 - Bollie Pond, Big Hurricane Lake (to include Little Hurricane), Big Bell Lake (to include Little Bell), Whirl Lake, Honey Lake, Willow Pond and Mallard Pond.
 - Three Sisters Boat Trail from Mitchell Corner main boat ramp to Glaise Creek.
 - Glaise Creek from the WMA's north boundary to the main water-control structure at Whirl Lake.
- Exception 3 – When the main gate at Mitchell Corner is closed, boats are allowed on the following waters:
 - Glaise Creek (to include Glaise Creek access trail 2 from Mitchell Corner north boat ramp to the creek channel) from the WMA's north boundary to the main water-control structure at Whirl Lake.
 - Three Sisters Boat Trail from Mitchell Corner main boat ramp to Glaise Creek.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and boat staging areas) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31 and Feb. 4. Boats may only be launched in boat staging areas after 2 a.m. and must remain occupied between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m.
- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m. Nov. 19-27, Dec. 10-23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 31.
Exception 1 – When the main gate at Mitchell Corner is open, boats are allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on the following waters:
 - Bollie Pond, Big Hurricane Lake (to include Little Hurricane), Big Bell Lake (to include Little Bell), Whirl Lake, Honey Lake, Willow Pond and Mallard Pond.
 - Three Sisters Boat Trail from Mitchell Corner main boat ramp to Glaise Creek.
 - Glaise Creek from the WMA's north boundary to the main water-control structure at Whirl Lake.
- Exception 2 – When the main gate at Mitchell Corner is closed:
 - Glaise Creek (to include Glaise Creek access trail 2 from Mitchell Corner north boat ramp to the creek channel) from the WMA's north boundary to the main water-control structure at Whirl Lake.
 - Three Sisters Boat Trail from Mitchell Corner main boat ramp to Glaise Creek.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and boat staging areas) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31 and Feb. 4. (except in the White River and Little Red River).
- No boat motors larger than 50 horsepower or airboats during duck season.

Holland Bottoms WMA (Zone 340) ●

AGFC / Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission 833-345-0283 • 6,190 acres (includes Holland Bottoms Natural Area Willow Oak Forest Preserve) • Lonoke County

- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- Tommy L. Sproles Lake Pickthorne is closed to waterfowl hunting.
- The Willow Oak Forest Preserve Natural Area is open to waterfowl hunting.
- No airboats during duck season. (excluding Tommy L. Sproles Lake Pickthorne)

J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUA (Zone 380)

Corps of Engineers 833-356-0871 • 4,000 acres • Logan County

- Waterfowl hunting is allowed 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset during waterfowl season.
- Closed to all activities when "Field Trial In Progress" signs are displayed. A schedule listing the dates of field trials will be posted at area headquarters and on www.agfc.com.

Lake Catherine

1,940 acres • Garland and Hot Springs Counties

- It is unlawful to hunt migratory waterfowl from a watercraft or other floating device on Lake Catherine. It also is unlawful to hunt migratory waterfowl within 1,000 feet of any residence, dwelling or occupied structure on Lake Catherine.

Lake Hamilton

7,460 acres • Garland County

- It is unlawful to hunt migratory waterfowl from a watercraft or other floating device on Lake Hamilton. It also is unlawful to hunt migratory waterfowl within 1,000 feet of any residence, dwelling or occupied structure on Lake Hamilton.

Lake Overcup WMA (Zone 411)

AGFC 833-356-0879 • 1,340 acres • Conway County

- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- Waterfowl hunting ends at noon.

Maumelle River WMA (Zone 425)

Central Arkansas Water 833-356-0933 • 17,370 acres • Pulaski County

- Closed to waterfowl hunting.

Mike Freeze Wattensaw WMA (Zone 433) ●

AGFC 833-345-0283 • 19,184 acres • Prairie County

- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- No airboats during duck season.

Nimrod Lloyd Millwood WMA (Zone 470) ●

Corps of Engineers 833-356-0871 • 25,000 acres • Yell County

- Waterfowl hunting ends at noon within the Lloyd Millwood Greentree Reservoir. Nimrod Lloyd Millwood WMA lands lying outside the Lloyd Millwood Greentree Reservoir are open to waterfowl hunting from 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset during waterfowl season..

