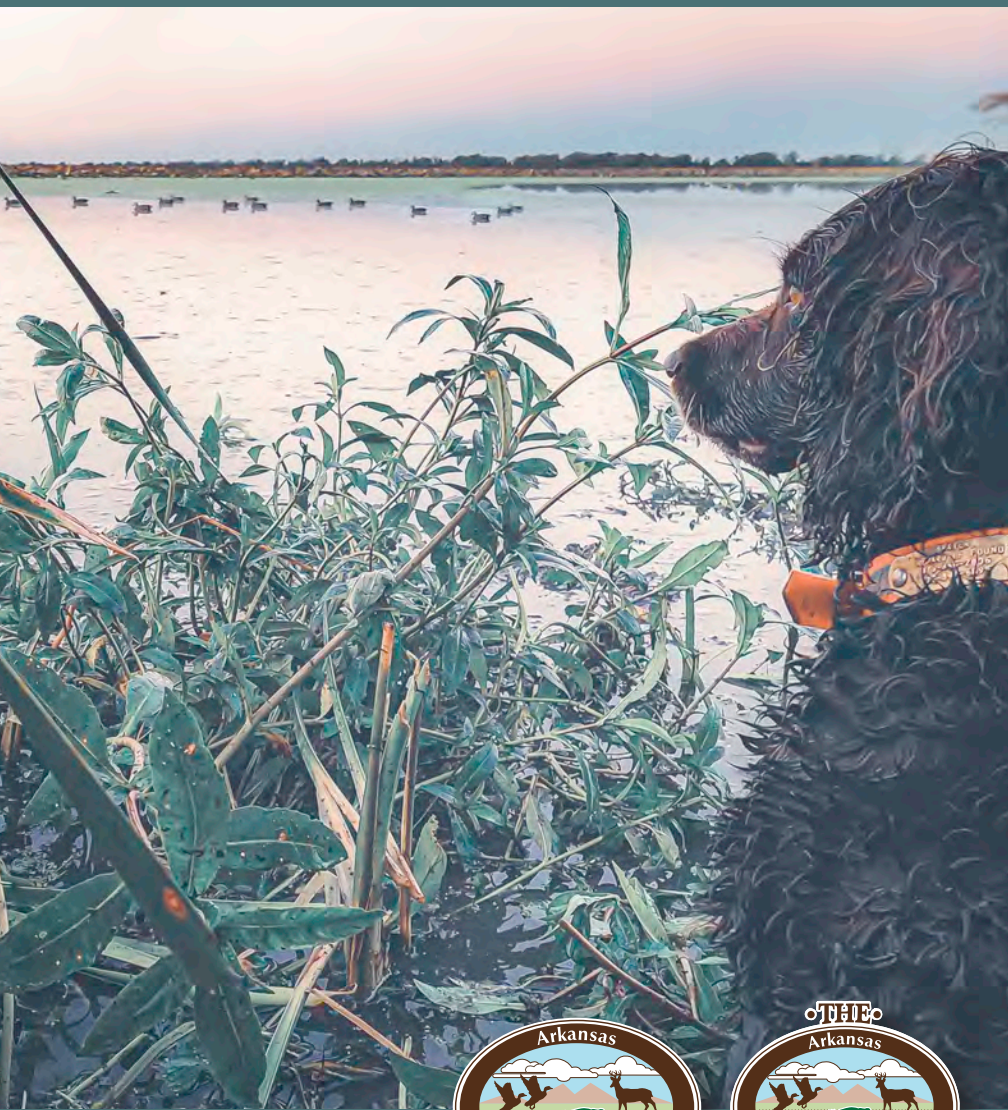


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## New This Season

- Scaup daily bag limit reduced to 1. See Page 4.
- White-fronted Goose season dates extended and daily bag limit reduced to 2. See Page 5.
- HIP registration is only available at AGFC offices or online at [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com). See Page 9.
- WMA waterfowl hunting all day reduced to last day of season only. See page 43.
- On certain WMAs no boats allowed five days prior to regular duck season and during all duck season splits. See pages 45-58 for specific WMA restrictions.
- Red Cut Slough Tract on Cypress Bayou WMA waterfowl hunting is only allowed Tuesday and Thursdays and by online permit draw for Saturday and Sunday. See Page 48.
- Hunters must be off water by noon during duck season on Dave Donaldson Black River and George H. Dunklin Jr. Bayou Metro WMAs. See pages 49 and 52.
- Steve N. Wilson Raft Creek Bottoms WMA waterfowl weekday hunting has changed to Tuesday and Thursday during the week. See Page 57.

## Season Dates Summary

### Duck, Coot and Merganser

**Nov. 21-30, 2020 • Dec. 11-23, 2020 • Dec. 26, 2020-Jan. 31, 2021**

**Duck daily bag limit** – 6, which may include no more than:

4 mallards (2 hens), 1 scaup, 3 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 2 redheads, 2 canvasbacks, 2 black ducks, 1 mottled duck. If not listed, up to 6 ducks of a species (including teal) may be taken.

**Coot daily bag limit** – 15.

**Merganser daily bag limit** – 5, which may include no more than 2 hooded mergansers.

Possession limit for ducks, coots and mergansers is three times the daily bag limit.

### Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt

**Dec. 5, 2020, and Feb. 6, 2021** On these days, youths 15 and younger may harvest ducks, geese, coots and mergansers. Youths who have not completed a hunter education course must be accompanied by a mentor 21 or older. Mentors may not hunt, but may call waterfowl. Shooting hours and bag limits are the same as the regular duck and goose seasons. Youth hunters can hunt on wildlife management areas 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset these two days. WMA General Use Permits are not required for youth hunters.

### Special Active Duty Military and Veteran Hunt

**Dec. 5, 2020, and Feb. 6, 2021** On these days members of active duty military and military veterans may harvest ducks, geese, coots and mergansers. Active duty military includes members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than for training). Veterans must have served in active military, naval, air service or Reserves and National Guard on Title 32 orders in a combat zone and must have been discharged or released under Honorable conditions. Hunters will need to have one of the following or copy during the hunt: DD214, Veteran Benefit Card, Retired Active Military I.D., Veteran Hunting License (VLF, VLH, VLC or VLL) or Active Duty I.D. card. Shooting hours and bag limits are the same as regular duck and goose seasons. Hunters may hunt on wildlife management areas from 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset these two days. WMA General Use Permits are required.

### Light Goose Conservation Order (Snow, Blue and Ross's)

**Oct. 3-30, 2020, Nov. 17-20, 2020, Feb. 1-5, 2021, and Feb. 7-April 25, 2021**

Special regulations apply during the conservation order.

- Hunters must call 800-364-4263(GAME) or go to [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com) to receive a free snow goose registration permit (excludes youths 15 and younger).
- There is no bag limit or possession limit.
- Hunters may use electronic calls.
- Hunters may use unplugged shotguns.
- Hunters do not need a Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, Arkansas Waterfowl Stamp or HIP registration, but must have a valid hunting license from any state (excludes youths 15 and younger).
- Shooting hours are from 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset.

### Snow, Blue and Ross's Goose

**Oct. 31-Nov. 16, 2020, Nov. 21-Dec. 4, 2020, and Dec. 6, 2020-Jan. 31, 2021**

Daily bag limit – 20

No possession limit

### White-fronted Goose

**Oct. 31-Nov. 16, 2020, Nov. 21-Dec. 4, 2020, and Dec. 6, 2020-Jan. 31, 2021**

Daily bag limit – 2

Possession limit – 6

### Early Canada Goose

**Sept. 1-30, 2020**

Daily bag limit – 5

Possession limit – 15

### Canada Goose

**Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2020, Nov. 21-Dec. 4, 2020, and Dec. 6, 2020-Jan. 31, 2021**

Daily bag limit – 2

Possession limit – 6

### Mourning, White-Winged and Eurasian Collared-Dove\*

**Sept. 5-Oct. 25, 2020**

**Dec. 8, 2020-Jan. 15, 2021**

Mourning and white-winged dove daily bag limit – 15

Mourning and white-winged dove possession limit – 45

\*No daily bag or possession limit on Eurasian collared-dove. (Eurasian collared-dove must remain fully feathered in the field.)

### Virginia Rail and Sora (combined)

**Sept. 12-Nov. 20, 2020**

Daily bag limit – 25

Possession limit – 75

### Snipe

**Nov. 1, 2020-Feb. 15, 2021**

Daily bag limit – 8

Possession limit – 24

### Common and Purple Gallinule (combined)

**Sept. 1-Nov. 9, 2020**

Daily bag limit – 15

Possession limit – 45

### Woodcock

**Nov. 7-Dec. 21, 2020**

Daily bag limit – 3

Possession limit – 9

**Daily Bag Limit** – The total limit of a specific migratory game bird species that may be taken in one day.

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# Sunrise/Sunset Table for Little Rock

Shooting hours for ducks and geese are 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset. See Page 43 for shooting hours on wildlife management areas. Add 1 minute for each 9 miles west or subtract 1 minute for each 9 miles east of Little Rock (straight-line distance).

	October		November		December		January		February		March		April	
	Rise (AM)	Set (PM)	Rise (AM)	Set (PM)	Rise (AM)	Set (PM)	Rise (AM)	Set (PM)	Rise (AM)	Set (PM)	Rise (AM)	Set (PM)	Rise (AM)	Set (PM)
1	7:04	6:52	6:30	5:14	6:58	4:58	7:16	5:09	7:07	5:38	6:37	6:05	6:55	7:30
2	7:05	6:50	6:31	5:13	6:59	4:57	7:16	5:10	7:06	5:39	6:36	6:06	6:54	7:31
3	7:05	6:49	6:32	5:12	7:00	4:57	7:16	5:11	7:05	5:40	6:35	6:07	6:52	7:32
4	7:06	6:49	6:33	5:11	7:01	4:57	7:16	5:11	7:04	5:41	6:34	6:07	6:51	7:32
5	7:07	6:46	6:34	5:11	7:02	4:57	7:17	5:12	7:04	5:42	6:32	6:08	6:50	7:33
6	7:08	6:45	6:35	5:10	7:02	4:57	7:17	5:13	7:03	5:43	6:31	6:09	6:48	7:34
7	7:08	6:44	6:35	5:09	7:03	4:58	7:17	5:14	7:02	5:44	6:30	6:10	6:47	7:35
8	7:09	6:42	6:36	5:08	7:04	4:58	7:17	5:15	7:01	5:45	6:28	6:11	6:46	7:36
9	7:10	6:41	6:37	5:07	7:05	4:58	7:17	5:16	7:00	5:46	6:27	6:12	6:44	7:36
10	7:11	6:40	6:38	5:07	7:05	4:58	7:16	5:17	6:59	5:47	6:26	6:12	6:43	7:37
11	7:12	6:38	6:39	5:06	7:06	4:58	7:16	5:17	6:58	5:48	6:24	6:13	6:42	7:38
12	7:12	6:37	6:40	5:05	7:07	4:58	7:16	5:18	6:57	5:49	6:23	6:14	6:40	7:39
13	7:13	6:36	6:41	5:04	7:08	4:59	7:17	5:19	6:56	5:50	6:22	6:15	6:39	7:40
14	7:14	6:34	6:42	5:04	7:08	4:59	7:16	5:20	6:55	5:51	7:20	7:16	6:38	7:40
15	7:15	6:33	6:43	5:03	7:09	4:59	7:15	5:21	6:54	5:52	7:19	7:17	6:37	7:41
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17	7:17	6:31	6:45	5:02	7:10	5:00	7:15	5:23	6:52	5:54	7:16	7:18	6:34	7:43
18	7:17	6:30	6:46	5:02	7:11	5:00	7:15	5:24	6:51	5:55	7:15	7:19	6:33	7:44
19	7:18	6:28	6:47	5:01	7:11	5:01	7:14	5:25	6:50	5:56	7:13	7:20	6:32	7:44
20	7:19	6:27	6:48	5:01	7:12	5:01	7:14	5:26	6:48	5:57	7:12	7:21	6:30	7:45
21	7:20	6:26	6:49	5:00	7:12	5:02	7:13	5:27	6:47	5:58	7:11	7:21	6:29	7:46
22	7:21	6:25	6:50	5:00	7:13	5:02	7:13	5:28	6:46	5:59	7:09	7:22	6:28	7:47
23	7:22	6:24	6:51	4:59	7:13	5:03	7:12	5:29	6:45	6:59	7:08	7:23	6:27	7:48
24	7:23	6:23	6:52	4:59	7:14	5:03	7:12	5:30	6:44	6:00	7:06	7:24	6:26	7:48
25	7:23	6:21	6:53	4:59	7:14	5:04	7:11	5:31	6:42	6:01	7:05	7:25	6:24	7:49
26	7:24	6:20	6:54	4:58	7:14	5:05	7:11	5:32	6:41	6:02	7:04	7:25	6:23	7:50
27	7:25	6:19	6:55	4:58	7:15	5:05	7:10	5:33	6:40	6:03	7:02	7:26	6:22	7:51
28	7:26	6:18	6:55	4:58	7:15	5:06	7:10	5:34	6:39	6:04	7:01	7:27	6:21	7:52
29	7:27	6:17	6:56	4:58	7:15	5:07	7:09	5:35			6:59	7:28	6:20	7:52
30	7:28	6:16	6:57	4:58	7:16	5:07	7:08	5:36			6:58	7:29	6:19	7:53
31	7:29	6:15			7:16	5:08	7:07	5:37			6:57	7:29		

