

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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.**

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### 20.01 Killing Or Capturing Devices Prohibited On WMAs

It is unlawful to hunt, trap, or possess a killing or capturing device on any WMA.

#### EXCEPTIONS:

- A. During open seasons for wildlife on WMAs.
- B. Ozark National Forest WMA.
- C. Sanctioned Shoot-to-Kill Walking Trails.
- D. For activities authorized by the Commission.
- E. In compliance with Code [05.19](#).

**PENALTY:** Class 1

## 20.02 Firearm Restrictions On WMAs

- A. It is unlawful to possess buckshot, rifled slugs, centerfire firearms, or rimfire firearms larger than .22 caliber on WMAs other than during open modern gun deer, bear, or elk seasons and in compliance with Codes [06.02](#), [06.09](#), [06.10](#).
- B. It is unlawful to possess muzzleloaders larger than .40 caliber on any WMA other than during an open muzzleloader or modern gun deer, bear, or elk seasons and in compliance with Code [06.03](#).

### WMA SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS:

- A. All Commission-owned WMAs, Blue Mountain WMA, Camp Robinson WMA, Dardanelle WMA, J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUA, Nimrod Lloyd Millwood WMA, Ozark Lake WMA, and all USDA Forest Service lands including WMAs lying within the Ouachita National Forest and the St. Francis/Ozark National Forest – bobcat, fox, and coyote may be taken during daylight hours with firearms of any caliber during bobcat, fox, and coyote seasons.
- B. Beaver Lake, Big Lake, Brushy Creek, Dave Donaldson Black River, Frierson, Holland Bottoms, St. Francis Sunken Lands, Shirey Bay Rainey Brake, U of A Pine Tree Experimental Station, W.E. Brewer Scatter Creek, and Wedington WMAs – only shotguns with slugs (no buckshot allowed) or muzzleloading rifles (in compliance with Code [06.03](#)) shooting a single projectile only during modern gun season.
- C. Trusten Holder WMA – within the boundaries of the Arkansas Post National Memorial buffer zone, discharge of any firearm is prohibited. No rifles are allowed on that part of Trusten Holder, including all Corps of Engineers lands, lying north and east of the centerline of the Arkansas River which fall within the area that lies east of Pendleton Bridge to just south of Dam 2 and those lands west of Tichnor Blacktop and Nady Road.
- D. Big Lake WMA – it is unlawful to transport firearms in that portion of Ditch 28 on the Big Lake WMA without firearms being dismantled or encased.
- E. Lafayette County WMA – no buckshot.
- F. Bell Slough WMA – shotguns, muzzleloader or rimfire rifles only.
- G. Johnson County WRA on Dardanelle WMA – muzzleloaders shooting a single projectile or shotguns with slugs only.
- H. DeGray Lake WMA – within the boundaries of the Lower DeGray Lake Waterfowl Rest Area, all firearms and archery equipment are prohibited except by permitted participants of special hunts and archery equipment used for bowfishing.
- I. Greers Ferry WMA – muzzleloaders are allowed during the mobility-impaired deer permit hunt.
- J. The farm units within Bald Knob, Cache River, and Wapanocca NWRs – muzzleloaders shooting a single projectile, shotguns with slugs (no buckshot allowed) or legal handguns only.
- K. Maumelle River WMA – shotguns using legal, non-toxic ammunition may be used to take squirrel, rabbit, furbearer, quail, crow, dove as designated on the public use map in compliance with Code [23.03](#).
- L. DeQueen Lake WMA – all property lying south of Bellah Mine Road (excluding property contained within the boundaries of the Dike C Firearms Unit and Jordan Tract Firearms Unit) – firearms are not allowed. All COE Recreational Areas are closed to hunting. Refer to COE\AGFC Public Use Map.
- M. RESERVED.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- A. Private landowners within boundaries of WMAs where they maintain a bona fide residence, within their homes or on their own land where normal agricultural activity is conducted.
- B. Trustee Holder WMA mobility impaired muzzleloader deer hunters may use shotguns with slugs.
- C. DeGray Lake WMA special hunt permit holders may possess loaded firearms within the delineated boundaries of the Lower DeGray Lake Waterfowl Rest Area during the special hunts.
- D. In compliance with Code [05.19](#).

