

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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

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19.01 Activities Prohibited Where Signs Are Posted

It is unlawful to engage in any activity where signs are posted by the Commission or any regulatory agency prohibiting such activities, or to trespass during waterfowl season in specified areas marked with red paint.

PENALTY: Class 1

19.02 Damage To Commission Property Prohibited

It is unlawful to remove, dislodge, or intentionally cause damage to any building, structure, sign, equipment, or other property owned or controlled by the Commission.

PENALTY: Class 2

19.03 Motorized Vehicle Restrictions

It is unlawful to operate any motorized vehicle on Commission-owned property.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. On maintained roads or parking areas open to the public.
- B. In designated camping areas.
- C. Persons having a valid Mobility-Impaired Access Permit may operate an ATV or similar specialized device for transportation in compliance with Code [20.12](#).
- D. Persons participating in the Freddie Black Choctaw Island WMA Deer Research Area East Unit Special Mobility-Impaired permit deer hunt.

PENALTY: Class 1

19.04 Camping Restrictions

It is unlawful on Commission-owned or controlled property to:

- A. Camp or use any campsite more than 14 consecutive days;
- B. Allow a camp to remain unoccupied for more than 48 consecutive hours;
- C. Camp in areas other than designated camping areas;
- D. Cause any disturbance after 10 p.m.; or
- E. Camp or use any campsite for more than 30 days total during a calendar year.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. A permit from the Arkansas Forestry Commission is required to camp on Poison Springs WMA.
- B. Camping is prohibited on the U of A Pine Tree Experimental Station WDA.
- C. Campers on USDA Forest Service Cooperative WMAs must comply with applicable Forest Service regulations.
- D. Camping is restricted to 7 consecutive days per month in the Headquarters Campsite on Camp Robinson SUA, unless the campsite is reserved for a special event. Special event participants may camp for the term of the event, even if it is longer than 7 consecutive days.
- E. Camping is prohibited on Maumelle River WMA.

PENALTY: Class 1

19.05 Signs Prohibited

It is unlawful to erect or post any sign, notice, or advertisement on any Commission-controlled property.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Regulatory and informational signs posted by government agencies.
- B. Signs permitted under written agreement with the Commission.

PENALTY: Class 1

19.06 Fire Restricted And Destruction Of Trees Prohibited

It is unlawful to:

- A. Cut or disfigure trees;
- B. Cause the burning of timber, brush, or grass;
- C. Leave a fire without completely extinguishing it;
- D. Burn any material or objects that are not completely combustible; or
- E. Allow a fire to escape from control on any Commission-controlled property.

The Commission shall have the right to prohibit any or all forms of hunting or trespassing on any unauthorized artificial openings.

EXCEPTION: As specified in the “Policies on Land Use Around Commission Lakes” (Addendum [K1.01](#)).

PENALTY: Class 1

19.07 Commercial Activities Prohibited

It is unlawful to engage in any commercial activity on Commission-owned property without permission from the Director’s designee.

EXCEPTION: Filming or video of hunts on WMAs.

PENALTY: Class 1

19.08 Access Prohibited After Revocation Of License

It is unlawful to access or go upon any Commission-owned WMA or Commission-owned lake after revocation of the person’s hunting or fishing license for the period of such revocation.

PENALTY: Class 2

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19.10 Firearm Restrictions On Lakes And Access Areas

It is unlawful to possess a firearm on any lake, fishing access, or boating access owned or controlled by the Commission.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. While legally hunting waterfowl on lakes open to waterfowl hunting.
- B. An unloaded firearm in a case may be transported by boat on Commission lakes and access areas during an open hunting season.
- C. While legally hunting alligators in compliance with Codes [05.01](#), [12.03](#), and Addendum [A1.10](#).
- D. In compliance with Code [05.19](#).

PENALTY: Class 1

19.11 Outboard Motor Size And Hazardous Wake Restrictions On Commission-Owned Lakes

It is unlawful to operate any boat in such a manner as to create a wake that is hazardous to persons or property, or to fail to comply with the outboard motor size restrictions on Commission waterfowl areas as noted in Code [24.03](#).