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# Hail Calls: News You Can Use in 2020-21



## WRICE Provides More Hunting Opportunities

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will offer more than 3,800 additional acres of waterfowl hunting opportunity during the 2020-21 waterfowl season, thanks to the expansion of the Waterfowl Rice Incentive Conservation Easement program through the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Now in its third year, the program allows rice producers to enroll fields to increase waterfowl habitat and offer weekend hunting opportunities through an online drawing.

More than 40 hunting locations will be available during the 2020-21 season. The fields offer valuable untilled rice fields throughout the fall migration and are hunted only on weekends during the season. Hunters can apply one week in advance for the following weekend's hunting opportunities at [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com). Click on the "Buy Licenses/Check Game" tab, and select the WRICE program area you want to hunt from the "WMA Permits" section. General locations and conditions of each field can be found at [www.agfc.com/WRICE](http://www.agfc.com/WRICE) to help decide which fields to apply for.

Successful applicants can bring three additional hunters to the awarded hunt. Each location is good for all-day hunting for the entire weekend. Drawings will be conducted and successful applicants notified the following Monday after the application period, with the hunt area's exact location and instructions for their hunt provided. All applications require a \$5 processing fee. Check [www.agfc.com/WRICE](http://www.agfc.com/WRICE) for updated information.

## HIP Has Changes for 2020-21

Beginning this year Arkansas Harvest Information Program registration will no longer be offered at license vendors outside of the AGFC. All hunters 16 years of age pursuing doves, ducks, geese and other migratory birds in Arkansas must register for the Harvest Information Program either online at [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com), through the AGFC smartphone app, by phone at 1-800-364-4263, or at an AGFC regional office, nature center or shooting range. This was done to improve the quality of data being submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and improve estimates of migratory bird hunter activity and harvest.

There's much more to the program than a simple question at a cash register. The questions asked at registration only categorize hunters by how many birds they normally harvest. The real surveys used in HIP are hunter diaries, submitted from a handful of hunters, and wing surveys, where certain hunters are asked to mail in a wing of each bird they harvest during a season for verification of species, age and sex. A few thousand hunters are chosen each year for those two surveys, and who participates in those surveys is based on categories developed from responses to the registration questions.

The drawback to the previous usage of HIP is, because HIP registration is free, many hunters who do not hunt migratory birds have still taken the time to fill out a registration "just in case." Additionally, license clerks at some outside vendors may not have much experience processing the registration, leading to incomplete or inaccurate data. The move to manage HIP registrations within AGFC offices and AGFC-owned resources is a good first step to ensuring any known hiccups are removed from the HIP system.

## Wintering Duck Populations in Arkansas

The AGFC conducts aerial waterfowl surveys each winter in three regions: the Mississippi Alluvial Valley (Delta), the Arkansas River Valley and southwest Arkansas. During the annual midwinter waterfowl survey observers estimated 1.4 million ducks in the Delta, half of which were mallards (729,960). Duck population estimates in the Arkansas River Valley totaled just over 34,000, including slightly under 21,000 mallards, while only about 2,000 mallards were counted among slightly less than 27,000 total ducks in southwest Arkansas. The Delta mallard population estimate was slightly less than the 2010-2020 long-term midwinter survey average of about 859,000. However, the total duck population estimate was above the long-term average of over 1.2 million. The big departure from long-term patterns was the species composition of ducks. Mallards typically account for nearly 70 percent of all ducks during the midwinter survey; last year's mallard percentage was only 50 percent. Population estimates for northern pintails, northern shovelers and gadwalls were noticeably higher than usual, and many of these ducks occurred in the Delta south of the Arkansas River and east of Crowley's Ridge. Similar to the Delta, these species accounted for nearly all the non-mallard ducks in both the Arkansas River Valley and southwest Arkansas.

Observers in the Delta estimated more than 1.3 million light geese and about 320,000 greater white-fronted geese during this survey.

Summaries for other aerial surveys during the 2020-21 season are available at [www.agfc.com/waterfowl](http://www.agfc.com/waterfowl).







## Statewide habitat availability generally was low during the 2019-20 wintering period

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Overbank flooding along a few river corridors early in duck season was short-lived, and the rainfall necessary to produce additional flooding was mostly absent. December was dry throughout much of Arkansas, with monthly precipitation totals 2 to 4 inches below average in many locations. Temperatures broke record highs several times during December, especially late in the month. These weather patterns typically do not lead to high mallard counts, but early water captured in both managed and limited unmanaged habitats appears to have supported mallard numbers at least close to average. In contrast, warm conditions combined with increasing day lengths in January clearly provided conditions suitable for some early migrating species (northern pintails and northern shovelers) to jump back north into Arkansas as they began spring migration. Certainly ducks were present on traditional managed habitats, and these habitats remain critically important for sustaining waterfowl populations and hunting opportunities. However, mallards seemed to be seeking out unmanaged habitats as they became available last year, likely to avoid hunting pressure while capitalizing on new resources.

## Hunter Participation and Harvest

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Arkansas Waterfowl Stamp sales during the 2019-20 season decreased slightly from 2018-19, with 100,904 stamps sold compared to 103,931 the previous year. The single-season record for stamp sales was set in 2014-15 at 104,629, and sales have averaged 102,431 over the last five seasons. Resident duck stamp sales were unchanged at 53,477 (the same number as in 2018-19) while nonresident stamp sales dipped slightly to 47,427 (50,656 were sold in 2018-19). Slightly over 5,000 WMA nonresident waterfowl hunting permits were sold, below the three-year average of 6,184.

Duck harvest increased slightly from the previous season. Total estimated duck harvest last season was 1,091,000, a slight increase from 1,006,200 in 2018-19.

Arkansas duck hunters harvested an estimated 509,879 mallards last season, up from 477,817 during the 2018-19 duck season. No other state had a harvest of over 200,000 mallards. Arkansas hunters harvested 35 percent of all mallards harvested in the Mississippi Flyway and 17 percent of all mallards harvested in the U.S.

Arkansas goose hunters rank near the top of the nation in arctic goose harvest, taking 34,420 light (snow, blue and Ross's) geese and 83,986 white-fronted geese (specklebellies) during the regular 2019-20 seasons.



## Habitat Benefits

The AGFC manages about 70,000 acres of wetland-management units on state-owned or cooperatively managed wildlife management areas in Arkansas. These wetlands are predominantly greentree reservoirs (GTRs) managed to provide sustainable bottomland hardwood forests and moist-soil units (MSUs) intensively managed for the production of seed-producing grasses and plants preferred by waterfowl.

The agency continually works on waterfowl-habitat projects including: acquiring new lands; establishing new moist-soil management units; improving wetland unit hydrology; and repairing, replacing or installing new water-delivery infrastructure. During the last few years, AGFC staff and partners worked to determine a path forward focused on sustainable management of the more than 50,000 acres of the AGFC's GTRs. While previous objectives of GTRs were to provide more reliable, consistent habitat for migrating waterfowl and waterfowl hunting opportunities, deteriorating conditions in many GTRs from this short-term goal require a shift in management. Improving and maintaining the quality of waterfowl habitat on AGFC land, including GTRs, must include focus on conservation of the hardwood forests that provide the wildlife benefits and hunting opportunities in the long-term.

AGFC-managed GTRs still provide a valuable resource to ducks and duck hunters, but how they are managed must change for hunters to continue enjoying good duck hunting and ducks to continue benefiting from the habitat. AGFC staff and partners have conducted reviews on most of the GTRs managed by the agency. These reviews show similar concerns across most areas: water-management infrastructure is outdated, in poor repair, undersized and, in many cases, no longer necessary. Detailed renovation plans for each GTR will be rolled out as designs are formalized. Future infrastructure will enable management that follows a more natural flood plan than the current system of holding water at a constant, high level targeted for the opening of duck season.

The most notable change must be in the timing, depth and frequency at which we intentionally flood GTRs. To this end, the AGFC revised all infrastructure-operation management dates for existing GTRs and implemented these revisions beginning with the 2017-18 wintering period. These revised management dates will remain in place until more detailed, adaptive plans are finalized. Such detailed plans will be publicized by the AGFC in advance of implementation.



# Licensing and Permits

## A Waterfowl Hunter 16 or Older Must Carry:

1. **A valid federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp** (\$25) physical stamp, signed in ink across the face, or The electronic code from purchasing the federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp online (\$28.50). This option is only valid for 45 days from date of purchase until physical stamp arrives in mail;

**And proof of the following license privileges (may be carried on paper, an electronic copy on the user's smartphone or through a Commission-issued Conservation Hard Card):**

2. **A valid license** (See 4 below) coded DSR (Resident Arkansas Waterfowl Stamp: \$7), DSN (Nonresident Arkansas Waterfowl Stamp: \$35), PLD (65+ Resident Arkansas Waterfowl Stamp), MRD (Military Retiree Lifetime Waterfowl Permit), or VLD (Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Waterfowl Permit).

3. **Proof of Arkansas HIP registration; and**

4. **One of the following hunting licenses:**

- Resident Wildlife Conservation License (HNT), \$10.50
- Resident Sportsman's License (RS), \$25
- Combination Sportsman's License (CS), \$35.50
- 65+ Resident Annual Sportsman's License (PAH), \$3.50
- 65+ Resident Sportsman's License (see Page 13) (PLH), \$25
- 65+ Resident Combination License (see Page 13) (PLC), \$35.50
- Resident Military Retiree Lifetime Hunting License (MRH), \$25
- Resident Military Retiree Lifetime Combination License (MRC), \$35.50
- Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Hunting License (VLH), \$1.50
- Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Combination License (VLC), \$3
- Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Combination License (VLL), \$52.50
- 3-year Resident Disabled Sportsman's License (RDH), \$25
- 3-year Resident Disabled Combination License (RDC), \$35.50
- Nonresident 5-Day Small Game Hunting License (SG5), \$70
- Nonresident Annual Small Game Hunting License (NRH), \$110
- Nonresident 1-Day All Game Hunting License (AG1), \$55
- Nonresident 3-Day All Game Hunting License (AG3), \$125
- Nonresident 5-Day All Game Hunting License (AG5), \$180
- Nonresident Annual All Game Hunting License (NBG), \$350
- Lifetime Sportsman's Permit, One year of residency required (Arkansas Waterfowl Stamp not required) (LSP), \$1,000

5. **In addition to a valid hunting license, nonresidents must carry the following permit before hunting waterfowl on all WMAs. See pages 44.**

- Nonresident 5-Day Wildlife Management Area Waterfowl Hunting Permit (see Page 44) (NW5), \$30.50

6. **A free WMA General Use Permit when hunting or trapping on any WMA (WMP). See Page 43.**

## How Do I Buy a License?

- Visit [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com), click “Buy Licenses.”
- Call 501-223-6349 or 800-364-GAME (4263) between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
- Licenses are available over the counter at AGFC regional offices, nature centers and many sporting goods stores across the state.



