

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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

A1.00 Game Seasons And Limits

- [A1.01](#) Deer Season And Limits
- [A1.02](#) Wild Turkey Season And Limits
- [A1.03](#) Quail Season And Limits
- [A1.04](#) Rabbit Season And Limits
- [A1.05](#) Furbearer Season And Limits
- [A1.06](#) Squirrel Season And Limits
- [A1.07](#) Crow Season And Limits
- [A1.08](#) Bear Season And Limits
- [A1.09](#) Elk Season And Limits

[A1.10](#) Alligator Hunting Season And Limits

A1.01 Deer Season And Limits

ARCHERY AND CROSSBOW

All deer zones: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in February (Codes [06.04](#) - [06.05](#)).

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. In compliance with WMA regulations (Addendum [C1.01](#)).
- B. Urban Deer Permits (Code [15.05](#)).

MODERN GUN

Zones 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11: Second Saturday in November for 23 days.

Zones 4A, 5A, 14 and 15: Second Saturday in November for 30 days.

Zones 4 and 5: Second Saturday in November for 9 days.

Zones 9, 12 and 13: Second Saturday in November for 37 days.

Zones 16, 16A and 17: Second Saturday in November through Christmas Day.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. In compliance with WMA regulations (Addendum [C1.01](#)).
- B. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Deer Management Tags.
- C. Private Land CWD Management Tags.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MODERN GUN DEER HUNT

All deer zones: December 26-28, Annually.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. WMAs closed during modern gun deer season are excluded from the Christmas Holiday Deer Hunt (Addendum [C1.01](#)).
- B. WMAs requiring a permit for the modern gun or muzzleloader deer season are excluded from the Christmas Holiday Deer Hunt (Addendum [C1.01](#)).
- C. In compliance with applicable WMA regulations (Addendum [C1.01](#)).
- D. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Deer Management Tags.
- E. Private Land CWD Management Tags.

SPECIAL YOUTH MODERN GUN DEER HUNT

All deer zones: First Saturday in November for 2 days and the first Saturday in January for 2 days.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. In compliance with WMA regulations (Addendum [C1.01](#)).
- B. WMAs requiring a WMA deer permit are closed to the Special Modern Gun Deer Youth Hunt (Addendum [C1.01](#)).
- C. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Deer Management Tags.

D. Private Land CWD Management Tags.

PRIVATE LAND ANTLERLESS DEER ONLY MODERN GUN DEER HUNT

All deer zones: December 29-31 Annually.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. In compliance with regulations (Code [11.02](#)).
- B. In compliance with WMA regulations (Addendum [C1.01](#)).
- C. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Deer Management Tags.
- D. Hunters using archery equipment may harvest bucks.
- E. Private Land CWD Management Tags.
- F. Hunters may only possess one type of weapon.

MUZZLELOADER

Zones 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Zones 4A, 5A, 14 and 15: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and third Saturday in December for 3 days.

Zones 9, 12, 13, 16, 16A and 17: Third Saturday in October for 9 days.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. In areas open during regular gun deer seasons.
- B. In compliance with WMA regulations (Addendum [C1.01](#)).
- C. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Deer Management Tags.
- D. Private Land CWD Management Tags.

LIMIT

Statewide seasonal limit of 6 deer, no more than 2 legal bucks using any legal method.

Zones 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 13: Seasonal bag limit of 5 deer, no more than 2 antlered bucks. No more than 2 antlered bucks or up to 5 antlerless may be taken with archery tackle. No more than 2 antlered bucks and 3 antlerless deer may be taken with firearms.

Zones 9, 14, 15, 16, and 16A: Seasonal bag limit of 4 deer, no more than 2 legal bucks. No more than 2 legal bucks or up to 4 does may be taken with archery tackle. No more than 2 legal bucks and 2 does may be taken with firearms.

Zones 4 and 5: Seasonal bag limit of 3 deer, no more than 2 legal bucks. No more than 2 legal bucks or up to 3 does may be taken with archery tackle. No more than 2 legal bucks and 1 doe may be taken with firearms.

Zones 4A and 5A: Seasonal bag limit of 3 deer, no more than 2 legal bucks. No more than 2 legal bucks or up to 3 does may be taken with archery

tackle. No more than 2 legal bucks or up to 2 does may be taken with firearms.

Zones 12 and 17: Seasonal bag limit of 5 deer, no more than 2 legal bucks. No more than 2 legal bucks or up to 5 does may be taken with archery tackle. No more than 2 legal bucks or up to 5 does may be taken with firearms.

