

As of July 3, 2024

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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

06.04 Archery Tackle Restrictions

- A. Archery equipment is limited to the following:
 - 1. Compound bows, longbow and recurve bows with a draw weight of 35 pounds or more;
 - 2. Crossbows with a functional mechanical safety device and a draw weight of 125 pounds or more; or
 - 3. Spears.
- B. It is unlawful to hunt wildlife with any of the following archery tackle:
 - 1. A longbow, recurve bow, or compound bow with a draw weight of less than 35 pounds;
 - 2. A crossbow without a functional mechanical safety device or with a draw weight of less than 125 pounds;
 - 3. Arrows with an arrowhead width of less than 7/8 inch when open;
 - 4. Arrows, arrowheads, or spears containing poisons or chemicals;
 - 5. Arrowheads or spears containing firearm ammunition;
 - 6. Arrows or spears propelled from a compressed air system;
 - 7. Arrows or spears propelled by the action of an explosive or combustible propellant;
 - 8. Blow guns or dart guns; or
 - 9. 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. Small game may be hunted using arrowheads less than 7/8 inch width.
- B. Equipment defined in Code 6.04(B)(9) may be used during the modern gun season for bear, deer, elk and turkey.

PENALTY: Class 1