Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Code Book

The regulations in this Code Book are hereby adopted by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission under authority of Amendment 35 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas. All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.
03.04 Nonresident Hunting License Requirements

It is unlawful for a nonresident, 16 years of age or older, to hunt wildlife by any means in Arkansas without possessing on the person the appropriate Arkansas hunting license as provided herein:

A. To hunt waterfowl, small game, alligator, deer, turkey, bear or elk, the hunter must have physical possession of a valid Arkansas hunting license and any permit required to hunt that species (Addendum D1.01).

B. Nonresidents hunting waterfowl or small game only (excluding deer, elk, turkey, alligator and bear). Requirements: Non-Resident Annual Hunting License, Non-Resident Annual Small Game Hunting License, or Non-Resident 5-Day Small Game Hunting License, and a Non-Resident Trappers Permit if trapping furbearers. If hunting waterfowl, an Arkansas Non-Resident Waterfowl Stamp, Federal Waterfowl Stamp and Harvest Information Program (HIP) are required.

C. Nonresidents hunting deer. Requirements: Non-Resident Annual Hunting License (provides holder 6 deer tags); Non-Resident 1-Day Deer Hunting License (provides holder 1 deer tag); Non-Resident 3-Day Deer Hunting License (provides holder 1 deer tag); or a Non-Resident 5-Day Deer Hunting License (provides holder 2 deer tags), and a Non-Resident Trappers Permit if trapping furbearers.

D. Nonresidents hunting bear, elk, turkey or alligator. Requirements: Non-Resident Annual Hunting License and the applicable Non-Resident Permit for each species to be hunted as follows: Non-Resident Bear Permit (provides holder 1 bear tag), Non-Resident Turkey Permit (provides holder 1 turkey tag per purchase, limit 2 purchases annually), Non-Resident Elk Permit (provides holder 1 elk tag), or Non-Resident Alligator Permit (provides holder 1 alligator tag).

E. Nonresidents are ineligible to obtain public land permits through the permit draw process for hunting elk or alligators.

EXCEPTIONS:

A. Nonresidents hunting on a licensed game bird shooting resort in compliance with regulations (Code 09.06).

B. In compliance with Code 04.04, Addenda B1.14, H1.01, H1.03.

C. Nonresidents who possess a Resident Lifetime License for either hunting or combination hunting-and-fishing (Addendum D1.01) obtained prior to September 1, 2021, while a bona fide Arkansas resident (Code 01.00-C, RESIDENT) are eligible to obtain public land permits through the permit draw process for hunting elk or alligators.

PENALTY: Class 2