Youths 6 to 15 years of age hunting during the Special Youth Modern Gun Deer Hunt may harvest bucks or does during the first full weekend Saturday/Sunday in November for 2 days and the first Saturday in January for 2 days in accordance with the zone firearm bag limits.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Commission-registered deer camps that participate in the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) receiving deer management tags and bonus deer on certain WMAs (Addendum [C1.01](#)) do not apply toward an individual seasonal limit.
- B. Subject to applicable limit restrictions on WMAs (Addendum [C1.01](#)).
- C. Private Land CWD Management Tags.

A1.02 Wild Turkey Season And Limits

No more than 1 legal turkey may be taken per day, no more than 1 legal turkey may be taken during the first 7 days of the season, no more than 1 legal turkey may be taken during the youth turkey hunt, and no more than 2 legal turkeys may be taken in any combination of turkey zones. No jakes (sub-adult male turkeys) may be taken, except youth hunters may harvest 1 jake.

WILD TURKEY FIREARMS AND ARCHERY/CROSSBOW SEASONS:

Zone 2: Third Monday in April for 21 days.

Zone 1: Third Monday in April for 9 days.

EXCEPTIONS:

A. In compliance with WMA Addendum [C1.04](#).

B. In compliance with Code [11.03](#).

SPECIAL YOUTH TURKEY SEASON:

Zones 1 and 2: Saturday and Sunday prior to second Monday of April.

LIMIT:

Zone 1: 1 adult gobbler.

Zone 2: 2 adult gobblers.

Special Youth Turkey Season: 1 legal turkey. Youth hunter may only take 1 jake.

Firearms and Archery/Crossbow: Statewide seasonal limit of 2 legal gobblers. Youth hunters may take only 1 jake and no more than the statewide season limit in combination during the youth hunt and wild turkey firearms and archery/crossbow seasons (Addenda [A1.02](#), [C1.04](#)).

A1.03 Quail Season And Limits

First day of November through the first Sunday in February statewide.

EXCEPTION:In compliance with Addendum [C1.05](#).

LIMIT: Daily limit 6, possession limit 12.

A1.04 Rabbit Season And Limits

First day of September through last day of February statewide.

EXCEPTION: In compliance with Addendum [C1.06](#).

LIMIT: Daily limit 8, possession limit 16.

A1.05 Furbearer Season And Limits

- A. **Gray Fox, Mink, Muskrat and Red Fox Hunting:** Sunrise on the first day of September to sunset on the last day of February (day hunting only).
LIMIT: Daily limit 2 per species, possession unlimited.
- B. **Raccoon, Opossum and Striped Skunk Hunting:** January 1 through December 31 (day or night hunting; dogs are required to hunt at night).
LIMIT: Daily limit unlimited, possession unlimited.
- C. **Bobcat Hunting:** Sunrise on the first day of September to sunset on the last day of February (dogs allowed to hunt bobcat during the day; dogs required to hunt bobcat at night) and during turkey season (day hunting only; no dogs allowed)
LIMIT: Daily limit 2, possession unlimited.
EXCEPTIONS:
1. Dogs are not allowed in deer zones where a firearms deer season is in progress that prohibits the use of dogs.
 2. During youth turkey hunts, only youth may take bobcats.
- D. **Coyote Hunting:** January 1 through December 31. Dogs are allowed to hunt coyote during the day, except during turkey season no dogs are allowed. Coyote may not be hunted at night.
LIMIT: Daily limit unlimited, possession unlimited.
EXCEPTIONS:
1. Dogs are not allowed in deer zones where a firearms deer season is in progress that prohibits the use of dogs.
 2. During youth turkey hunts, only youth may take coyotes.
- E. **River Otter Hunting:** Sunrise on the second Saturday in November through sunset on the last day of February (day hunting only).
LIMIT: Daily limit 2, possession unlimited.
- F. **Nutria and Beaver Hunting:** Sunrise on the first day of September through sunset on the last day of March (day hunting only).
LIMIT: Daily limit unlimited, possession unlimited.
- G. **Badger, Spotted Skunk (Civet Cat) and Weasel Hunting:** Closed.
- H. **Furbearer Trapping (Other than Beaver, Coyote, and Nutria):** Sunrise on the second Saturday in November through sunset on the last day of February.
LIMIT: Daily limit unlimited, possession unlimited.
- I. **Beaver and Nutria Trapping:** Sunrise on the second Saturday in November through sunset on the last day of March.
LIMIT: Daily limit unlimited, possession unlimited.
- J. **Coyote Trapping:** Sunrise on the first day of August through sunset on the last day of March.
LIMIT: Daily limit unlimited, possession unlimited

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. In compliance with Codes [05.01](#), [05.10](#), [05.28](#), [09.14](#).
B. In compliance with Addendum [C1.09](#).

