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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.
It is unlawful to shoot across, or to hunt within 100 feet from the center line of any city, county, state or federal maintained road open to public vehicular traffic on WMAs. It is unlawful to shoot across, or to hunt within 100 feet from the center line of any privately maintained road which is open to public vehicular traffic and falls under the control of the Commission through ownership, lease, cooperative agreement, conservation easement or memorandum of understanding on WMAs. It is unlawful to place or leave any stand, blind or other hunting apparatus with the intent of hunting from any of these roads or railroad rights-of-way on WMAs. In addition to other evidence introduced in a prima facie case of road hunting, there shall be a rebuttable presumption a person is “hunting” if the person points, aims, shoots or attempts to shoot a firearm or other killing device from a said road or railroad right-of-way in a direction in which game or other wildlife is present or likely to be present (including shooting at a game or wildlife decoy).

EXCEPTIONS:

A. Persons engaged in a lawful action to protect their livestock.

B. Persons having a valid Mobility-Impaired Access Permit may hunt from designated, signed Mobility-Impaired Access Trails where public vehicular access is not allowed in compliance with Code 20.19.

C. Persons having a valid Mobility-Impaired Access Permit may hunt from the 2 specially designated abandoned railroad rights-of-way on the Moro Big Pine Natural Area WMA.

D. Small game (excluding fox, bobcat and coyote) pursued or treed by a dog or that is under point of a dog may be taken within 100 feet from the centerline of a road on Big Timber, Casey Jones, Cherokee, Gum Flats, Howard County, Jack Mountain, Jim Kress, Lafayette County, Lake Greeson, Moro Big Pine Natural Area and Provo WMAs provided the road is not city, county, state, or federally maintained.

E. Persons using foothold and body-tripping traps may use firearms to dispatch wildlife caught in legally set traps within 100 feet from the center of any public road.

F. Licensed/permitted falconers hunting with or trapping birds of prey in compliance with state and federal falconry regulations.

PENALTY: Class 2