**PENALTY:** Class 1

## 20.03 Loaded Firearms Prohibited In Camping Areas On All WMAs

It is unlawful to possess a loaded firearm in any camping area or parking lot on any WMA (Code [01.00-C Loaded Firearms](#)).

**EXCEPTION:**

In compliance with Code [05.19](#).

**PENALTY:** Class 1

## 20.04 Cutting Devices And Chemicals Prohibited On WMAs

It is unlawful to use or possess chemical defoliant or cutting devices, including but not limited to, chainsaws, handsaws, hatchets, axes, weed trimmers, or string trimmers on WMAs.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- A. Common hunting knives, pocket knives, and pocket saws.
- B. Landowners or their agents on cooperative WMAs and timber contractors.
- C. Campers in designated camping areas.
- D. Trappers using hatchets during trapping season.
- E. By written permit issued by the Commission or designee.

**PENALTY:** Class 1

## 20.05 Baiting Or Hunting Over Baited Portions Of WMAs Prohibited

It is unlawful to possess, place, deposit, or scatter any grain or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction, or enticement of wildlife; or to take or attempt to take wildlife using bait on any WMA.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- A. Sowing of wildlife food areas by Commission personnel.
- B. Bait or lures used in legally set traps during an open furbearer trapping season.
- C. Hunters may possess bait or lures while traveling to inholding property on WMAs.

**PENALTY:** Class 2

## 20.06 Structures And Personal Property On WMAs

- A. It is unlawful to build, attach or occupy any type of structures on a WMA made from common building materials, such as wire, nylon, metal, or lumber. Prohibited structures include, but are not limited to, hunting stands and blinds, buildings, shelters, and moored houseboats.
- B. It is unlawful to leave personal property on any WMA. Prohibited personal property items include, but are not limited to, boats, hunting stands, and blinds.
- C. Structures and personal property not in compliance with this code may be removed by Commission personnel and destroyed or otherwise disposed of in compliance with Commission policy.

### EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Portable hunting blinds, portable hunting stands and associated equipment using no metal objects screwed or driven into trees. Such stands and blinds must have the owner's name and address permanently affixed and must be moved at least 200 yards after 7 consecutive days. Stands and blinds may not be placed on a WMA more than 7 days before deer archery season and must be removed from the WMA within 7days after the close of deer archery season.
- B. On USDA Forest Service cooperative WMAs, portable stands must comply with USDA Forest Service regulations.
- C. Structures in compliance with a Commission-issued Land Use Permit.
- D. In compliance with Codes [01.00-C](#), [19.04](#), [20.18](#), [24.05](#), [24.06](#).
- E. Slough boats may be kept at designated sites beginning the Saturday before the opening day of duck season and must be permanently removed 7days after the last day of duck season.
- F. Trail Cameras.

**PENALTY:** Class 2

## 20.07 Permit Requirements On Certain WMAs

It is unlawful to hunt or trap on a WMA without first obtaining and complying with the terms of the required permit (Codes [20.16](#), [20.17](#), and Addendum Chapter [C1.00](#)) and as specified below:

- A. An Access Permit is required on Bald Knob, Big Lake, Cache River, Felsenthal, Holla Bend, Overflow, Pond Creek, and Wapanocca NWRs, Crossett Experimental Forest WMA, and Poison Springs WMA.
- B. A Leased Land Permit is required for persons 16 years and older to camp, hunt, or trap wildlife on Big Timber, Casey Jones, Cedar Mountain, Cherokee, Gum Flats, Howard County, Jack Mountain, Jim Kress, Lafayette County (except no permit is required to camp), Lake Greeson (no permit is required for mobility impaired hunters hunting during the mobility impaired permit hunt) and Provo Leased Lands WMAs.
- C. A Special Use Permit is required to camp, hunt, fish, or operate an ATV on Dale Bumpers White River NWR.
- D. A WMA General Use Permit is required for persons 16 years and older to hunt or trap on any WMA.
- E. A special permit from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers is required for any person to participate in the youth deer or mobility impaired waterfowl permit hunt on DeGray Lake WMA.