A1.06 Squirrel Season And Limits

May 15 - February 28 annually statewide.

EXCEPTION: In compliance with Addendum [C1.07](#).

LIMIT: Daily limit 12, possession limit 48.

A1.07 Crow Season And Limits

First day of September for 124 days, Thursdays - Mondays only.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Crows may be taken at any time if the crows are committing damage to domestic animals or personal property.
- B. In compliance with Addendum [C1.10](#).

LIMIT: No limit.

A1.08 Bear Season And Limits

A. ARCHERY/CROSSBOW

Zones 1 and 2: Fourth Saturday in September through last day of November.

Zones 3, 4, 5, 5A, 6 and 7: Closed.

B. MUZZLELOADER

Zones 1 and 2: Third Saturday in October for 9 days.

Zones 3, 4, 5, 5A, 6 and 7: Closed.

C. MODERN GUN

Zones 1 and 2: Second Saturday in November through last day in November.

Zone 5: Fourth Saturday in November for 9 days.

Zone 5A: Third Saturday in November for 16 days.

Zones 3, 4, 6 and 7: Closed.

D. SPECIAL YOUTH MODERN GUN BEAR HUNT

Zones 1 and 2: First Saturday in November for 2 days.

Zones 3, 4, 5, 5A, 6 and 7: Closed.

ZONE QUOTA

Zone 1 (including all WMAs in Zone 1 except Ed Gordon Point Remove, Harold E. Alexander Spring River, McIlroy Madison County, Scott Henderson Gulf Mountain): Archery season quota is not to exceed 400 bears. Muzzleloader season quota (only October season) is not to exceed 50 bears. Combined Modern Gun season quota is not to exceed 50 bears.

The Zone 1 quota is an additive quota not to exceed 500 bears for all combined seasons.

Zone 5: Quota 10 bears.

Zone 5A: Quota 5 bears.

Zones 1, 2, 5 and 5A: Hunters in these zones must comply with the terms and conditions outlined in the current Arkansas Hunting Guidebook.

EXCEPTIONS:

A. In compliance with Addendum [C1.02](#).

B. In compliance with Chapter [09.00](#) and Code [11.01](#).

LIMIT: Individual seasonal limit of 1 bear statewide.

A1.09 Elk Season And Limits

Core Elk Management Zone

Public Land

Zones 1, 2, 3, and 4: First Monday in October for 5 days by permit only.
(First Saturday and Sunday in October is youth only hunt).

Zones 1, 2, 3, and 4: Last Monday in October for 5 days by permit only.
(Last Saturday and Sunday prior to the last Monday in October is youth only hunt).

Private Land

Boone, Carroll, Madison, Newton and Searcy Counties: First Monday in October for 5 days and last Monday in October for 5 days by permit only.
(First Saturday and Sunday in October and last Saturday and Sunday prior to the last Monday in October is youth only hunt.)

Statewide Elk Management Zone

Statewide except Boone, Carroll, Madison, Newton, and Searcy counties:
Elk season mirrors applicable deer season dates and methods.

ZONE QUOTA

Core Elk Management Zone

Public Land

Zone 1: 2 either-sex and 3 antlerless elk.

Zone 2: 2 either-sex and 5 antlerless elk.

Zone 3: 2 either-sex and 5 antlerless elk.

Zone 4: 2 either-sex and 5 antlerless elk.

Private Land

Boone, Carroll, Madison, Newton and Searcy Counties: 10 bulls and 25 antlerless elk. (First Saturday and Sunday in October and Last Saturday and Sunday prior to the last Monday in October youth hunt is antlerless only).

Statewide Elk Management Zone

No quota

EXCEPTION: In compliance with Chapter [09.00](#).

LIMIT: Individual seasonal limit of 1 elk.

A1.10 Alligator Hunting Season And Limits

Zones 1, 2, and 3: Sunset on 3rd Friday in September through sunrise on 4th Monday in September and Sunset on 4th Friday in September through sunrise on fourth day by permit only.

Zones 4 and 5: Closed.

EXCEPTION: In compliance with Chapter [33.00](#).

LIMIT: Individual seasonal limit of 1 alligator.