Telephone and online purchases must be made by credit card. Small game and fishing privileges become effective immediately. A valid printed license or acceptable electronic format license must be in your possession before hunting big game (deer, turkey, bear, elk or alligator). Disability and commercial licenses are not available by phone or online.

## What Kinds of Licenses or Permits Do I Need to Hunt in Arkansas?

If you are 16 or older, an Arkansas hunting license is required to hunt wildlife unless you are on a licensed game-bird shooting resort that supplies pen-raised birds. The license must be carried with you. If you guide, aid or assist someone else for pay or other value, you must have a guide license.

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## How Do I Replace a Lost License?

AGFC's licensing system allows license information to be retrieved via smart phone/mobile device. Purchasers can also print their own license at home or at license vendors around the state.

## Do I Qualify as a Resident?

- Any person whose primary residence is in Arkansas and has been for the past 60 consecutive days (some license require longer residency)
- Full time students of Arkansas schools, colleges or universities (with proof of enrollment)
- Residents that are full-time students of schools outside of Arkansas
- Active-duty military personnel and members of the National Guard who are assigned to an Arkansas Guard Unit
- Active-duty military who were Arkansas Residents when entering service regardless of where they are stationed
- Owning property or real estate in Arkansas does not qualify a person as a resident.

## What Are Disability Licenses?

Resident disabled hunters may purchase a three-year disability hunting license for \$25 or a three-year combination license for \$35.50 (includes fishing privileges) through the Little Rock AGFC office. Proof of 60 days' Arkansas residency and proof of 100 percent total and permanent disability from the Social Security Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs or the Railroad Retirement Board is required.

## What Is HIP Registration?

Each year, before hunting migratory game birds, hunters 16 years and older must register for the Harvest Information Program (HIP) at any AGFC office or online at [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com). Proof of Arkansas HIP registration must be carried while hunting.

## Which Licenses Do Hunting Guides Need?

A guide is someone who guides hunters for pay or other consideration. Residents and nonresidents may not guide for waterfowl on any land owned or leased by AGFC or any NWR.

- Resident guide license – \$25
- Nonresident guide license – \$150

These license are available from all AGFC offices (see Page 1), online and at all license dealers; expire June 30; and do not include hunting privileges.

### What Is a Nonresident WMA Waterfowl Permit?

In addition to a valid Arkansas hunting license, nonresidents must purchase a permit to hunt waterfowl on wildlife management areas during regular duck season (Page 44). The cost is \$30.50 for a five-day permit. The permit is valid only Nov. 21-30, Dec. 27-Jan. 5, Jan. 22-31.

### Who Needs a Hunter Education Card?



A hunter born after 1968 must carry a valid hunter education card, unless 'HE-VERIFIED' is noted on your hunting license. Hunters under 16 do not need to have a card if they are under the direct supervision of an adult 21 years or older. Arkansas honors the home state hunter education cards of nonresidents. Call 800-482-5795 or check [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com) for a class schedule. To replace a lost card visit [lostmycard.com](http://lostmycard.com) or call 1-800-830-2268.

### What Are Resident 65 Plus Lifetime Licenses and Permits?

Hunters 65 or older may purchase a lifetime hunting license. To hunt waterfowl, a state lifetime waterfowl permit (purchased once after age 65), HIP registration and federal waterfowl stamps are required. Licenses are available on the internet and at all AGFC offices, including nature centers. Customers must be an Arkansas Resident for 60 days to purchase.

## Deferred Hunter Education Code

A free Deferred Hunter Education Code (DHE) can take the place of the hunter education requirement for hunters 16 and older. The code is available at any license purchasing agent, by phone or online:

- The hunter must possess a valid Arkansas hunting license while hunting.
- The hunter must be in the direct supervision of a licensed hunter at least 21 years old who is either certified in hunter education or was born on or before Dec. 31, 1968.
- The hunter may not have been convicted or forfeited bond for prior hunter education certification violations or other AGFC-sanctioned hunting privilege revocations.

## Military Lifetime Licenses

Resident Military Retiree Lifetime Licenses are available at any AGFC regional office. Sportsmen must be 60 or older and show proof of 60 days' Arkansas residency and retirement from a branch of the U.S. Armed Services. Military lifetime trout and state waterfowl stamp permits, federal waterfowl stamps, resident trapping permits and HIP registration are not included with this license.

Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Licenses are available at the Little Rock office only. There is no age requirement for this license, but sportsmen must show proof of 60 days' Arkansas residency and proof of service-connected disability.

- Veterans with 100 percent permanent service-connected disability may purchase a Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Fishing License (VLF) for \$1.50, a Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Hunting License (VLH) for \$1.50 or a Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Combination License (VLC) for \$3. This license does not include state or federal waterfowl stamps, trout stamps, trapping permits or HIP registration. Veterans Lifetime State Waterfowl Stamps (VLD, \$7) and trout stamps (VLT, \$5) are available. Please contact the Little Rock office for more information.
- Veterans with a 70 percent permanent service-connected disability or veterans with a 50 percent service-connected disability and have received the Purple Heart Medal may purchase a Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Combination License (VLL), which includes hunting, fishing, trout and state waterfowl stamp privileges for \$52.50.



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## Ducks of Arkansas



### Mallard drake

Look for a green head and a sharp contrast between the chestnut breast and gray belly.

### Mallard

**Length – 24 inches**

Roughly 50 percent of ducks taken in Arkansas are mallards. More mallards are shot in Arkansas than in any other state.



### Mallard hen



### Black Duck

**Length – 24 inches**

Looks like a dark version of a mallard hen. White underwings and pale head contrast with a dark body. Often flies with mallards. Hens and drakes have a similar appearance. Fewer than 2,000 are taken in Arkansas each year.

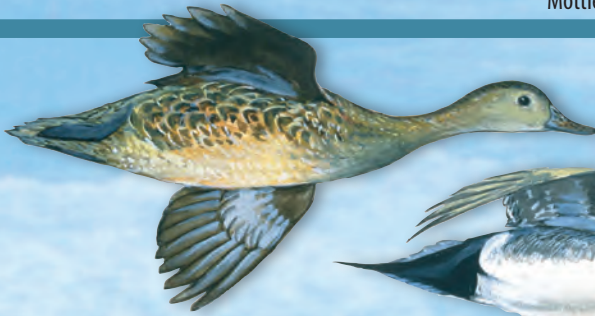
### Mottled Duck

Mottled ducks are rare in Arkansas. Drake and hen mottled ducks look like hen mallards, but the body feathers are a little darker than the mallard, yet not as dark as a black duck, and have the characteristic mottling shown in this illustration. The wing patch has a blue-green tint, no front white bar and a rear faded white stripe may be present.





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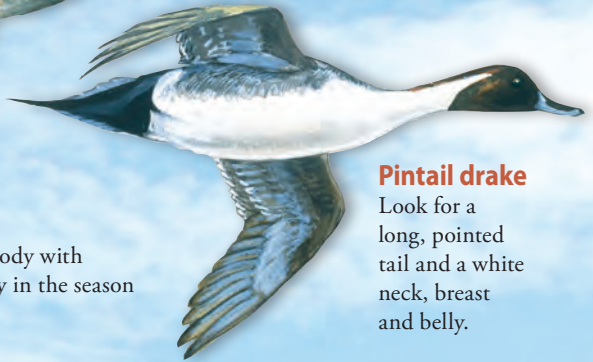


**Pintail hen**

### **Northern Pintail**

**Length – 26 inches**

Look for a long, streamlined body with narrow wings. Often seen early in the season and again in January.



**Pintail drake**

Look for a long, pointed tail and a white neck, breast and belly.



**Gadwall drake**

### **Gadwall**

**Length – 21 inches**

Look for a white patch on the back of each wing and a white belly. A gadwall flock looks like a flock of small, slim mallard hens.



**Gadwall hen**

### **Wood Duck**

**Length – 18½ inches**

Frequents woods along streams or flooded timber. Commonly breeds in Arkansas.



**Wood duck drake**

Look for a long tail, a large head held high in flight and a white belly and chin.

**Wood duck hen**

Frequently emits a long squealing call in flight.

### American Wigeon

**Length – 21 inches**

Look for a showy white belly and a light blue bill tipped with black. Generally seen in small flocks and taken in low numbers.



**Wigeon hen**



**Wigeon drake**

Look for white patches on the shoulder, white forehead and a green eye band.

### Northern Shoveler

**Length – 21 inches**

Has an undeserved reputation for being poor table fare.



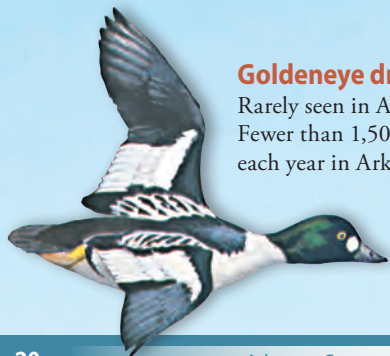
**Shoveler drake**

Look for a wide, spoon-like bill, a white breast, a dark belly and pale blue shoulder patches.



**Shoveler hen**

Look for an orange, spoon-like bill. Otherwise, looks like a small mallard hen.



**Goldeneye drake**

Rarely seen in Arkansas. Fewer than 1,500 shot each year in Arkansas.

### Common Goldeneye

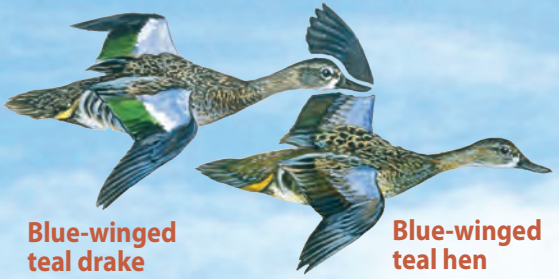
**Length – 19 inches**

Distinctive wing-whistling sound in flight has earned the name of “whistlers.” These are active, strong-winged fliers moving singly or in small flocks. Generally seen on large rivers and lakes. Look for chunky body, fast direct flight, flash of white on wing.

## Blue-winged Teal

**Length – 16 inches**

Look for rapid, twisting flight in dense flocks. Shoulders are pale blue. Less than one-third the size of a mallard. Most have migrated through Arkansas to Mexico and Central America by mid-October.



**Blue-winged teal drake**

**Blue-winged teal hen**



**Green-winged teal hen**



**Green-winged teal drake**

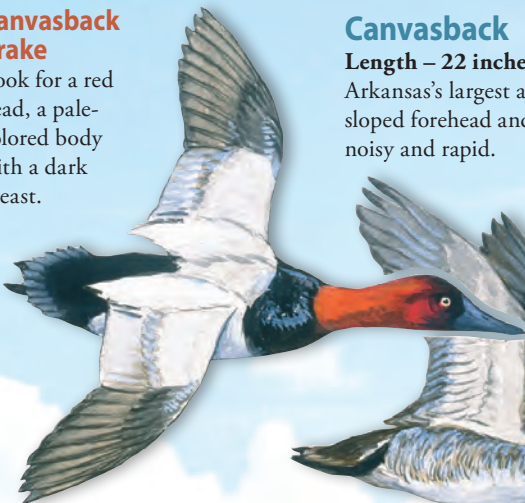
## American Green-winged Teal

**Length – 15 inches**

The smallest duck seen in Arkansas. A fast duck that flies in dense flocks similar to those of blue-winged teal. Both sexes appear pale underneath and dark on top. Two pale lines on the top of wings are often visible. Teal prefer shallow water and are common in rice fields.

