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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.
A. It is unlawful to use or possess horses and mules on Commission-owned or leased WMAs from the fourth Saturday in September through January, and April through May. Permits are required for organized events of more than 10 horses or mules per party during the remainder of the year. Permits are available at the Regional Office and must be requested 30 days in advance of the event. Horses and mules are allowed only in camping areas that are designated for equestrian use. Horses in camping areas may only be tied to trailers or to a highline using tree-saver straps.

B. It is unlawful for any person to allow horses or mules to damage trees or other woody vegetation. Soil disturbance must be restored, manure must be scattered, and excess feed, hay, and trash must be removed.

EXCEPTIONS:

A. Legal hunting activities may use horses and mules during specified hunting seasons (Addendum C1.00).

B. At night during furbearing season (Addendum C1.09).

C. Horses and mules are prohibited on all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ property on Trusten Holder WMA, including Jardis Point.

D. Horses and mules are prohibited on the Freddie Black Choctaw Island WMA Deer Research Area from sunrise to sunset during an open deer season.

E. The Camp Robinson SUA is divided into 7 public use compartments. Non-reserved/open compartments 1, 3, 4 and 7 are open year round for pleasure riding, except when closed for reserved events. Compartments 2 and 5 are closed for horse and mule riding for pleasure. No permit or reservation is required unless a participant is requesting to reserve any of the public use facilities or compartments.

F. All organized horse and mule events on J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUA are required to be scheduled or reserved annually by July 1 through the area manager. All pleasure riding is restricted to dates when no field trials are being conducted. The annual field trial schedule will be posted at area headquarters.

G. Horses and mules are prohibited for use on that portion of the Gene Rush WMA lying east of Searcy County Road 14 and west of the Buffalo National River property line from Woolum Ford.
As of June 7, 2023, on the Buffalo National River to the intersection of Searcy County Roads 12 and 14.

H. Horses and mules are prohibited on Maumelle River WMA (except by special permit from Central Arkansas Water).

I. Horses and mules are allowed at night during furbearer season on Poison Springs WMA.

J. Horses and mules are prohibited for use on Stone Prairie WMA.

**PENALTY:** Class 1