Ozan WMA (Zone 495)

AGFC 833-372-2434 • 580 acres • Hempstead County

- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.

Ozark Lake WMA (Zone 500)

Corps of Engineers 833-356-0871 • 7,834 acres • Crawford, Franklin counties

- Waterfowl hunting is allowed 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset during waterfowl season.
- Dyer Lake waterfowl units hunting ends at noon except, hunting allowed 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset on the last day of the regular duck season and during special youth/veteran waterfowl hunts.

Petit Jean River WMA (Zone 510) ●

AGFC 833-356-0871 • 15,502 acres • Yell County

- No boats allowed Nov. 12-18, Nov. 28-Dec. 9 and Dec. 24-25.
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3.
Exception 2 – Boats allowed on the following waters:
 - Petit Jean River, Kingfisher Lake, Keeland Lake, Clubhouse Pond and Lily Pad Pond.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and boat staging areas) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31 and Feb. 4. (except in the Petit Jean River, Keeland Lake and Kingfisher Lake).
- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m. Nov. 19-27, Dec. 10-23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 31.
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 3 and Jan. 31
Exception 2 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on the following waters:
 - Petit Jean River, Kingfisher Lake, Keeland Lake, Clubhouse Pond and Lily Pad Pond.
- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.
- No airboats during duck season. (excluding Petit Jean River and Kingfisher Lake)

Rex Hancock Black Swamp WMA (Zone 550)

AGFC / Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission 833-345-0283 • 7,221 acres (includes Cache River Natural Area) • Woodruff County

- No boats allowed Nov. 12-18, Nov. 28-Dec. 9 and Dec. 24-25.
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3.
Exception 2 – Boats allowed on the following waters:
 - Gregory Access (County Road 758) to include the ditch to the Cache River
 - Float Road Access (County Road 752) to include the marked trail to the Cache River.
 - Cache River within the boundaries of the WMA.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and boat staging areas) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31 and Feb. 4. Boats may only be launched in boat staging areas after 2 a.m. and must remain occupied between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m.
- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m. Nov. 19-27, Dec. 10-23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 31.
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 3 and Jan. 31.
Exception 2 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on the following waters:
 - Gregory Access (County Road 758) to include the ditch to the Cache River
 - Float Road Access (County Road 752) to include the marked trail to the Cache River.
 - Cache River within the boundaries of the WMA.
- No camping allowed in parking areas at Gregory and Float Road access ramps during waterfowl season.

Rick Evans Grandview Prairie WMA (Zone 551)

AGFC 833-372-2434 • 4,895 acres • Hempstead County

- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- Waterfowl hunting is not allowed on WMA lakes or ponds.

St. Francis National Forest WMA (Zone 590)

USDA Forest Service 833-345-0283 • 21,201 acres • Lee, Phillips counties

- Waterfowl hunting ends at noon.
- Boat motors over 10 horsepower are prohibited.

St. Francis Sunken Lands WMA (Zone 600) ●

AGFC / Corps of Engineers / Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission 833-200-5199 • 30,574 acres (includes Singer Forest Natural Area)
Clay, Craighead, Greene, Poinsett counties

- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- Waterfowl rest areas located in Sections 8, 9, 16 and 17, Township 11N, Range 6E and Section 17, Township 12N, Range 6E are closed to access Nov. 1-Feb. 15 with one exception. The Snowden Field Waterfowl Rest Area levee is open to foot traffic around the north end of the unit to allow access to public land.

Seven Devils WMA (Zone 570)

AGFC / Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission 833-363-7638 • 5,032 acres (includes Seven Devils Swamp Natural Area) • Drew County

- No boats allowed Nov. 12-18, Nov. 28-Dec. 9 and Dec. 24-25.
Exception – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and boat staging areas) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31 and Feb. 4. Boats may only be launched in boat staging areas after 2 a.m. and must remain occupied between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m.
- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31.
Exception – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 3 and Jan. 31.
- Waterfowl hunters may not possess shot shells containing shot larger than No. 2 and may possess no more than 15 shells unless hunters are in camping, parking or boat launching areas or during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunts and Special Military Hunts, Dec. 3 and Feb. 4.
- No airboats during duck season.