## Canvasback drake

Look for a red head, a pale-colored body with a dark breast.



## Canvasback

**Length – 22 inches**

Arkansas's largest and fastest duck. Look for a sloped forehead and a dark bill. Wingbeats are noisy and rapid.

## Canvasback hen

The same distinctive profile as the drake.





**Redhead  
drake**



**Redhead  
hen**

### Ruddy Duck

**Length – 15½ inches**

When flying, their small wings stroke so fast they resemble bumblebees.

Hens and drakes are similar in appearance during fall. Look for white cheek patch on males. Often seen on minnow ponds and large lakes with buffleheads.



**Ruddy duck  
drake**

**Ruddy duck hen**



**Bufflehead  
drake**

Bold black-and-white pattern.



**Bufflehead hen**

### Bufflehead

**Length – 14½ inches**

Small, fast-flying duck. Look for white on its head and wings. Plump appearance. Often seen with ruddy ducks.



**Ring-necked drake**

## Ring-necked Duck

**Length – 17 inches**

Swift, erratic flight. Look for a dark head and breast with a white belly. Dark back and wings help distinguish this duck in flight from scaup. Often seen in rice fields and agricultural reservoirs.



**Ring-necked drake eclipse**



**Ring-necked hen**



## Scaup drake

Commonly seen on the Arkansas River late in the season.

## Scaup

**Length – 18½ inches**

Looks similar to a ring-necked duck but with a white back, bright blue bill and white on its wings.



## Scaup hen

Look for a distinct white face patch.



## Hooded Merganser

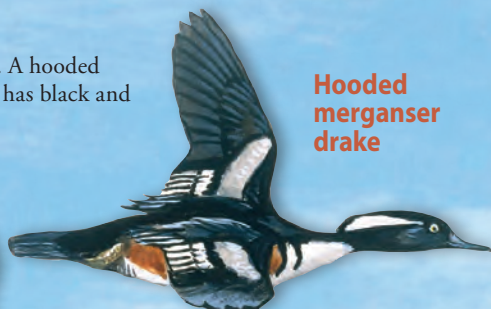
**Length – 21½ inches**

Mergansers have narrow, pointed bills. A hooded merganser is small with a “hood,” and has black and white on each wing patch feather.

**Hooded  
merganser  
hen**



**Hooded  
merganser  
drake**



## Red-breasted Merganser

**Length – 23 inches**

Uncommon. Flight is strong and direct, usually low over the water. Difficult to distinguish in flight from the common merganser. Female's head and neck are paler than female common merganser.

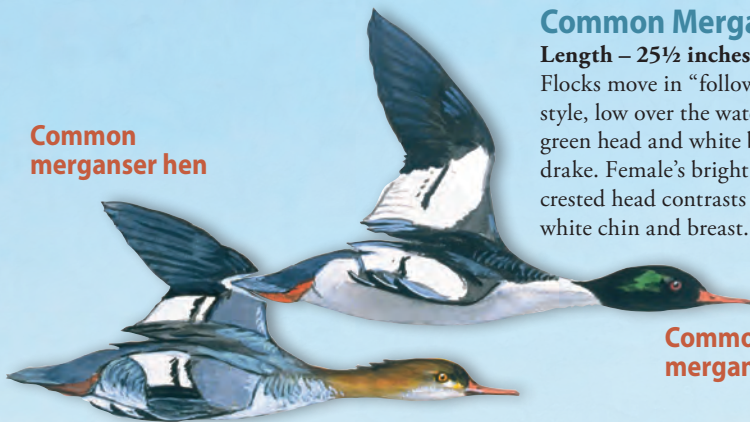
**Red-breasted  
merganser  
hen**



**Red-breasted  
merganser  
drake**



**Common  
merganser  
hen**



## Common Merganser

**Length – 25½ inches**

Flocks move in “follow the leader” style, low over the water. Look for green head and white body on the drake. Female's bright chestnut, crested head contrasts sharply with white chin and breast.

**Common  
merganser  
drake**

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# Meet Your Biologist

## Zachary finds his place at diverse Ed Gordon Point Remove WMA

One of the most diverse regions in all of Arkansas for wildlife is the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's Region 7, a vast area of land in the Ozark Highlands and Arkansas River Valley that includes two major wildlife management areas, Ed Gordon Point Remove WMA and Galla Creek WMA.

Alex Zachary is a veteran biologist in Region 7 on Ed Gordon and Galla Creek WMAs. Zachary, who turned 33 late in the summer, began work with the AGFC there in November 2011 as a technician, and moved up to his current role as biologist in 2014.

Zachary was exposed to wildlife management while he was in diapers. His father, Robert Zachary, was an area manager and AGFC regional supervisor in northeast Arkansas for 38 years.

"Absolutely, I grew up loving the outdoors," he said. "I grew up around it and it's something – I don't know exactly when I decided this was the career path I wanted to take, but I know in seventh or eighth grade they wanted us to select a career path and I said 'wildlife biologist.'"

Duck hunting was No. 1 in his youth, and there it remains. "That's my favorite type of hunting. Outside of squirrel hunting, that's how I learned to hunt. I spent a lot of time hunting public land in northeast Arkansas, at Earl Buss Bayou

DeView, Shirey Bay Rainey Brake, the Languille River bottoms and places like that," he said.

Next to Steve N. Wilson Raft Creek Bottoms WMA, Ed Gordon Point Remove has the largest acreage of impounded moist-soil habitat in Arkansas at about 1,100 acres.

"Waterfowl is one of our primary focuses here for sure," Zachary said. "One thing I cannot stress enough, and I tell our other guys, the work we do here is going to benefit more than waterfowl. The diversity in these moist-soil habitats is massive. We have songbirds, invertebrates, shore birds, all kinds of fish, amphibians, reptiles ... (These habitats) support a WHOLE lot of life.

We commonly have turkeys nest in our moist-soil units. The biggest group of poults we saw this past year was on one of our units. Deer obviously use these areas as well for browsing, fawning, and bedding. So, it serves a host of species, not just ducks in the wintertime."

But public waterfowl hunters will enjoy their experience at Ed Gordon Point Remove WMA. Waterfowl,

including wood ducks, are banded there, Zachary noted. And visitors will note a significant change soon at Ed Gordon – a six-year project in partnership with Southwestern Energy and Ducks Unlimited to increase and enhance moist-soil habitats on and improve infrastructure that feeds water into and out of the moist-soil units is wrapping up, meaning even more moist-soil acreage will be available.

"I've always loved it here and it's a very unique area," he said. "We've got a lot of open land habitat, whether it's moist-soil or upland. A lot of our WMAs lack open lands, at least in the quantity that we have here."



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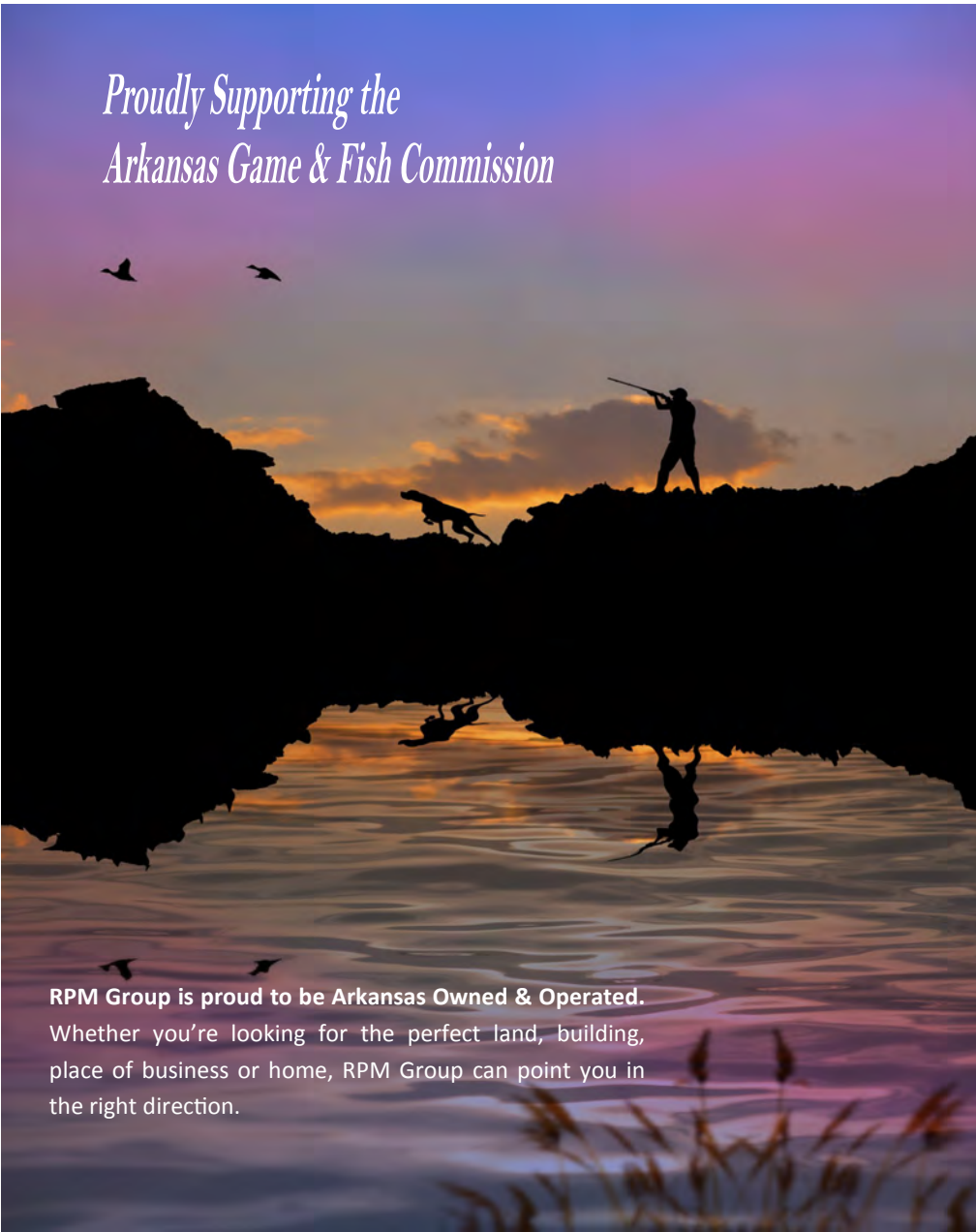


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# General Hunting Regulations

## Captive Mallards and Live Decoys

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- The owner is operating and the hunter is shooting at a Commission-licensed game bird shooting resort.
- The owner has a valid shoot-to-kill retrieving dog training permit and legally purchased the mallards from the holder of a wildlife breeder/dealer permit or has legally imported the mallards into Arkansas in accordance with an AGFC wildlife importation permit. Shoot-to-kill retrieving dog training permits are available through any AGFC wildlife management employee or wildlife officer.

## Transferring Wildlife

Each hunter's harvested waterfowl must be kept in a way so it is easily identifiable as belonging to that hunter. It is illegal to possess wildlife harvested by someone else, unless accompanied by a signed statement from the taker, stating name, address, species, date taken and license number. **See example at bottom of page.**

A driver's license number with state of origin may be substituted for the hunting license number. A hunter education card number or date of birth may be substituted for the hunting license number for hunters under 16 years of age.

## Failure to Report a Hunting- or Trapping-Related Incident

It is unlawful for persons to fail to immediately report a hunting- or trapping-related incident involving personal injury above basic first-aid treatment to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission so an investigation may be conducted.