PENALTY: Class 1

19.12 Skiing On Lakes Prohibited

It is unlawful to water ski, aquaplane, or use personal watercraft defined by the U.S. Coast Guard as "thrillcraft" on lakes owned or controlled by the Commission.

EXCEPTIONS:

Lake Calion (Union County), Lake Enterprise (Ashley County), Grand Lake (Chicot County), and Lake Chicot (Chicot County).

PENALTY: Class 1

19.13 Compliance With Land Use Policies Around Commission-Owned Or -Controlled Lakes; Permit And Specification Requirements For Certain Structures And Activities

It is unlawful to fail to comply with the Commission's Policies on Land Use Around Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Lakes (Addendum [K1.01](#)), including all permit and specification requirements for structures and activities. Specifically, it is unlawful to:

- A. Construct, own, or possess platforms, piers, boat slides, boathouses, or irrigation systems on Commission-owned or controlled lakes (including lake management buffers) without first obtaining a valid permit from the Commission in accordance with the Commission's Policies on Land Use Around Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Lakes (Addendum [K1.01](#)).
- B. Conduct or engage in activities on Commission-owned or controlled lakes (including lake management buffers) that require a permit under the Commission's Policies on Land Use Around Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Lakes (Addendum [K1.01](#)) without first obtaining a valid permit from the Commission in accordance with such policies. Activities that require a permit include, but are not limited to: shoreline stabilization; lake dredging; herbicide and pesticide use; shoreline deepening; and lawn irrigation.
- C. Conduct or engage in activities on Commission-owned or controlled lakes (including lake management buffers) that are disallowed under the Commission's Policies on Land Use Around Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Lakes (Addendum [K1.01](#)). Activities that are disallowed include, but are not limited to: storage of any type of personal property; construction of water wells; erection of fencing or storage sheds; discharges of liquids or other materials; livestock grazing; construction of seawalls or retaining walls; construction or installation of animal pens, doghouses, light poles, satellite dishes, gardens, gazebos, concrete slabs, or patios; cutting trees; and permanently mooring party barges.

PENALTY: Class 1

19.14 Boat Dock Lease And Operator Requirements For Structures

A Commercial Facility Operator's License Agreement and permit is required by anyone who has a boat ramp, boat shed, boathouse, boat slide, pier, or other structure that is used solely, or in conjunction with other structures, to generate personal income for the adjacent landowner/structure owner (otherwise known as Operator) on Commission-owned property. Specifically, it is unlawful to own or operate a facility where boats are rented to the public or where boats are kept for private owners on a rental basis, or to provide and charge for boat launching or vehicle parking on waters or property owned by the Commission without first entering into a license agreement with and obtaining a permit from the Commission. Commission employees in performance of duties are allowed free parking and boat launching privileges.

PENALTY: Class 1

19.15 Obstruction Of Access Areas Prohibited

It is unlawful to store vehicles, vessels, or any other personal property, or obstruct in any other manner any access area, parking area, boat launching ramp, or access road owned or controlled by the Commission.

PENALTY: Class 1

19.16 Removal Of Objects Prohibited

- A. It is unlawful to remove any objects from any Commission-controlled property, including rocks, fruits, nuts, acorns, artifacts, plants, etc., without permission from the Commission.
- B. It is unlawful to remove endangered plants from Commission-owned lands without a Scientific Collection Permit from the Commission.
- C. It is unlawful to remove objects from natural areas managed in conjunction with the Commission without a permit from Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission.
- D. It is unlawful to remove objects from Maumelle River WMA without a permit from Central Arkansas Water.

PENALTY: Class 1

19.17 Livestock Ranging Prohibited

It is unlawful to allow ranging by livestock on any Commission-controlled property.

EXCEPTION: On cooperative WMAs under written agreement with the landowner.

PENALTY: Class 1

19.18 Geocaching

It is unlawful to establish or maintain a geocache on any Commission-owned property ([Addendum M1.01](#)).

PENALTY: Class 1

19.19 Fireworks Restrictions On Commission-Owned Or Controlled Property

It is unlawful to possess or discharge fireworks on Commission-owned or controlled property.

EXCEPTION: With written permission from the AGFC Director.

PENALTY: Class 1