

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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

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15.01 Legal Buck Deer Requirements

It is unlawful to hunt or possess any buck deer other than a legal buck (Code [01.00](#)-C).

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Deer carcasses and parts legally harvested outside the state and accompanied by verification (Code [05.26](#)).
- B. In compliance with Chapter [09.00](#).
- C. Youths may take any buck.
- D. On certain WMAs (Code [21.03](#)).
- E. Bucks taken with the Deer Management Assistance Program Management buck tags.
- F. Bucks taken by hunters using the Unrestricted Weapons Antlerless tags.
- G. Bucks taken by hunters using archery equipment during the Antlerless Only Modern Gun Hunt.
- H. Private Land CWD Management Tags.
- I. No antler restrictions within the CWD Management Zone

PENALTY: Class 1

15.02 Hunting Doe Deer Prohibited

It is unlawful to hunt or possess doe deer.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. A doe legally taken in a zone or area declared open to doe harvest by the Commission (Addendum [A1.01](#)).
- B. Deer carcasses and parts legally harvested outside the state and accompanied by legal verification required by state of origin (Code [05.26](#)).
- C. In compliance with Chapter [09.00](#).
- D. Commission registered deer camps that participate in the Deer Management Assistance Program Management receiving doe deer permits.
- E. Private Land CWD Management Tags.

PENALTY: Class 1

15.03 Antler Requirements

It is unlawful to remove the antlers from the carcass of a buck deer prior to checking the deer using an official wildlife check method.

PENALTY: Class 1

15.04 Hunting Swimming Deer Prohibited

It is unlawful to hunt, drive or capture swimming deer.

PENALTY: Class 1

15.05 Urban Bowhunting Deer Permit Required

It is unlawful to hunt deer in any urban bowhunting deer zone (Addendum [E1.06](#)) without possessing on the person a valid Urban Bowhunting Deer Permit and complying with hunting and/or guide license requirements (Code [03.01](#)).

PENALTY: Class 1

15.06 Hunting Deer From A Vessel Prohibited

It is unlawful to hunt deer from any vessel on public waters.

PENALTY: Class 1