If the incident involves only one individual and they are admitted to the hospital and incapacitated for any length of time, the incident should then be reported as soon as possible.

To report hunting- or trapping-related incidents, please call 800-482-9262.

### Transferring fish or wildlife to another person?

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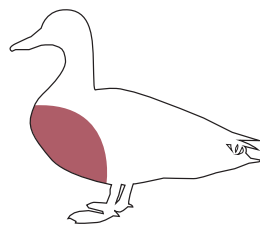
Check Number (required for big game)

\* A hunter education card number or date of birth may be substituted for hunters under 16.

## Wanton Waste

It is illegal to discard (or allow to go to waste) any edible portion of game birds taken.

Edible portions for game birds are breasts.



## Legal Hunting Equipment

### Legal Shot

Hunters may have only U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-approved nontoxic shot in their immediate possession when hunting waterfowl.

Hunters may use only nontoxic shot size T (.2-inch diameter) and smaller when hunting waterfowl and coots. Other migratory birds may be taken with nontoxic shot size T and smaller or lead shot size BB (.18-inch diameter) and smaller.

## Baiting Laws

Complete information about baiting is available from:

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:** [www.fws.gov/le/huntfish/waterfowl\\_baiting.htm](http://www.fws.gov/le/huntfish/waterfowl_baiting.htm)

**University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service:**  
[www.uaex.edu/Other\\_Areas/publications/PDF/FSA-9082.pdf](http://www.uaex.edu/Other_Areas/publications/PDF/FSA-9082.pdf)

### Who Is Responsible?

Hunters, guides and landowners are responsible for understanding and obeying regulations about baiting and knowing the conditions of the area to be hunted.

### What Is a Baited Area?

A baited area is where salt, grain or other feed has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered in such a way to lure or attract waterfowl or doves to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them.

### For How Long?

An area is considered baited for 10 days following the complete removal of salt, grain or other feed.

### What Are the Penalties for Baiting?

Baiting migratory game birds is a criminal offense with fines up to \$200,000 and a one-year prison term. Hunting over a known baited area can result in fines up to \$15,000.

### What Is the Liability Standard?

Federal rules prohibit the taking of migratory game birds by the aid of baiting or over any baited area, if the person knows or reasonably should know that the area is baited.

**Example:** If a hunter hires a guide who has spread corn throughout the hunting area, but the corn is underwater where the hunter cannot detect it and reasonably had no knowledge that the bait was present, the hunter would not be guilty of hunting over bait. Hunters should ask guides or landowners if the area has been baited.



## What is the Difference in Field Preparation for Dove Hunting opposed to Waterfowl Hunting?

Agricultural crops may be manipulated for doves, but not for waterfowl and coots.

Dove hunting is allowed over lands planted by means of top sowing or aerial seeding, if seeds are present solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting or a normal agricultural soil stabilization practice.

**Example:** A dove hunter may legally hunt over a field of sunflowers that has been mowed but may not hunt waterfowl in the same field.

## What About Normal Agricultural Operations?

Normal agricultural operations are those that have been conducted in accordance with official recommendations of state cooperative extension specialists.

State extension specialists will be relied upon to give expert advice if questions arise over what are considered normal agricultural operations in that area.

**Example:** Questions about normal and ratoon rice production will be directed to the state extension specialist on rice.

## What Is Considered Natural Vegetation?

Migratory game birds may be hunted over manipulated natural vegetation.

**Example:** Thinning brush from overgrown, privately owned wetlands to improve habitat for wintering waterfowl is considered manipulating natural vegetation.

## Is Planted Millet Considered a Crop?

Planted millet is treated like an agricultural crop and may not be manipulated if you intend to hunt waterfowl. Millet that grows on its own in subsequent years (sometimes called “volunteer”) is considered natural vegetation and may be manipulated at any time without restriction.

## Can I Put Up a Blind?

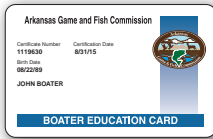
Hunters may conceal a blind on privately-owned property using vegetation from agricultural crops or natural vegetation as long as it does not result in the exposing, depositing or scattering of grain.

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approved AGFC boating education course and carry proof of completion while operating any motorboat on Arkansas waters.

A motorboat is defined as any vessel operated upon water propelled by sail or machinery, whether or not the machinery is the principal source of propulsion.

The boating education course teaches the fundamentals of safe and responsible boating and is written on a sixth-grade reading level.

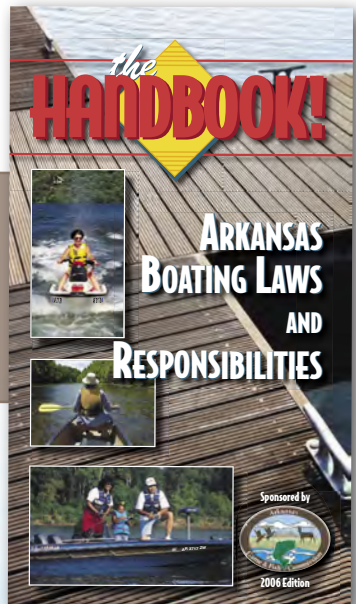
The internet course is available online. Students study the material and take the examination in person. There is a \$29.95 charge.

After successful completion of one of these options, the student will be mailed a Boating Education Card.

Information and class schedules are available online at [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com) or by calling 501-223-6377 (Little Rock) or 877-493-6424 (toll-free).

## The Handbook of Arkansas Boating Laws and Responsibilities

This compilation of Arkansas and federal boating laws is available by calling the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission at 501-223-6379 (Little Rock) or email [Stephanie.Weatherington@agfc.ar.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Weatherington@agfc.ar.gov).



## Hunting from a boat is boating!

Remember to wear a life jacket and follow boating regulations.

# Property Regulations

## Hunting Near a Residence

Hunters lawfully present through ownership or lease agreement may hunt on their own property, regardless of distance to another person’s residence.

However, all other hunters using firearms within 150 yards of a residence or using archery equipment within 50 yards of a residence must have written permission from the owner or occupant of that residence.

## Hunting on Private Property

Written permission (see example below) from the landowner or leaseholder is required before hunting, fishing, trapping or releasing hunting dogs or pursuing wildlife with dogs on private property.

Written permission is not required if the person hunting is a relative of the landowner or leaseholder and permission can be verified.

### Permission to Hunt Card

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# Federal Regulations Overview



In addition to state regulations, the following federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting and storing of migratory game birds.

**Special boating regulations apply on NWRs in Arkansas (see Page 44). It is illegal for waterfowl hunters to be guided on National Wildlife Refuges. Both hunters and guides are subject to penalties.**

**Caution:** The following material is a summary. Each hunter should also consult the federal regulations found in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20 (available at <https://www.fws.gov/le/federal-regulations-title-50-part-20-11.html>). More restrictive regulations may apply to national wildlife refuges and state wildlife management areas.

## Illegal Hunting Methods

You may not hunt migratory waterfowl:

- 1) With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fish hook, poison, drug, explosive or stupefying substance.
- 2) From a sink box or any other low floating device that conceals you beneath the surface of the water.
- 3) From a motorboat or sailboat, unless you shut the motor off or furl the sail and the vessel is no longer in motion.
- 4) With a shotgun that can hold more than three shells, unless you plug it with a one-piece filler that cannot be removed without disassembling the gun.
- 5) From or by means, aid or use of any motorized vehicle or aircraft. If you are a paraplegic or are missing one or both legs, you may hunt from a stationary motorized land vehicle.

## Wanton Waste

You must make a reasonable effort to retrieve and keep all migratory game birds you kill or cripple while in the field. You must immediately kill any wounded birds you retrieve and count those birds toward your daily bag limit.

## Rallying

You may not hunt migratory game birds that have been concentrated, driven, rallied or stirred up with a motorized vehicle or sailboat.

## Tagging

You may not give your birds to another person in the field, regardless of whether or not they are properly tagged. You may not leave migratory game birds in the custody of another person unless you tag the birds with your signature, address, number of birds identified by species and the date you killed them.

## Dressing

You may not completely field-dress waterfowl before taking them from the field. The head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached while you transport them to your home or processor.

## Dual Violation

A violation of a state migratory game bird regulation is also a violation of federal regulations.

## Duck Stamp

If you are 16 or older, you must carry a valid federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp. You must sign the stamp in ink across the face before hunting.

## Protected Birds

Federal law prohibits the killing of nongame migratory birds.

## For More Information

If you have additional questions about waterfowl hunting, contact Division of Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Room 81, Post Office Building, Little Rock, AR 72201. Telephone: 501-324-5643, or contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1500 Museum Road, Suite 105, Conway, AR 72032. Telephone: 501-513-4474.



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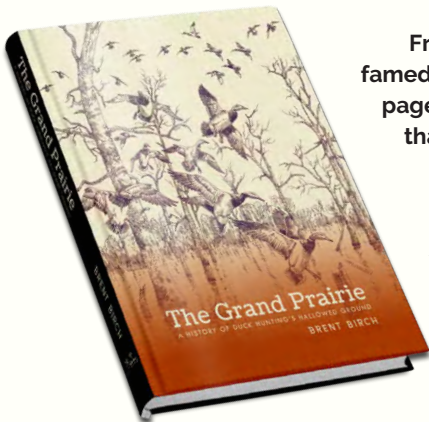




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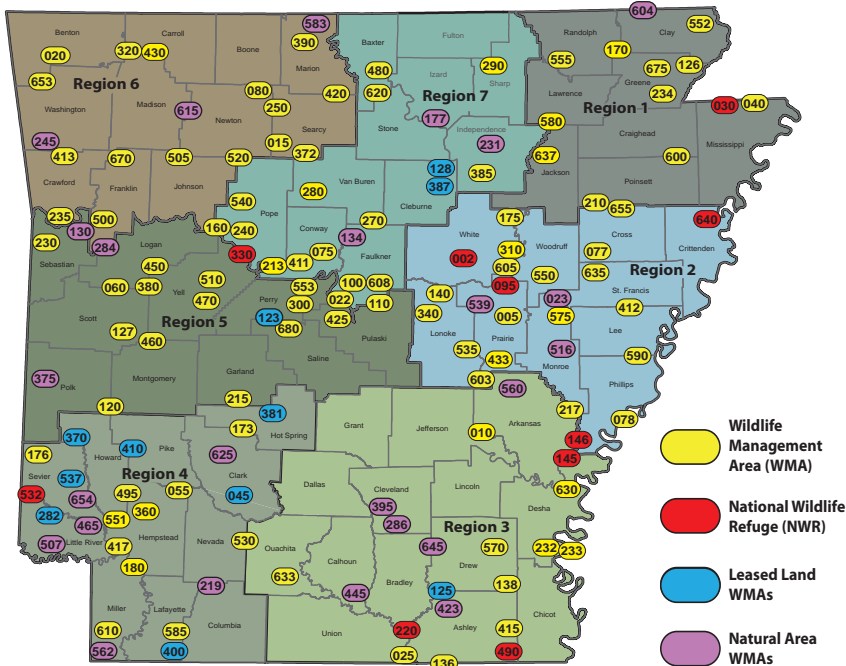
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# Wildlife Management Areas

## Wildlife Management Regions and National Wildlife Refuges with Special Regulations



### Contact Numbers:

#### Region 1 — Northeast Office

600-B East Lawson • Jonesboro, AR 72404  
Toll-free: 877-972-5438

#### Region 2 — East Central Office

1201 N. Highway 49 • Brinkley, AR 72021  
Toll-free: 877-734-4581

#### Region 3 — Southeast Office

771 Jordan Drive • Monticello, AR 71655  
Toll-free: 877-367-3559

#### Region 3 — South Central Office

500 Ben Lane • Camden, AR 71701  
Toll-free: 877-836-4612

#### Region 4 — Southwest Office

7004 Highway 67 East • Perrytown, AR 71801  
Toll-free: 877-777-5580

#### Region 5 — Hot Springs Office

350 Fish Hatchery Road • Hot Springs, AR 71913  
Toll-free: 877-525-8606

#### Region 5 — Fort Smith Office

401 Massard Road • Fort Smith, AR 72916  
Toll-free: 877-478-1043

#### Region 6 — Northwest Office

455 Dam Site Rd. • Eureka Springs, AR 72631  
Toll-free: 866-253-2506

#### Region 7 — North Central Office

1 Game and Fish Road • Calico Rock, AR 72519  
Toll-free: 877-297-4331

#### Region 7 — West Central Office

1266 Lock and Dam Road • Russellville, AR 72802  
Toll-free: 877-967-7577

# General WMA Regulations

A free annual WMA General Use Permit is required to hunt or trap on all WMAs. Permits are available online at [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com) or by calling 800-364-4263 or any regional office.