**EXCEPTION:** A WMA General Use Permit is not required to hunt or trap on inholdings.

### **PENALTIES:**

For violation of (A), (B), (C), or (E): Class 1

For violation of (D): Prohibition from entering upon Commission-owned WMAs for a period of 1 year

## 20.08 RESERVED

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## 20.09 Killing Or Capture Devices And Dogs Prohibited

It is unlawful to possess any killing or capture device or to allow dogs on the Blanchard Springs Recreation Area.

**PENALTY:** Class 1

## 20.10 Hunting From Roads Prohibited On WMAs

It is unlawful to shoot across, or to hunt within 100 feet from the center line of any city, county, state or federal maintained road open to public vehicular traffic on WMAs. It is unlawful to shoot across, or to hunt within 100 feet from the center line of any privately maintained road which is open to public vehicular traffic and falls under the control of the Commission through ownership, lease, cooperative agreement, conservation easement or memorandum of understanding on WMAs. It is unlawful to place or leave any stand, blind or other hunting apparatus with the intent of hunting from any of these roads or railroad rights-of-way on WMAs. In addition to other evidence introduced in a prima facie case of road hunting, there shall be a rebuttable presumption a person is “hunting” if the person points, aims, shoots or attempts to shoot a firearm or other killing device from a said road or railroad right-of-way in a direction in which game or other wildlife is present or likely to be present (including shooting at a game or wildlife decoy).

### EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Persons engaged in a lawful action to protect their livestock.
- B. Persons having a valid Mobility-Impaired Access Permit may hunt from designated, signed Mobility-Impaired Access Trails where public vehicular access is not allowed in compliance with Code [20.19](#).
- C. Persons having a valid Mobility-Impaired Access Permit may hunt from the 2 specially designated abandoned railroad rights-of-way on the Moro Big Pine Natural Area WMA.
- D. Small game (excluding fox, bobcat and coyote) pursued or treed by a dog or that is under point of a dog may be taken within 100 feet from the centerline of a road on Big Timber, Casey Jones, Cherokee, Gum Flats, Howard County, Jack Mountain, Jim Kress, Lafayette County, Lake Greeson, Moro Big Pine Natural Area and Provo WMAs provided the road is not city, county, state, or federally maintained.
- E. Persons using foothold and body-tripping traps may use firearms to dispatch wildlife caught in legally set traps within 100 feet from the center of any public road.
- F. Licensed/permitted falconers hunting with or trapping birds of prey in compliance with state and federal falconry regulations.

**PENALTY:** Class 2

## 20.11 Deer Hunting Prohibited During Flooding On Certain WMAs

It is unlawful to hunt deer within any portion of a WMA closed due to flooding as specified in Addendum [E1.04](#).

**PENALTY:** Class 1



## **20.12 Mobility-Impaired Access Permit Restrictions On Commission-Owned WMAs**

It is unlawful to participate in the Commission's Mobility-Impaired Access Permit program without complying with Addendum [C1.11](#).

**PENALTY:** Class 1

## **20.13 Dog Training Restrictions On Camp Robinson Special Use Area**

It is unlawful to train waterfowl retrievers, rabbit dogs (beagles) and bird dogs on Camp Robinson SUA without a current hunting license to: possess more than 8 dogs on the area; or use live ammunition. No 1-person, multi-person party, driver, or occupant of a single vehicle arriving at or being present at Camp Robinson SUA compartment 5 may train, control, or possess, or have in 1 vehicle more than 4 dogs except after 9 am on Tuesday or Thursday. Vehicle means car or truck including any accompanying trailer, whether or not attached.

