

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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

31.07 Mussel Harvest Restrictions

A. Waters in the following counties (including Arkansas waters between the main levees of the Mississippi River) are open year-round to commercial musseling (unless closed as noted in Cbelow):

1. Arkansas,
2. Ashley,
3. Bradley,
4. Calhoun,
5. Chicot,
6. Cleveland,
7. Clay,
8. Columbia,
9. Craighead,
10. Crittenden,
11. Cross,
12. Dallas,
13. Desha,
14. Drew,
15. Grant,
16. Greene,
17. Hempstead,
18. Jackson,
19. Jefferson,
20. Lafayette,
21. Lawrence,
22. Lee,
23. Lincoln,
24. Little River,
25. Lonoke,
26. Miller,
27. Mississippi,
28. Monroe,
29. Nevada,
30. Ouachita,
31. Phillips,
32. Poinsett,
33. Prairie,
34. Pulaski,
35. Randolph,
36. St. Francis,
37. Union,
38. White and
39. Woodruff.

B. The following counties are closed to commercial musseling:

1. Baxter,
2. Benton,
3. Boone,
4. Carroll,
5. Clark,
6. Cleburne,
7. Conway,
8. Crawford,

9. Faulkner,
10. Franklin,
11. Fulton,
12. Garland,
13. Hot Spring,
14. Howard,
15. Independence,
16. Izard,
17. Logan,
18. Johnson,
19. Madison,
20. Marion,
21. Montgomery,
22. Newton,
23. Perry,
24. Pike,
25. Polk,
26. Pope,
27. Saline,
28. Scott,
29. Searcy,
30. Sebastian,
31. Sevier,
32. Sharp,
33. Stone,
34. Van Buren,
35. Washington and
36. Yell.
37. **EXCEPTIONS:** In the counties closed above, mussels may be taken year-round for commercial purposes in the following river/stream segments:
 - i. ARKANSAS RIVER from the Pulaski County line upstream to the Oklahoma state line (including all waters of Dardanelle Lake, Ozark Lake and Pool 13).
 - ii. PETIT JEAN RIVER from its mouth upstream (including Blue Mountain Lake) to Arkansas Highway 217.
 - iii. FOURCHE LA FAVE RIVER from its mouth (including Nimrod Lake) upstream to the Arkansas Highway 27 bridge.
 - iv. CADRON CREEK from its mouth upstream to Arkansas Highway 287 on its east fork in Faulkner County.
 - v. NORTH CADRON CREEK from its mouth upstream to Arkansas Highway 285 in Faulkner County.
 - vi. POINT REMOVE CREEK from its mouth upstream to Kissire Bridge in Conway County.

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- vii. WHITE RIVER from the Jackson/Independence County line upstream to 100 yards below Dam No. 1 at Batesville.
 - viii. STRAWBERRY RIVER from the Lawrence/Sharp County line upstream to the Arkansas Highway 58 bridge in Sharp County.
 - ix. All lakes, bays or other bodies of water, other than tributary streams, connected to waters specified above, when accessible by boat from the main channel. When a river or stream forms the boundary between open and closed counties, that boundary segment shall be open.
- C. The following waters are closed to commercial musseling:
- 1. LAKE ERLING including all tributaries upstream from 100 yards below Lake Erling Dam to Arkansas Highway 360 in Lafayette County.
 - 2. All lakes owned and/or operated by the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, the USDA Forest Service, Commission-owned waters (excluding Grand Lake and all natural channel scar lakes on WMAs in open counties).
 - 3. BAYOU METO in compliance with Code [38.01](#).
 - 4. COLUMBIA COUNTY LAKE in Columbia County.
 - 5. HORSESHOE LAKE in Crittenden County.
 - 6. LAKE WALLACE in Drew and Chicot County.
 - 7. UPPER and LOWER LAKE CHICOT from Connerly Bayou Dam to the Ditch Bayou Damin Chicot County.
 - 8. LAKE MAUMELLE in Pulaski County.
 - 9. BLACK RIVER in Randolph County closed from 100 yards above Old Davidsonville State Park downstream to 100 yards below the park's lower boundary.
 - 10. All lakes in Hot Springs Village in Saline County.
- D. NWRs may have further restrictions. Check with the refuge manager.

PENALTY: Class 1