Sheffield Nelson Dagmar WMA (Zone 575) ●

AGFC 833-345-0283 • 10,297 acres • Monroe County

- No boats allowed Nov. 12-18, Nov. 28-Dec. 9 and Dec. 24-25.
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3.
Exception 2 – Boats allowed on the following waters:
 - Robe Bayou from the WMA northern boundary to the low water crossing at I-40.
 - Gator Pond to include only the open water pond area.
 - Bayou DeView designated water trail.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas and boat launch ramps) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31 and Feb. 4.
- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m. Nov. 19-27, Dec. 10-23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 31.
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 3 and Jan. 31.
Exception 2 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on the following waters:
 - Robe Bayou from the WMA northern boundary to the low water crossing at I-40.
 - Gator Pond to include only the open water pond area.
 - Bayou DeView designated water trail.
- No airboats during duck season.
- Conway George Tract:
 - Hunting allowed only in designated locations through online permit lottery.
 - Closed to all access from Nov. 17-Feb. 4, except for permit holders during permit waterfowl hunts.
 - Visit www.agfc.com and click on "Buy Licenses" to apply. Youth permit applications only appear if logged in under the youth hunters' Customer ID.
 - All-day hunting on Saturday and Sunday (Youth/Adult Hunt) and half-day hunting on Wednesday (Adult Hunt).
 - No more than four participants per party are allowed in each designated location. During Youth/Adult Hunt there is a minimum of one adult mentor per party not to exceed one adult mentor per youth hunter. During Youth/Adult Hunts all members of the party may hunt.

Shirey Bay Rainey Brake WMA (Zone 580) ●

AGFC 833-200-5199 • 11,308 acres • Lawrence County

- No boats allowed Nov. 12-18, Nov. 28-Dec. 9 and Dec. 24-25.
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3.
Exception 2 – Boats allowed on the following waters:
 - Black River.
 - Shirey Bay, Horseshoe Lake and Hill Slough.
 - The diversion ditch from county Road 317 to the diversion ditch water-control structure.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and boat staging areas) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31 and Feb. 4. Boats may only be launched in boat staging areas after 2 a.m. and must remain occupied between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m.
- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m. Nov. 19-27, Dec. 10-23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 31.
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 3 and Jan. 31.
Exception 2 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on the following waters:
 - Black River.
 - Shirey Bay, Horseshoe Lake and Hill Slough.
 - The diversion ditch from county Road 317 to the diversion ditch water-control structure.
- No outboard motors larger than 25 horsepower, surface-drive motors larger than 37 horsepower or airboats allowed. Excluding Shirey Bay, Horseshoe Lake and Hill Slough during non-hunting activities.
- Waterfowl rest areas are open to deer modern gun youth hunt permit holders only Nov. 5-6.
- Waterfowl hunters may not possess shot shells containing shot larger than No. 2 and may possess no more than 15 shells unless hunters are in camping, parking or boat launching areas or during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunts and Special Military Hunts, Dec. 3 and Feb. 4.

Steve N. Wilson Raft Creek Bottoms WMA (Zone 605) ●

AGFC 833-345-0283 • 5,002 acres • White County

- No boats allowed Nov. 12-18, Nov. 28-Dec. 9 and Dec. 24-25.
Exception – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas and boat launch ramps) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31 and Feb. 4.
- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- No outboard motors larger than 25 horsepower, surface-drive motors larger than 37 horsepower or airboats allowed.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31.
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 3 and Jan. 31.
- From Nov. 19-27, Dec. 10-23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 31, 2023, Steve N. Wilson Raft Creek Bottoms WMA is open for waterfowl hunting only on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and Saturdays and Sundays.
 - On Tuesdays and Thursdays, permits are available at the parking areas at the end of Cypert Road (south of headquarters), east end of Jones Island Road (Cypert Tract) and boat ramps A and B. Hunters are not restricted to designated locations on these days. Anyone entering flooded areas must have a signed Steve N. Wilson Raft Creek Bottoms Waterfowl Hunting Daily Use Permit on their person. All permits must be carried while hunting, completed and returned to the collection box at the end of the hunt.
 - On Saturdays and Sundays, a limited number of permits will be available through online drawing. Visit www.agfc.com and click on "Buy Licenses" to apply. Hunters are not restricted to designated locations on these days. No more than four participants per party are allowed for each permit and all members of the party must hunt together.
 - Online drawing for permits will be suspended on Saturdays and Sundays when the White River at Georgetown reaches 19' and reinstated when the river falls to 17.5'. The WMA will remain open to hunting during this time.
 - Permits are available through online drawing for the following designated locations on the WMA on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays: Magellan Tract, mobility impaired blind and youth blind. Visit www.agfc.com and click on "Buy Licenses" to apply. Youth permit applications only appear if logged in under the youth hunters' Customer ID. Holders of a permit for the Magellan Tract are authorized to access this tract via ATV/UTV. Mobility Impaired card is not required.
 - Permits are not required during the Youth Waterfowl Hunt except for the youth blind permitted hole.