## Waterfowl Guides

It is illegal for waterfowl hunters to be guided on wildlife management areas, special use areas or national wildlife refuges. Both hunters and guides are subject to penalties.

## Hunting Ends at Noon

Shooting is allowed from 30 minutes before sunrise and ends at noon except where noted on pages 45-62. Waterfowl hunters on WMAs must cease all shooting at noon from Nov. 21- Jan. 30. Waterfowl hunting is allowed 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset on Jan. 31 and Dec. 5 and Feb. 6 (Youth and Special Active Duty Military and Veteran Waterfowl Hunts) on WMAs.

## Waterfowl Hunter WMA Access Times

Waterfowl hunters must be off water-inundated areas or natural/man-made water courses by 1 p.m. (by noon on Dave Donaldson Black River WMA and George H. Dunklin Jr. Bayou Meto WMA) from Nov. 21-Jan. 30. Waterfowl hunters must be off water-inundated areas or natural/man-made water courses by 6:30 p.m. Dec. 5, Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.

## No Equipment Left Overnight

Waterfowl decoys, dog stands and platforms may not be left out overnight on wildlife management areas, special use areas or wildlife demonstration areas, including river channels within exterior boundaries of WMAs. Boats in staging areas must be occupied. Boats cannot be left overnight except on Dave Donaldson Black River WMA at slough boat access points.

## Vegetation Destruction Prohibited

On Commission-owned WMAs, it is illegal to use or possess chainsaws, handsaws, hatchets, axes, weed trimmers, string trimmers or other cutting devices. Chemical defoliant also are prohibited. Exceptions to this rule include: hunting knives, pocketknives and pocket saws; campers in designated camping areas; and trappers using hatchets during trapping season.

## Permanent Duck Blinds

It is illegal to build, erect or hunt from a duck blind (any structure fabricated from metal, lumber, wire, nylon or other building materials) which is not removed or torn down each day at the end of shooting hours. This applies to all WMAs including river channels within exterior boundaries of WMAs.

## Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt

Hunting is allowed by youths 15 and younger during the Youth Waterfowl Hunts on WMAs and NWRs open to waterfowl hunting, Dec. 5 and Feb. 6. During this hunt, youths have no shot shell limit on WMAs and may hunt from 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset. Details are on Page 4. Non-Resident Permits are not required for this hunt.

## Special Active Duty Military and Veteran Hunt

Hunting is allowed by members of active duty military and military veterans during the Special Active Duty Military and Veteran Waterfowl Hunts, Dec. 5 and Feb. 6. During this hunt, members of active duty military and military veterans have no shot shell limit on WMAs and may hunt from 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset on WMAs and NWRs open to waterfowl hunting. Details are on Page 4. Non-Resident Permits are not required for this hunt.

## Certain Waterfowl Decoys Prohibited

It is unlawful on any Commission-owned WMA or lake and national wildlife refuges to possess, or take or attempt to take waterfowl with the use of, any simulated wing movement decoy or any decoy other than an artificial decoy that imitates the appearance of waterfowl: no moving parts or electrical components; and is not subjected to any artificial means that makes it appear to move, splash or cause ripples. Exception: Manually operated "jerk strings" may be used to simulate movement.

## Simulated Wing Movement Decoys

Simulated wing movement decoys are any electric, mechanically operated, wind-powered, or manually powered apparatus or device that simulates wing movement, including any device that spins one or more fixed- or stationary-winged decoys around a central axis.



## Nonresident 5-day WMA Waterfowl Permit

In addition to a valid Arkansas hunting license, nonresidents need a a valid Arkansas waterfowl stamp (DSN) and a 5-day Nonresident WMA Waterfowl Hunting Permit (NW5) to hunt waterfowl on all wildlife management areas. The permit costs \$30.50 and is valid only Nov. 21-30, Dec. 27-Jan. 5, Jan. 22-31. It is available online, by telephone or from license dealers. Nonresidents will also need a free WMA General Use permit when hunting on any WMA.

## Boating Regulations on WMAs and NWRs

**It is unlawful to operate a boat in any manner that is hazardous to persons or property on any part of a WMA or NWR including ramps, structures, boat lanes or other areas.**

**Examples of illegal boating practices include:**

- 1) Weaving through congested vessel traffic;
- 2) Jumping the wake of another vessel too close to such other vessel;
- 3) Operating a vessel when visibility is obstructed;
- 4) Moving at a speed that exceeds the safe and reasonable limits under the circumstances or that creates a hazardous wash or wake upon approaching or passing vessels;
- 5) Inattentive operation;
- 6) Failure to keep a proper lookout;
- 7) Failure to observe navigation rules;
- 8) Swerving at the last possible moment to avoid collision where correction reasonably could have been made earlier;
- 9) Operating while intoxicated or under the influence of any narcotic drug, barbiturate, or marijuana or while under any physical or mental disability so as to be incapable of operating safely under the circumstances;
- 10) Colliding with, striking or bumping another vessel, object or person;
- 11) Otherwise operating a vessel in a manner that endangers life, limb or property.
- 12) Impeding the normal and reasonable movement of boating traffic, except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or in compliance with the law of regulations.
- 13) With the exception of meeting oncoming boats, all boating traffic must proceed in single-file with no passing allowed, exception when boats have exited the current direction of travel or are no longer under power.
- 14) All boating traffic on a WMA or NWR must maintain a minimum distance of 100 feet (approximately 6-boat lengths) between boats.

Any person found guilty of negligent operation (unintentional hazardous operation) may be fined \$250 to \$2,500, may be sentenced up to 60 days in jail and will be prohibited from accessing any WMA for one year from date of conviction.

Any person found guilty of reckless operation (intentional hazardous operation) may be fined \$500 to \$5,000, may be sentenced up to 90 days in jail, will be prohibited from accessing any WMA for one year from date of conviction and lose hunting and fishing privileges statewide for one year from the date of conviction.



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# WMA-specific Details

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Unless noted, migratory game bird season dates are the same as statewide seasons. Commission-controlled Waterfowl Rest Areas are closed Nov.1-Feb. 15. Check your specific WMA for exceptions. For shooting hours, refer to Page 43.

## Bayou Meto WMA (Zone 010) ●

AGFC 877-367-3559 • 33,832 acres • Arkansas, Jefferson counties

- See George H. Dunklin Jr. Bayou Meto WMA

## Beaver Lake WMA (Zone 020)

Corps of Engineers 866-253-2506 • 8,007 acres • Benton, Carroll, Madison, Washington counties

- Waterfowl hunting is allowed 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset during the waterfowl season.

## Bell Slough WMA (Zone 022)

AGFC 877-967-7577 • 2,366 acres • Faulkner County

- No boats allowed Nov. 16-20, Dec. 1-10 and Dec. 24-25.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas and boat launch ramps) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.
- The Palarm Creek Waterfowl Rest Area is closed to all access from Nov. 1-Feb. 15.
- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- Waterfowl hunters may not possess shotgun shells containing shot larger than No. 2 and may possess no more than 15 shells unless hunters are in camping, parking or boat-launching areas or during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunts and Special Military Hunts, Dec. 5 and Feb. 6.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31.  
Exception – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 5, Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.
- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.
- Airboats may not be operated within Bell Slough WMA during duck season.
- Non-motorized boat access to water trails in afternoon during duck season is allowed.
- Hunters gaining access to Grassy Lake from Bell Slough are not required to have a sportsman's pass, but must stay in or on the water. For information on the sportsman's pass, call 501-212-4090.

## Beryl Anthony Lower Ouachita WMA (Zone 025) ●

AGFC / Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission 877-836-4612 • 7,020 acres (includes Coffee Prairie Natural Area) • Ashley, Union counties

- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- Hunters may not enter the WMA before 4 a.m. (excluding the Ouachita River). Waterfowl hunting ends at noon.
- All waterfowl hunting equipment (blinds, guns, decoys, etc.) must be removed by 1 p.m. each day. Fishing and non-hunting activities allowed.
- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.
- Airboats may not be operated within Beryl Anthony Lower Ouachita WMA (excluding the Ouachita River) during duck season.

### Big Lake WMA (Zone 040) ●

AGFC 877-972-5438 • 12,320 acres • Mississippi County

- No boats allowed Nov. 16-20, Dec. 1-10 and Dec. 24-25.  
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 5 and Feb. 6.  
Exception 2 – Boats allowed on the following waters:
  - The North/South Ditch.
  - All lateral ditches and borrow pits.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and boat staging areas) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31 and Feb. 6. Boats may only be launched in boat staging areas after 2:00 a.m. and any boat must remain occupied at all times while kept in boat staging areas between 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m. Nov. 21-30, Dec. 11-23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 31.  
Exception – Boats allowed on the following waters:
  - The North/South Ditch.
  - All lateral ditches and borrow pits.
- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- Mallard Lake is closed to hunting except the early teal season. Fishing and non-hunting activities are allowed.
- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.
- Any firearm being transported in Ditch 28 must be dismantled or unloaded and cased.

### Blue Mountain WMA (Zone 60)

Corps of Engineers 877-478-1043 • 4,000 acres • Logan and Yell Counties

- Waterfowl hunting is allowed 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset during the waterfowl season.

### Brewer Lake/Cypress Creek WMA (Zone 075)

City of Conway 877-967-7577 • 1,200 acres • Conway County

- The lake is closed to hunting.

### Camp Robinson SUA (Zone 100)

AGFC 877-967-7577 • 4,029 acres • Faulkner County

- Waterfowl season is closed. See Craig D. Campbell Lake Conway Reservoir.

### Camp Robinson WMA (Zone 110)

National Guard 501-212-5230 • 9,319 acres • Faulkner, Pulaski counties

- No boats allowed Nov. 16-20, Dec. 1-10 and Dec. 24-25..

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- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas and boat launch ramps) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.
- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- Waterfowl hunters may not possess shot shells containing shot larger than No. 2 and may possess no more than 15 shells unless hunters are in camping, parking or boat launching areas or during Special Youth Waterfowl Hunts and Special Military Hunts, Dec. 5 and Feb. 6.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31.  
Exception – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 6, Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.
- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.
- Hunters gaining access to Grassy Lake from Bell Slough are not required to have a sportsman's pass from the military base, however they must stay in or on the water.
- A General Use Permit (WMP) is required. All hunters should contact the Visitor Center at the front gate for current access procedures. Call 501-212-4090 or visit [www.arguard.org](http://www.arguard.org) for additional information. Vehicular access is limited to designated improved surface roads. For access restrictions that affect all users during waterfowl season, check the waterfowl guidebook or visit [www.agfc.com/camprobinsonwma](http://www.agfc.com/camprobinsonwma). Military Department activities take precedence over recreational activities and may cause changes to access requirements, dates and available training areas without notice.

## Cane Creek Lake

AGFC / U.S. Soil Conservation Service / Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism 870-628-4714 • 1,700 acres • Lincoln County

- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- Waterfowl hunting ends at noon.