### **EXCEPTIONS:**

- A. Individuals participating in organized field trials are not required to have a current hunting license.
- B. Individuals participating in an organized field trial are not restricted to possessing 8 dogs.
- C. Other dog training or events may be allowed by written permit from the Commission.

**PENALTY:** Class 1

## **20.14 Compliance With Camp Robinson WMA And Fort Chaffee WMA Military Post Regulations Required**

It is unlawful to fail to comply with the military post regulations pertaining to fishing and hunting on Camp Robinson and Fort Chaffee WMAs.

**PENALTY:** Class 1

## 20.15 Hunting From Motorized Land Vehicles Prohibited On WMAs

It is unlawful to take or attempt to take wildlife from a motorized land vehicle on WMAs.

### EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Holders of a Mobility-Impaired Access Permit may hunt from an ATV or similar specialized device for transportation in compliance with Code [20.12](#).
- B. Holders of an Arkansas Game and Fish Mobility-Impaired Access card may operate ATVs only on designated mobility-impaired access areas on Big Timber, Jack Mountain and Moro Big Pine Natural Area WMAs in compliance with Code [20.19](#).

**PENALTY:** Class 1

## 20.16 Compliance With Terms Of Permit Hunts On WMAs Required

It is unlawful to fail to comply with terms of permit hunts on any WMA.

**PENALTY:** Class 1

## 20.17 Season Restrictions During Permit Hunts On WMAs

It is unlawful to hunt wildlife during a permit hunt on any WMA without first obtaining a permit. All seasons not named on the permit are closed during permit hunts on WMAs.

### EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Waterfowl may be hunted during waterfowl seasons.
- B. Other hunting seasons remain open during permit hunts on DeGray Lake and Rick Evans Grandview Prairie WMAs for hunting without a permit.
- C. This regulation does not apply on Gene Rush and Buffalo National River WMAs.
- D. Squirrel, Rabbit, Furbearer, Crow, Quail and Dove hunting is allowed (shotgun only; non-toxic shot) on Maumelle River WMA west of the Arkansas Highway 10 bridge during the permit deer hunts without a permit.

**PENALTY:** Class 1

## **20.18 Camping Restrictions On WMAs During Permit Hunts**

It is unlawful to camp on Commission-owned or leased WMAs during a permit hunt without first obtaining a permit for the hunt.

### **EXCEPTIONS:**

- A. When camping with a permit holder.
- B. Waterfowl hunters during waterfowl seasons.

**PENALTY:** Class 1

## 20.19 Vehicle Restrictions On WMAs

- A. It is unlawful on a WMA to operate any motorized vehicle including an electric or motorized bicycle: off any open access road and parking area; behind any gated, cabled or earthen barrier; where no road exists; on any trail, levee, or dam; on any food plot, wildlife opening, or fire lane; on any road that has been disked, seeded, or otherwise developed for wildlife; or in a direction of travel contrary to posted signs.
- B. It is unlawful for any person on a WMA to use an ATV, dune buggy or amphibious vehicle.

