

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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

A1.01 Deer Season And Limits

ARCHERY AND CROSSBOW

All private land deer zones and AGFC-owned or leased WMAs velvet hunt: first Saturday in September for three days (Codes [06.04](#) - [06.05](#)).

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 alternative firearms 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.

ALTERNATIVE FIREARMS

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, 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 8 and 9 in Jackson and Independence County: Seasonal bag limit of 5 deer, no more than 2 antlered bucks or up to 5 antlerless deer may be taken with archery tackle. No more than 2 antlered bucks or up to 5 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 16A in Ashley County: Seasonal bag limit of 4 deer, no more than 2 antlered bucks or up to 4 antlerless deer may be taken with archery tackle. No more than 2 antlered bucks or up to 2 antlerless deer 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 4 and 5 in Craighead, Jackson, Mississippi, and Randolph Counties: Seasonal bag limit of 3 deer, no more than 2 antlered bucks or up to 3 antlerless deer may be taken with archery tackle. No more than 2 antlered bucks or up to 1 antlerless deer 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. Zone 12 in Ashley, Bradley and Union Counties and Zone 17 in Mississippi County: Seasonal bag limit of 5 deer, no more than 2 antlered bucks. No more than 2 antlered bucks or up to 5 antlerless deer may be taken with archery tackle. No more than 2 antlered bucks or up to 5 antlerless deer may be taken with firearms.

Nonresidents may use dogs for deer hunting only during the last nine days of the regular modern gun deer season in Deer Zones 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16A and 17 and WMAs open to hunting deer with dogs (Code [22.01](#)). Limit one deer of either sex during the nine day period.

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.