Sulphur River WMA (Zone 610)

AGFC 833-372-2434 • 16,520 acres • Miller County

- No boats allowed Nov. 12-18, Nov. 28-Dec. 9 and Dec. 24-25.
Exception – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3.
Exception – Boats allowed on the following waters:
 - Sulphur River and Mercer Bayou.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and boat staging areas) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 19-Jan. 31 and Feb. 4. Boats may only be launched in boat staging areas after 2 a.m. and must remain occupied between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m.
- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m. Nov. 19-27, Dec. 10-23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 31.
Exception – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 3 and Jan. 31.
Exception – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on the following waters:
 - Sulphur River and Mercer Bayou.
- No airboats during duck season. (excluding Sulphur River and Mercer Bayou)

Trusten Holder WMA (Zone 630) ●

AGFC 833-363-7638 • 8,173 acres • Arkansas, Desha counties

- Spinning-wing and mechanically operated decoys not allowed. See Page 43.
- In areas where the park boundary follows the shoreline, a “no hunting” buffer zone (marked with signs or buoys) has been established. Possession of a loaded firearm within this zone is prohibited.
- No airboats during duck season. (excluding Arkansas River, Arkansas Post Canal, Merrisach Lake, Moore Bayou and Post Lake)

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NWR-specific Details



Most U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuges require that a signed permit be carried while hunting. Contact the refuge for this permit and for additional refuge regulations. **Unless noted, migratory game bird and waterfowl season dates, hunting times and regulations are the same as statewide.**

It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except traditional jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code. It is unlawful to guide or be guided on any NWR. See Page 44 for new boating regulations.

Bald Knob NWR (Zone 002) www.fws.gov/baldknob

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 501-724-2458 • 15,337 acres • White County

- A waterfowl hunter may possess no more than 25 shotgun shells.
- Hunting parties must stay at least 100 yards apart.
- Waterfowl hunters may not enter the refuge earlier than 4 a.m.
- Decoys, blinds and all other equipment must be removed daily by 1 p.m.
- Dove and snipe: State seasons. Dogs permitted.
- Woodcock: State seasons. Dogs permitted.
- Rail and gallinule: State seasons. Dogs permitted.
- Duck, coot and merganser: hunting ends at noon.
- Goose: hunting ends at noon. All day hunting permitted for geese (all applicable species) during the light goose conservation order. The 25 shell possession limit for waterfowl hunting does not apply to goose hunting during the light goose conservation order.
- Refuge is closed to all other entry and use except by modern gun deer permit holders on Nov. 12-13.

Big Lake NWR (Zone 030) www.fws.gov/biglake

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 870-564-2429 • 11,038 acres • Mississippi County

- Migratory game birds: closed

Cache River NWR (Zone 095) www.fws.gov/cacheriver

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 501-203-7253 • 73,352 acres • Jackson, Monroe, Prairie, Woodruff counties

- Waterfowl hunters may not enter the refuge earlier than 4 a.m.
- Decoys, blinds and all other equipment must be removed daily by 1 p.m.
- Boats are prohibited on the Refuge from 12 a.m.-4 a.m. during waterfowl season.
- Dove and snipe: All day state seasons. Dogs permitted.
- Woodcock: State seasons. Dogs permitted.
- Rail and gallinule: State seasons. Dogs permitted.
- Duck, coot and merganser: hunting ends at noon.

- Goose: hunting ends at noon. All day hunting permitted for geese (all applicable species) during the light goose conservation order.
- Special youth quota permit waterfowl hunts. Bayou DeView and Roundpond Units. Available only to youth under 16. Applications will be received Nov. 1-30. Visit www.fws.gov/cacheriver/youthwaterfowl for complete details.
- Refuge is closed to all other entry and use except by modern gun deer permit holders on Nov. 12-20.