### EXCEPTIONS:

- A. In compliance with Code [20.12](#).
- B. Participants in the Freddie Black Choctaw Island WMA Deer Research Area East Unit Special Mobility-Impaired deer permit hunt.
- C. Motorized vehicles, except for ATVs on main access roads, may not be used on Big Timber Upland WDA.
- D. ATVs are allowed on open roads and trails on Casey Jones, Gum Flats, Howard County, Lafayette County, Lake Greeson, Poison Springs (motorized vehicles are not allowed on boundary lines that have been cleared by the Arkansas Forestry Commission) and Provo WMAs by hunters to access hunting locations and/or camping sites during open hunting seasons only.
- E. Motorized vehicles and ATVs are allowed on Caney Creek, Cedar Mountain, Muddy Creek and Winona WMAs, except on a road, temporary trailway or other area posted as closed by an earthen mound, gate, sign or other object. SPECIAL NOTE: Same as USDA Forest Service forest-wide regulations – Ouachita National Forest.
- F. ATVs are allowed on open, maintained roads on Cherokee and Jim Kress WMAs by hunters in possession of a valid leased-land permit for the purposes of ingress and egress to hunting locations and/or camping sites only.
- G. On Ozark National Forest, Ouachita National Forest, White Rock, Piney Creeks, Mount Magazine, Sylamore and St. Francis National Forest WMAs, all vehicles and off highway vehicles (OHVs) are subject to the USDA Forest Service OHV policy on roads and trails as published in 36 CFR 261. Refer to annual travel management map for designated uses on roads and trails.
- H. Participants in approved reserved/permitted organized events on the Camp Robinson SUA and persons training waterfowl retrievers in Public Use compartment 5 in compliance with posted signs.
- I. Holders of AGFC Mobility Impaired Access (MIA) cards may operate ATVs only on designated mobility impaired access areas on Moro Big Pine Natural Area. ATVs must remain on road on the Moro Big Pine MIA old abandoned railroad trams north and south rights-of-way. ATVs on the Moro Big Pine MIA roads # TAR 15, 16 and 34 must be 100 feet and no more than 300 feet from the centerline of the road.
- J. ATVs are allowed on designated open, maintained roads on Big Timber WMA by hunters to access hunting locations and/or camping sites during open hunting seasons. Open roads are designated on the WMA map and/or by signs. Use of ATVs on rights-of-way is strictly prohibited unless designated open.
- K. Holders of AGFC Mobility-Impaired Access (MIA) may operate ATVs only on designated mobility impaired access areas on Jack Mountain WMA. ATVs on designated MIA areas must be 100 feet and no more than 300 feet from the centerline of the road. Only 1 hunting stand or blind per MIA card holder allowed.
- L. ATVs are allowed on designated open, maintained roads on Jack Mountain WMA from September 1 - December 31 and 7 days prior to opening of turkey season through the end of turkey season. Use of ATVs on right-of-ways is strictly prohibited unless designated as an open road.

M. A Class 1 electric bicycle (as defined under Code [01.00-C](#), ELECTRIC BICYCLE) may be used on trails and areas where regular bicycles are allowed.

**PENALTY:** Class 1

## 20.20 Horse And Mule Restrictions On Certain WMAs

- A. It is unlawful to use or possess horses and mules on Commission-owned, Cherokee, Jack Mountain, Jim Kress, and Poison Springs WMAs during the months of October through January, and April through May. Permits are required for organized events of more than 10 horses or mules per party during the remainder of the year. Permits are available at the area headquarters and must be requested 14 days in advance of the event. Horses and mules are allowed only in camping areas that are designated for equestrian use. Horses in camping areas may only be tied to trailers or to a highline using tree-saver straps.
- B. It is unlawful for any person to allow horses or mules to damage trees or other woody vegetation. Soil disturbance must be restored, manure must be scattered, and excess feed, hay, and trash must be removed.

### EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Legal hunting activities may use horses and mules during specified hunting seasons (Addendum [C1.00](#)).
- B. At night during furbearing season (Addendum [C1.09](#)).
- C. Horses and mules are prohibited on all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' property on Trusten Holder WMA, including Jaridis Point.
- D. Horses and mules are prohibited on the Freddie Black Choctaw Island WMA Deer Research Area during open deer season.
- E. The Camp Robinson SUA is divided into 7 public use compartments. Non-reserved/open compartments 1, 3, 4 and 7 are open year round for pleasure riding, except when closed for reserved events. Compartments 2 and 5 are closed for horse and mule riding for pleasure. No permit or reservation is required unless a participant is requesting to reserve any of the public use facilities or compartments.
- F. All organized horse and mule events on J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUA are required to be scheduled or reserved annually by July 1 through the area manager. All pleasure riding is restricted to dates when no field trials are being conducted. The annual field trial schedule will be posted at area headquarters.
- G. Horses and mules are prohibited for use on that portion of the Gene Rush WMA lying east of Searcy County Road 14 and west of the Buffalo National River property line from Woolum Ford on the Buffalo National River to the intersection of Searcy County Roads 12 and 14.
- H. Horses and mules are prohibited on Maumelle River WMA (except by special permit from Central Arkansas Water).
- I. Horses and mules are allowed for legal hunting activities during specified hunting seasons and at night during furbearer season on Poison Springs WMA.
- J. Horses and mules are prohibited for use on Stone Prairie WMA.