## Cedar Creek WMA (Zone 127)

AGFC 877-478-1043 • 103 acres • Scott County

- Closed to waterfowl hunting.

## Coal Pile Lake

AGFC 877-367-3559 • Desha County

- Closed to hunting. Fishing and non-hunting activities are allowed.

## Craig D. Campbell Lake Conway Reservoir

AGFC 877-967-7577 • 6,700 acres • Faulkner County

- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- Closed to waterfowl hunting except on Caney Creek, Dix Creek, Palarm Creek and Pierce Creek bays outside posted buffer zones.
- Waterfowl hunting ends at noon.

## Cut-Off Creek WMA (Zone 138) ●

AGFC / Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission 877-367-3559 • 8,725 acres (includes Cut-Off Creek Ravines Natural Area) • Drew County

- No boats allowed Nov. 16-20, Dec. 1-10 and Dec. 24-25.  
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 5 and Feb. 6.  
Exception 2 – Boats allowed on the following waters:
  - Cut-Off Creek.
- Airboats may not be operated during duck season.

- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and boat staging areas) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31 and Feb. 6. Boats may only be launched in boat staging areas after 2:00 a.m. and any boat must remain occupied at all times while kept in boat staging areas between 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m.
- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m. Nov. 21-30, Dec. 11-23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 31.  
Exception – Boats allowed on the following waters:
  - Cut-Off Creek.
- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.
- Waterfowl hunters may not possess shot shells containing shot larger than No. 2 and may possess no more than 15 shells unless hunters are in camping, parking or boat launching areas or during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunts and Special Military Hunts, Dec. 5 and Feb. 6.

### Cypress Bayou WMA (Zone 140)

AGFC 877-734-4581 • 2,638 acres • Lonoke, White counties

- No boats allowed Nov. 16-20, Dec. 1-10 and Dec. 24-25.
- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.
- Airboats may not be operated within Cypress Bayou WMA during duck season.
- From Nov. 21-30, 2020 and Dec. 11-23, 2020 and Dec. 26, 2020-Jan. 21, 2021, Red Cut Slough Tract on Cypress Bayou WMA is open for waterfowl hunting only on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Saturdays and Sundays. Anyone entering flooded areas must have a signed Cypress Bayou Waterfowl Hunting Daily Use Permit on their person.
  - On Tuesdays and Thursdays, non-restricted permits are available at the parking area. Hunters are not restricted to designated locations on these days.
  - On Saturdays and Sundays, a limited number of permits will be available by online drawing. Permits will be for designated locations. There may be a total of four hunters per party for each location drawn. Visit [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com) and click on "Buy License" to apply.
  - All permits must be carried while hunting, completed and returned to the collection box at the end of the hunt.
  - Permits are not required during the Youth/Veteran Waterfowl Hunt.

### Dardanelle WMA (Zone 160)

Corps of Engineers 877-478-1043 • 42,500 acres • Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Pope, Yell counties

- Waterfowl hunting is not allowed on that part of Big Spadra and Little Spadra creeks north of the railroad, east of Crawford Street, south of I-40 and west of Arkansas Highway 103.
- Waterfowl hunting is allowed 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset during the waterfowl season. Waterfowl hunting ends at noon on the McKennon Bottoms and the Potter's Pothole Units although hunting is allowed 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset Jan. 31 and during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunts and Special Military Hunts, Dec. 5 and Feb. 6.
- Dogs and hunting or trapping devices are not allowed on Johnson County WRA. Access on Johnson County WRA on Nov. 3-5 is limited to Mobility Impaired Permit Gun Deer permit holders.
- Additional Corps of Engineers regulations apply. Contact COE, P.O. Box 1087, Russellville, AR 72801, 479-968-5008

### Dave Donaldson Black River WMA (Zone 170) ●

AGFC 877-972-5438 • 25,482 acres • Clay, Greene, Randolph counties

- Waterfowl hunters must be off water by noon.
- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.

- No boats allowed Nov. 16-20, Dec. 1-10 and Dec. 24-25.  
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 5 and Feb. 6.  
Exception 2 – Boats allowed on the following waters:
  - Black River
  - Little River
  - Winchester Canal (designated by signs)
  - Reyno Canal (designated by signs)
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and boat staging areas) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31 and Feb. 6. Boats may only be launched in boat staging areas after 2:00 a.m. and any boat must remain occupied at all times while kept in boat staging areas between 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m.
- No boats allowed from noon to 4 a.m. Nov. 21-30, Dec. 11-23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 31.  
Exception 1 – Boats allowed within the Black River.  
Exception 2 – Boats allowed from Noon until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 5, Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.  
Exception 3 – Boats allowed from Noon until 6:30 p.m. on the following waters:
  - Black River
  - Little River
  - Winchester Canal (designated by signs)
  - Reyno Canal (designated by signs)
- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.
- Lake Ashbaugh is closed to all hunting except early teal season. Fishing and non-hunting activities are allowed.
- Hubble Lake is closed to all hunting except early teal season. Fishing and non-hunting activities are allowed.
- Winchester WRA and the Brookings moist-soil units are open to deer modern gun youth hunt permit holders only Nov. 7-8.
- Decoys may be left overnight in slough boats. Slough boats may be left overnight at designated locations. Visit [www.tinyurl.com/davedonaldson](http://www.tinyurl.com/davedonaldson) for more details.

## DeGray Lake WMA (Zone 173)

Corps of Engineers 877-836-4612 • 14,000 acres • Clark, Hot Spring counties

- A mobility-impaired waterfowl hunt will be held and administered by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers personnel on the Lower DeGray Lake Waterfowl Rest Area. A free permit is required. During this hunt, access on the Lower DeGray Lake Waterfowl Rest Area is limited to mobility-impaired permit holders. The hunt is Jan. 11-12, 2020. Call 870-246-5501 for permit details and application.
- Within the boundaries of the Lower DeGray Lake Waterfowl Rest Area, all killing devices are prohibited except by permitted participants of special hunts and archery equipment used for bow fishing.
- Waterfowl hunting is allowed 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset during the waterfowl season.
- No hunting within designated recreation areas.

## Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois D'Arc WMA (Zone 180)

AGFC 877-777-5580 • 13,658 acres • Hempstead County

- No boats allowed Nov. 16-20, Dec. 1-10 and Dec. 24-25.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and boat staging areas) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31 and Feb. 6. Boats may only be launched in boat staging areas after 2:00 a.m. and any boat must remain occupied at all times while kept in boat staging areas between 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m.

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- Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois d'Arc Lake WRA is open for fishing and non-hunting access.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31.  
Exception – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 5, Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.
- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.
- Boats are not allowed on the greentree waterfowl area 14 days before duck season opens. Boats with outboard motors larger than 25 horsepower, surface-drive motors larger than 37 horsepower and airboats may not be used (except for Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois d'Arc Lake).

### Earl Buss Bayou DeView WMA (Zone 210) ●

AGFC 877-972-5438 • 4,501 acres • Poinsett County

- No boats allowed Nov. 16-20, Dec. 1-10 and Dec. 24-25.  
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 5 and Feb. 6.  
Exception 2 – Boats allowed on the following waters:
  - Thompson Tract boat ramp and boat run.
  - North Oliver Campground primitive boat access, including the natural slough.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and boat staging areas) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31 and Feb. 6. Boats may only be launched in boat staging areas after 2:00 a.m. and any boat must remain occupied at all times while kept in boat staging areas between 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m.
- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- Lake Hogue is closed to all hunting except early teal season. Fishing and non-hunting activities are allowed.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m. Nov. 21-30, Dec. 11-23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 31.  
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 5, Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.  
Exception 2 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on the following waters:
  - Thompson Tract boat ramp and boat run.
  - North Oliver Campground primitive boat access, including the natural slough.
- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.
- Airboats may not be operated within Earl Buss Bayou DeView WMA during duck season.

### Ed Gordon Point Remove WMA (Zone 213) ●

AGFC / Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission 877-967-7577 • 8,854 acres (includes Goose Pond Natural Area) • Conway, Pope counties

- No boats allowed Nov. 16-20, Dec. 1-10 and Dec. 24-25.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas and boat launch ramps) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.
- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31.  
Exception – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 5, Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.
- Airboats may not be operated within Ed Gordon Point Remove WMA during duck season.
- Steve Frick Waterfowl Rest Area is open to deer modern gun permit holders only Nov. 7-11.
- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.

### Electric Island WMA (Zone 215)

AGFC 877-525-8606 • 118 acres • Garland County

- Closed to waterfowl hunting.

**Fort Chaffee WMA (Zone 230)**

U.S. Army 877-478-1043 • 66,000 acres • Crawford, Franklin, Sebastian counties

- Waterfowl hunting is allowed 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset during the waterfowl season.

**Freddie Black Choctaw Island WMA and Deer Research Area (West Zone 232, East Zone 233)**

AGFC 877-367-3559 • 9,501 acres • Desha County

**East Unit:**

- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.
- Airboats may not be operated within the Freddie Black Choctaw Island WMA and Deer Research Area (both units, excluding the Mississippi River) during duck season.
- Nonresidents need a Nonresident 5-day WMA Waterfowl Hunting Permit (Page 12) to hunt waterfowl.

**West Unit:**

- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- Closed to waterfowl hunting except youth waterfowl permit holders and their mentors during permit hunts.
  - Visit [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com) and click on "Buy Licenses" to apply.
  - All day hunting on Saturday and Sunday only.
  - Hunting allowed in designated locations through online permit lottery.
  - No more than four participants per party are allowed in each designated location, minimum of one mentor per party not to exceed one mentor per youth hunter, all members of the party may hunt.

**Frog Bayou WMA (Zone 235)**

AGFC 877-478-1043 • 790 acres • Crawford County

- No boats allowed Nov. 16-20, Dec. 1-10 and Dec. 24-25.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas and boat launch ramps) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.
- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31.  
Exception – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 5, Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.
- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.
- No boat motors are allowed on Frog Bayou WMA.
- Hunters must park in designated areas.
- Waterfowl hunters: please register online at: [www.agfc.com/waterfowlhunt](http://www.agfc.com/waterfowlhunt) before and after each waterfowl hunt.

**Galla Creek WMA (Zone 240) ●**

AGFC 877-967-7577 • 3,329 acres • Pope County

- No boats allowed Nov. 16-20, Dec. 1-10 and Dec. 24-25.
- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31.  
Exception – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 5, Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.
- Closed to all access (except in designated parking areas and boat launch ramps) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.

- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.
- Airboats may not be operated within Galla Creek WMA during duck season.

### **George H. Dunklin Jr. Bayou Meto WMA (Zone 010) ●**

AGFC 877-367-3559 • 33,832 acres • Arkansas, Jefferson counties

- Waterfowl hunters must be off water by noon.
- No boats allowed Nov. 16-20, Dec. 1-10 and Dec. 24-25.  
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 5 and Feb. 6.  
Exception 2 – Boats allowed on the following waters:
  - Mulberry Access (includes all of the Salt Bayou ditches to the confluence of Little Bayou Meto)
  - Buckingham Flats Access (includes Big Bayou Meto)
  - Cannon Brake Access (includes Little Bayou Meto only within the Cannon Brake Impoundment)
  - Cox Cypress and Grand Cypress lakes
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and boat staging areas) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31 and Feb. 6. Boats may only be launched in boat staging areas after 2:00 a.m. and any boat must remain occupied at all times while kept in boat staging areas between 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m.
- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- Boats with outboard motors larger than 25 horsepower or surface-drive motors of more than 37 horsepower and airboats may not be used.
- No boats allowed on the Government Cypress Walk-in Waterfowl Impoundment. For a map of the Government Cypress Walk-In Waterfowl Impoundment, visit [www.agfc.com/bayoumeto](http://www.agfc.com/bayoumeto).
- No boats allowed from Noon to 4 a.m. Nov. 21-30, Dec. 11-23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 31.  
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from Noon until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 5, Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.  
Exception 2 – Boats allowed from Noon until 6:30 p.m. on the following waters:
  - Mulberry Access (includes all of Salt Bayou ditches to the confluence of Little Bayou Meto).
  - Buckingham Flats Access (includes Big Bayou Meto).
  - Cannon Brake Access to include Little Bayou Meto only within the Cannon Brake Impoundment.
  - Cox Cypress and Grand Cypress lakes.
- Waterfowl hunters may not possess shotgun shells containing shot larger than No. 2 and may possess no more than 15 shells unless hunters are in camping, parking or boat-launching areas or during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunts and Special Military Hunts, Dec. 5 and Feb. 6.
- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.

