

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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

06.03 Certain Firearms Prohibited During Muzzleloading Seasons

It is unlawful during the muzzleloading deer or bear seasons to possess, or hunt deer or bear with, the following:

- A. Firearms capable of being loaded by means other than through the muzzle or of firing centerfire or rimfire ammunition;
- B. Muzzleloading firearms firing shot smaller than No. 4 buckshot;
- C. Muzzleloading long guns smaller than .40 caliber or with barrels shorter than 18 inches in length;
- D. Muzzleloading handguns with barrels less than 9 inches in length, of smaller than .45 caliber, and loaded with a projectile weighing less than 200 grains (.45 caliber or larger conical bullets, or .530 and larger round balls); or
- E. Longbows, compound bows or crossbows capable of firing or holding ready-to-fire more than one arrow or bolt simultaneously or in succession without the string being re-cocked between shots.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Any caliber muzzleloading handgun or (cap and ball) percussion revolver is permitted to be carried when a legal muzzleloading long gun is in hunter's immediate possession.
- B. In compliance with Code [05.19](#).
- C. Hunters of a deer camp enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program who has been issued an Unrestricted Weapon Antlerless Permit or Management Buck Permit may hunt deer in compliance with the terms of the permit.

PENALTY: Class 1