Dale Bumpers White River NWR www.fws.gov/whiteriver (South Zone 145, North Zone 146)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 870-282-8200 • 160,000 acres • Arkansas, Desha, Monroe, Phillips counties

- An Annual Public Use Permit is required to hunt, fish, launch boats and utilize campgrounds on Dale Bumpers White River NWR. The permit cost is \$20.00 for those 16 years of age and over and is free to those 15 years of age and younger. Holders of other permits, passes and/or Duck Stamps are not exempt from the Annual Public Use Permit requirement. To obtain an Annual Public Use Permit please visit <https://whiteriver.recaccess.com/>
 - Waterfowl (duck, coot, merganser, and goose) hunting ends at noon.
 - Decoys, blinds and all other equipment must be removed daily by 1 p.m.
 - Personal property (i.e. decoys, weapons, etc) may not be left unattended.
 - Waterfowl hunting is closed on the South Unit with the exception of the Levee Hunt Area and Jacks Bay Hunt Area.
 - Boating is prohibited from November 1 through February in the Jacks Bay Hunt Area and Levee Hunt Area, except from 4 a.m. to 1 p.m. on days when waterfowl hunting is open.
 - Waterfowl hunters may not enter the Refuge earlier than 4 a.m.
 - Waterfowl hunting is closed on the White River from Holly Lake downstream to Benzal Bridge.
 - Goose hunting is not allowed outside the state duck season.
- **LEVEE HUNT AREA**
Open every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and youth/active military/veteran hunt days during the statewide duck season. Levee hunt area may ONLY be accessed from the White River Levee. Vehicles must travel on gravel roads. Vehicles must park at the end or along the shoulder of gravel roads. Walk-in or nonmotorized boats only
- **JACKS BAY HUNT AREA**
Open every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and youth/active military/veteran hunt days during the statewide duck season.
- **NORTH UNIT (north of Highway 1)**
Open statewide duck season and youth/active military/veteran hunt days.
- Dove: open from 12 noon to sunset on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the statewide season in September and October. Dogs permitted. Areas in which dove hunting is permitted: Demonstration Area, Dry Lake Area, Turner Tract Area, Kansas Lake Area, and Surround Fields Area.
- Woodcock: open on the North Unit from Dec. 1 until the end of the state woodcock season. Dogs permitted.

Felsenthal NWR (Zone 220) www.fws.gov/felsenthal

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 870-364-3167 • 65,000 acres • Ashley, Bradley, Union counties

- Waterfowl hunters may possess no more than 25 shotgun shells (including shells in vehicle). All waterfowl hunting equipment, including blinds, boats, guns, decoys, etc., must be removed by 1 p.m.
- Duck, goose and coot: hunting ends at noon. Closed during permit deer hunts.
- Woodcock: Closed during permit deer hunts.
- Waterfowl hunters may not enter the refuge earlier than 4 a.m.

Holla Bend NWR (Zone 330) www.fws.gov/hollabend

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 479-229-4300 • 7,057 acres • Pope County

- Migratory game birds: closed.

Overflow NWR (Zone 490) www.fws.gov/felsenthal/overflow

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 870-473-2869 • 13,000 acres • Ashley County

- Waterfowl hunters may possess no more than 25 shotgun shells (including shells in vehicle).
- Duck, goose and coot: hunting ends at noon.
- Waterfowl hunters may not enter the refuge earlier than 4 a.m.
- Boat motors over 25 horsepower are prohibited and all boats are prohibited from 1 p.m.-4 a.m. during waterfowl season.
- All waterfowl hunting equipment including blinds, boats, guns, decoys, etc. must be removed by 1 p.m.

Pond Creek NWR (Zone 532) www.fws.gov/felsenthal/pondcreek

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 870-289-2126 • 27,000 acres • Sevier County

- Duck, goose and coot: hunting ends at noon. Closed during permit deer hunts.
- Waterfowl hunters may not enter the refuge earlier than 4 a.m.
- All waterfowl hunting equipment including blinds, boats, guns, decoys, etc. must be removed by 1 p.m.

Wapanocca NWR (Zone 640) www.fws.gov/wapanocca

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 870-343-2595 • 5,485 acres • Crittenden County

- Migratory game birds: closed.



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