

As of June 8, 2022

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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

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27.01 Trout Permit Requirements

It is unlawful for persons 16 or older to keep trout from waters of the state or to fish without a valid trout permit on the following waters:

- A. Beaver Lake Tailwater from Beaver Dam to the boundary signs at Houseman Access;
- B. Lake Greeson Tailwater from Narrows Dam to Muddy Fork Road (low-water bridge);
- C. Little Red River from Greers Ferry Dam to the Arkansas Highway 305 bridge;
- D. North Fork of the White River downstream of Norfork Dam; and
- E. White River from Bull Shoals Dam to the Arkansas Highway 58 bridge at Guion.
- F. Spring River from 100 yards below Dam 1 at Mammoth Spring State Park downstream to the mouth of Myatt Creek.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. In compliance with Chapter [36.00](#).
- B. Persons possessing a Lifetime Resident Combination Sportsman's License and Permit or Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Combination License and Permit.

PENALTY: Class 1

27.02 Trout Limit And Possession Restrictions

It is unlawful to:

- A. Keep more than the daily limit of trout while fishing or transporting fish by boat during a 1-day fishing trip; or
- B. Possess more than 2 daily limits of trout (Code 1.00C and Addendum [N1.01](#)).

PENALTY: Class 1

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27.04 Transfer Of Trout By Guides Restricted

It is unlawful for a licensed commercial guide to transfer trout to another person so the recipient's daily or possession limit is exceeded.

PENALTY: Class 1

27.05 Trout Retention Restricted

It is unlawful to release any trout after it has been placed on a stringer or retained by or within a fish basket, live well, ice chest, or any other device.

PENALTY: Class 1

27.06 Specific Trout Water Regulations

It is unlawful to fail to comply with the restrictions in Addendum [N1.03](#).

EXCEPTION: Bait may be caught in compliance with Chapter [32.00](#). Bait tackle may not be used in catch-and-release areas and special regulation areas.

PENALTY: Class 1

27.07 Importation Of Trout Prohibited

It is unlawful to import live trout, including their eggs, into Arkansas without the written permission of the Commission.

EXCEPTION: A person who has obtained a valid Trout Importation Permit from the Commission Chief of Fisheries (Addendum [V1.02](#)) may import live trout and trout eggs into Arkansas in compliance with the terms of the permit and Code [35.11](#).

PENALTY: Class 2