**PENALTY:** Class 1

## 20.21 Hunting And Camping Prohibited On Electric Island WMA And Lake Maumelle

It is unlawful to hunt wildlife, possess firearms or dogs, camp, or build fires on Electric Island WMA and on any island on Lake Maumelle.

**PENALTY:** Class 1

## **20.22 Use Or Possession Of Alcohol Or Illegal Controlled Substances Prohibited On Commission-Controlled WMAs**

It is unlawful to possess alcoholic beverages or illegal controlled substances on Commission-controlled WMAs.

### **EXCEPTIONS:**

Alcoholic beverages may be possessed:

- A. On a private in-holding (Code [02.02](#)).
- B. In a vehicle while in transit on a public road in compliance with applicable law.
- C. In a vessel while in transit on a navigable waterway in compliance with applicable law.
- D. By permittees under a current Commission Land Use Permit in compliance with applicable law.
- E. In a vessel for the purpose of fishing and in accordance with applicable law.
- F. Campers within designated camping areas.

**PENALTY:** Class 1

## **20.23 RESERVED**

RESERVED.

## 20.24 Feral Hog Restrictions On WMAs

It is unlawful to:

- A. Hunt feral hogs on WMAs;
- B. Hunt feral hogs on WMAs by the use of dogs or trapping; or
- C. Possess or release live hogs on WMAs.

### EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Feral hogs may only be taken by a hunter who is hunting bear, deer, or elk during a firearm season for these big game species with a weapon legal for bear, deer, or elk firearm season and in compliance with all hunting license and permit requirements, on the following WMAs and NWRs:
  - 1. Bearcat Hollow WMA,
  - 2. Beaver Lake WMA,
  - 3. Beryl Anthony Lower Ouachita WMA,
  - 4. Big Lake WMA,
  - 5. Big Timber WMA,
  - 6. Blevins WMA,
  - 7. Blue Mountain WMA,
  - 8. Buck Island WMA,
  - 9. Buffalo National River WMA,
  - 10. Camp Robinson WMA,
  - 11. Camp Robinson SUA,
  - 12. Caney Creek WMA,
  - 13. Casey Jones WMA,
  - 14. Cherokee WMA,
  - 15. Crossett Experimental Forest WMA,
  - 16. Cut-Off Creek WMA,
  - 17. Dardanelle WMA,
  - 18. DeGray Lake WMA,
  - 19. Departee Creek WMA,
  - 20. DeQueen Lake WMA,
  - 21. Devil's Knob Natural Area WMA,
  - 22. Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois D'Arc WMA,
  - 23. Ed Gordon Point Remove WMA,
  - 24. Freddie Black Choctaw Island Deer Research Area,
  - 25. Ft. Chaffee WMA,
  - 26. Galla Creek WMA,
  - 27. Gene Rush WMA,
  - 28. George H. Dunklin Jr. Bayou Meto WMA,
  - 29. Greers Ferry Lake WMA,
  - 30. Gum Flats WMA,
  - 31. Harold E. Alexander Spring River WMA,
  - 32. Henry Gray Hurricane Lake WMA,
  - 33. Hope Upland WMA,
  - 34. Howard County WMA,
  - 35. J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUA,
  - 36. Jack Mountain WMA,
  - 37. Jamestown Independence County WMA,
  - 38. Jim Kress WMA,
  - 39. Jones Point WMA,



