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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

24.09 Nonresident Waterfowl Hunting Permit Requirements On WMAs

A. It is unlawful for any nonresident hunter who does not possess a valid Nonresident WMA Waterfowl Hunting Permit to take or attempt to take waterfowl during regular duck season on any WMA.
B. Permits may be purchased that will allow a nonresident to hunt waterfowl on any WMA open to waterfowl hunting during select dates from the following list only:
  1. First 9 days of regular duck season.
  2. December 27 through January 5 Annually.
  3. January 21 through January 31 Annually.
C. Nonresident hunters may purchase either one or more 5-day permits, each usable for 5 or fewer consecutive days from the above list only, or a 30-day permit that is usable for all available dates from the above list only. For the 5-day permit, the desired hunting dates must be selected from the list presented at the time of purchase and all selections are final. All permit purchases are nonrefundable and nontransferable to other persons, dates, or WMAs.
D. The Nonresident WMA Waterfowl Hunting Permit is in addition to hunting and/or guide license requirements as stated in Chapter 03.00. This permit must be in the person's possession while taking or attempting to take waterfowl on any WMA.

EXCEPTIONS:

A. Former residents, who possess a Waterfowl Permit and 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), may hunt waterfowl on any WMA in compliance with Chapter 24.00 without a Nonresident WMA Waterfowl Hunting Permit and are not subject to the above date restrictions.

PENALTY: Class 2