

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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

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07.01 Alligator Baiting And Feeding Prohibited

It is unlawful to place or deposit foodstuffs, scent lures or other materials for the purpose of baiting, attracting or enticing alligators for any reason.

EXCEPTION: Persons feeding alligators maintained in protected captivity for educational, scientific, commercial or recreational purposes. For the purpose of this regulation, the term “maintained in protected captivity” means held in captivity under Commission authorization.

PENALTY: Class 2

07.02 Bear Baiting And Feeding Prohibited

It is unlawful to place or deposit foodstuffs, scent lures, or other materials for the purpose of baiting, attracting or enticing bears for any reason.

EXCEPTION: On private land in Bear Zones 1, 2, 5 and 5A, 30 days before the opening day of the first bear season until the last day of the last bear season in each respective bear zone (Code [07.03](#)).

PENALTY: Class 2

07.03 Hunting Bear Over Bait Prohibited

It is unlawful to hunt bear by the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, where he knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. An area is considered baited for 10 days following complete removal of the bait.

EXCEPTION: Bears may be hunted over bait on private lands in Bear Zones 1, 2, 5 and 5A during an open bear season (Code [05.01](#) and Addendum [A1.08](#)).

PENALTY: Class 2

07.04 Hunting Migratory Game Birds Over Bait Prohibited

It is unlawful to hunt migratory game birds by the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, where he knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited ([50 CFR 20.21](#)(i)). An area is considered baited for 10 days following complete removal of the bait.

PENALTY: Class 2

07.05 Hunting Turkey Over Bait Prohibited

It is unlawful to hunt wild turkey by the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, where the person hunting knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. An area is considered baited for 10 days following complete removal of the bait.

PENALTY: Class 2

07.06 Baiting And Feeding Prohibited Inside The CWD Management Zone

It is unlawful to place or deposit foodstuffs, scents, lures, grains, minerals, pelletized feed, or other materials for the purpose of hunting, attracting, or enticing wildlife for any reason inside the CWD Management Zone.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Hunting with the use of bait on private land September 1- December 31 (Code Chapter [15.00](#), Addenda [A1.01](#), [E1.01](#)).
- B. Hunting elk with the use of bait on private land September 1 - December 31 (Code Chapter [16.00](#), Addenda [A1.09](#), [E1.05](#)).
- C. Baiting bear on private land, 30 days before the opening day of the first bear season until the last day of the last bear season in each respective bear zone (Code [07.03](#)) with the following bait only prior to September 1: dog food, cat food, pastries/bread, cooking oils, non-wildlife meat scraps, popped-popcorn, cooking grease, and fish or fish byproducts; after September 1, there are no restrictions on bear bait type.
- D. Trapping furbearers with the use of bait during open furbearer trapping seasons or hunting furbearers during open furbearer hunting seasons on private land (Addenda Chapters [A1.00](#), [C1.00](#)).
- E. Hunting quail with the use of bait on private land from the first day of quail season through December 31 (Addendum [A1.03](#)).
- F. Control of nuisance wildlife in accordance with Code [05.10](#).
- G. Bait used for fishing.
- H. Incidental feeding of wildlife within active livestock operations.
 - I. Attracting or feeding birds or squirrels with common bird and squirrel feeders, bird baths, or grain completely submerged in water.
 - J. Hand feeding of wildlife, except game animals, (ex. ducks at community pond), provided a reasonable attempt is made to clean up left-over or spilled foodstuffs.
- K. Crops planted as food plots for wildlife.
- L. Normal agricultural, gardening, or soil stabilization practices.
- M. Bait and material placed for the purpose of AGFC-approved (by the Chief of Wildlife Management) management, research, or control of wildlife.

PENALTY: Class 2