40. Lafayette County WMA,
41. Lake Greeson WMA,
42. Lee Creek WMA,
43. Little Bayou WMA,
44. Little Rive WMAr,
45. Loafer's Glory WMA,
46. McIlroy Madison County WMA,
47. Moro Big Pine Natural Area WMA,
48. Mt. Magazine WMA,
49. Muddy Creek WMA,
50. Nimrod Lloyd Millwood WMA,
51. Norfolk Lake WMA,
52. Ozan WMA,
53. Ozark Lake WMA,
54. Ozark National Forest WMA,
55. Petit Jean River WMA,
56. Piney Creeks WMA,
57. Poison Springs WMA,
58. Provo WMA,
59. RaineyWMA,
60. Scott Henderson Gulf Mountain WMA,
61. Seven Devils WMA,
62. Shirey Bay Rainey Brake WMA,
63. Spring Bank WMA,
64. St. Francis National Forest WMA,
65. St. Francis Sunken Lands WMA,
66. Steve N. Wilson Raft Creek Bottoms WMA,
67. Sulphur River WMA,
68. Sylamore WMA,
69. Trusten Holder WMA,
70. U of A Pine Tree Experimental Station WDA,
71. Village Creek WMA,
72. Wedington WMA,
73. White Rock WMA, and
74. Winona WMA;
75. Bald Knob NWR,
76. Big Lake NWR,
77. Dale BumpersWhite River NWR,
78. Felsenthal NWR,
79. Overflow NWR,
80. Pond Creek NWR, and
81. Wapanocca NWR.

B. Feral hogs may be taken on a WMA by a legal archery hunter only during the portion of an open bear, deer, or elk archery season on that WMA that falls in the month of November or December.

**PENALTIES:**

For violation of (A) or (B): Class 3

For violation of (C): Class 4

## **20.25 Restrictions On All Natural Area WMAs**

- A. It is unlawful to construct, place, attach, or occupy a permanent hunting stand, or camp on natural area WMAs.
- B. It also is unlawful to use or possess a motorized vehicle, horse, mule, or bicycle on natural area WMAs.

### **EXCEPTIONS:**

- A. Camping is allowed in designated areas on Moro Big Pine Natural Area WMA.
- B. Motorized vehicles, horses, mules, and bicycles may be used on gravel/graded roads on Moro Big Pine Natural Area WMA.

**PENALTY:** Class 1

## **20.26 RESERVED**

RESERVED.

## 20.27 Boating Restrictions On Certain WMAs and NWRs

- A. It is unlawful to operate motorboats or vessels or manipulate any similar device on any Commission-owned or -controlled WMA or on any NWR as follows:
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. Colliding with, striking, or bumping another vessel, object, or person;
  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. Swerving at the last possible moment to avoid collision where correction reasonably could have been made earlier;
  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 the law of regulations;
  13. With the exception of meeting oncoming boats, all boating traffic must proceed in single-file with no passing allowed, except limited passing may occur (i) when boats have exited the current direction of travel or are no longer under power, or (ii) when an overtaking boat is capable of passing without coming closer than 100 feet to another boat and at a rate of speed that will not create a hazardous wash or wake; or
  14. All boating traffic on the WMA or NWR must maintain a minimum distance of 100 feet (approximately 6-boat lengths) between boats proceeding in the same direction of travel.
- B. It is unlawful to negligently engage in any of the prohibited acts listed in subsection (A) above on any Commission-owned or -controlled WMA or on any NWR.
- C. It is unlawful to recklessly or intentionally engage in any of the prohibited acts listed in subsection (A) above on any Commission-owned or -controlled WMA or on any NWR.

### **PENALTIES:**

For negligent operation: Class 2

For reckless or intentional operation: Class 3

In addition, any person convicted of a violation of this regulation will be prohibited from entering upon all WMAs for a period of 1 year from the date of conviction.