### **Harris Brake WMA (Zone 300) ●**

AGFC 877-525-8606 • 2,700 acres • Perry County

- No boats allowed Nov. 16-20, Dec. 1-10 and Dec. 24-25.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas and boat launch ramps) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.
- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- Open for waterfowl hunting Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.
- Hunting is allowed 30 minutes before sunrise until noon, except the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunts, the Special Military Hunts and the last day of the last duck season, when waterfowl hunting is allowed 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset.
- During duck season, other hunters may hunt only during the same hours and days as duck hunters, except for those deer archery hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting and trapping and hunting furbearers at night.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31.  
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 5, Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.  
Exception 2 – Boats allowed within Harris Brake Lake.
- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.



- Airboats may not be operated within Harris Brake WMA (excluding Harris Brake Lake) during duck season.
- Harris Brake Lake is closed to hunting, except for Canada goose hunting Sept. 1-30.

## Henry Gray Hurricane Lake WMA (Zone 310) ●

AGFC 877-734-4581 • 17,524 acres • White County

- No boats allowed Nov. 16-20, Dec. 1-10 and Dec. 24-25.
- Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 5 and Feb. 6.
- Exception 2 – When the main gate at Mitchell Corner is open, boats are allowed on the following waters:
  - Bollie Pond, Big Hurricane Lake (to include Little Hurricane), Big Bell Lake (to include Little Bell), Whirl Lake, Honey Lake, Willow Pond and Mallard Pond.
  - Three Sisters Boat Trail from Mitchell Corner main boat ramp to Glaise Creek.
  - Glaise Creek from the WMA's north boundary to the main water-control structure at Whirl Lake.
- Exception 3 – When the main gate at Mitchell Corner is closed, boats are allowed on the following waters:
  - Glaise Creek (to include Glaise Creek access trail #2 from Mitchell Corner north boat ramp to the creek channel) from the WMA's north boundary to the main water-control structure at Whirl Lake.
  - Three Sisters Boat Trail from Mitchell Corner main boat ramp to Glaise Creek.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and boat staging areas) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31 and Feb. 6. Boats may only be launched in boat staging areas after 2:00 a.m. and any boat must remain occupied at all times while kept in boat staging areas between 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m.
- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m. Nov. 21-30, Dec. 11-23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 31.
- Exception 1 – When the main gate at Mitchell Corner is open, boats are allowed on the following waters:
  - Bollie Pond, Big Hurricane Lake (to include Little Hurricane), Big Bell Lake (to include Little Bell), Whirl Lake, Honey Lake, Willow Pond and Mallard Pond.
  - Three Sisters Boat Trail from Mitchell Corner main boat ramp to Glaise Creek.
  - Glaise Creek from the WMA's north boundary to the main water-control structure at Whirl Lake.
- Exception 2 – When the main gate at Mitchell Corner is closed, boats are allowed on the following waters:
  - Glaise Creek (to include Glaise Creek access trail #2 from Mitchell Corner north boat ramp to the creek channel) from the WMA's north boundary to the main water-control structure at Whirl Lake.
  - Three Sisters Boat Trail from Mitchell Corner main boat ramp to Glaise Creek.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and boat staging areas) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31 and Feb. 6 (except in the White River and Little Red River).
- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.
- Boat motors larger than 50 horsepower and airboats may not be used during duck season.

## Holland Bottoms WMA (Zone 340) ●

AGFC / Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission 877-734-4581 • 6,190 acres (includes Holland Bottoms Natural Area Willow Oak Forest Preserve) • Lonoke County

- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- Tommy L. Sproles Lake Pickthorne is closed to waterfowl hunting.
- The Willow Oak Forest Preserve Natural Area is open to waterfowl hunting.
- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.
- Airboats may not be operated within Holland Bottoms WMA (excluding Tommy L. Sproles Lake Pickthorne) during duck season.

## J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUA (Zone 380)

Corps of Engineers 877-478-1043 • 4,000 acres • Logan County

- Waterfowl hunting is allowed 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset during waterfowl season.
- Closed to all activities when "Field Trial In Progress" signs are displayed. A schedule listing the dates of field trials will be posted at area headquarters and on [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com).

**Lake Catherine**

1,940 acres • Garland and Hot Springs Counties

- It is unlawful to hunt migratory waterfowl from a watercraft or other floating device on Lake Catherine. It also is unlawful to hunt migratory waterfowl within 1,000 feet of any residence, dwelling or occupied structure on Lake Catherine.

**Lake Hamilton**

7,460 acres • Garland County

- It is unlawful to hunt migratory waterfowl from a watercraft or other floating device on Lake Hamilton. It also is unlawful to hunt migratory waterfowl within 1,000 feet of any residence, dwelling or occupied structure on Lake Hamilton.

**Lake Overcup WMA (Zone 411)**

AGFC 877-967-7577 • 1,340 acres • Conway County

- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- Waterfowl hunting ends at noon.

**Maumelle River WMA (Zone 425)**

Central Arkansas Water 877-525-8606 • 17,370 acres • Pulaski County

- Closed to waterfowl hunting.

**Mike Freeze Wattensaw WMA (Zone 433) ●**

AGFC 877-734-4581 • 19,184 acres • Prairie County

- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- Airboats may not be operated within Mike Freeze Wattensaw WMA during duck season.

**Nimrod Lloyd Millwood WMA (Zone 470)**

Corps of Engineers 877-478-1043 • 25,000 acres • Yell County

- Waterfowl hunting ends at noon within the Lloyd Millwood Greentree Reservoir. Nimrod Lloyd Millwood WMA lands lying outside the Lloyd Millwood Greentree Reservoir are open to all-day hunting.

**Ozan WMA (Zone 495)**

AGFC 877-777-5580 • 580 acres • Hempstead County

- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.

**Ozark Lake WMA (Zone 500)**

Corps of Engineers 877-478-1043 • 7,834 acres • Crawford, Franklin counties

- Waterfowl hunting is allowed 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset during waterfowl season.
- Dyer Lake waterfowl units hunting ends at noon except, hunting allowed 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset on the last day of the regular waterfowl season and during special youth/veteran waterfowl hunts.

**Petit Jean River WMA (Zone 510) ●**

AGFC 877-478-1043 • 15,502 acres • Yell County

- No boats allowed Nov. 16-20, Dec. 1-10 and Dec. 24-25.  
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 5 and Feb. 6.  
Exception 2 – Boats allowed on the following waters:
  - Petit Jean River, Kingfisher Lake, Keeland Lake, Clubhouse Pond and Lilly Pad Pond.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and boat staging areas) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31 and Feb. 6 (except in the Petit Jean River, Keeland Lake and Kingfisher Lake).
- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m. Nov. 21-30, Dec. 11-23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 31.  
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 5, Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.  
Exception 2 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on the following waters:
  - Petit Jean River, Kingfisher Lake, Keeland Lake, Clubhouse Pond and Lilly Pad Pond.
- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.
- Airboats may not be operated within Petit Jean River WMA (excluding Petit Jean River and Kingfisher Lake) during duck season.

**Rex Hancock Black Swamp WMA (Zone 550)**

AGFC / Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission 877-734-4581 • 7,221 acres (includes Cache River Natural Area) • Woodruff County

- No boats allowed Nov. 16-20, Dec. 1-10 and Dec. 24-25.  
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 5 and Feb. 6.  
Exception 2 – Boats allowed on the following waters:
  - Gregory Access (County Road 758) to include the ditch to the Cache River
  - Float Road Access (County Road 752) to include the marked trail to the Cache River.
  - Cache River within the boundaries of the WMA.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and boat staging areas) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31 and Feb. 6. Boats may only be launched in boat staging areas after 2:00 a.m. and any boat must remain occupied at all times while kept in boat staging areas between 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m.
- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m. Nov. 21-30, Dec. 11-23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 31.  
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 5, Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.  
Exception 2 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on the following waters:
  - Gregory Access (County Road 758) to include the ditch to the Cache River
  - Float Road Access (County Road 752) to include the marked trail to the Cache River.
  - Cache River within the boundaries of the WMA.
- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.
- No camping allowed in parking areas at Gregory and Float Road access ramps during waterfowl season.

**Rick Evans Grandview Prairie WMA (Zone 551)**

AGFC 877-777-5580 • 4,895 acres • Hempstead County

- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- Waterfowl hunting is not allowed on WMA lakes or ponds.

### St. Francis National Forest WMA (Zone 590)

USDA Forest Service 877-734-4581 • 21,201 acres • Lee, Phillips counties

- Waterfowl hunting ends at noon.
- Boat motors over 10 horsepower are prohibited.

### St. Francis Sunken Lands WMA (Zone 600) ●

AGFC / Corps of Engineers / Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission 877-972-5438 • 30,574 acres (includes Singer Forest Natural Area)  
Clay, Craighead, Greene, Poinsett counties

- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- Waterfowl rest areas located in Sections 8, 9, 16 and 17, Township 11N, Range 6E and Section 17, Township 12N, Range 6E are closed to access Nov. 1-Feb. 15 with one exception. The Snowden Field Waterfowl Rest Area levee is open to foot traffic around the north end of the unit to allow access to public land.

### Seven Devils WMA (Zone 570)

AGFC / Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission 877-367-3559 • 5,032 acres (includes Seven Devils Swamp Natural Area) • Drew County

- No boats allowed Nov. 16-20, Dec. 1-10 and Dec. 24-25.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and boat staging areas) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31 and Feb. 6. Boats may only be launched in boat staging areas after 2:00 a.m. and any boat must remain occupied at all times while kept in boat staging areas between 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m.
- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31.  
Exception – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 6, Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.
- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.
- Waterfowl hunters may not possess shot shells containing shot larger than No. 2 and may possess no more than 15 shells unless hunters are in camping, parking or boat launching areas or during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunts and Special Military Hunts, Dec. 5 and Feb. 6.
- Airboats may not be operated within Seven Devils WMA during duck season.

### Sheffield Nelson Dagmar WMA (Zone 575) ●

AGFC 877-734-4581 • 10,297 acres • Monroe County

- No boats allowed Nov. 16-20, Dec. 1-10 and Dec. 24-25.  
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 5 and Feb. 6.  
Exception 2 – Boats allowed on the following waters:
  - Robe Bayou from the WMA northern boundary to the low water crossing at I-40.
  - Gator Pond to include only the open water pond area.
  - Bayou DeView designated water trail.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas and boat launch ramps) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.
- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m. Nov. 21-30, Dec. 11-23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 31.  
Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 5, Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.  
Exception 2 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on the following waters:
  - Robe Bayou from the WMA northern boundary to the low water crossing at I-40.
  - Gator Pond to include only the open water pond area.
  - Bayou DeView designated water trail.
- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.



- Conway George Tract:
  - Closed to all access from Nov. 18 to Feb. 6, except youth waterfowl permit holder and their mentors during permit hunts.
  - Visit [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com) and click on "Buy Licenses" to apply.
  - All day hunting on Saturday and Sunday only.
  - Hunting allowed in designated locations through online permit lottery.
  - No more than four participants per party are allowed in each designated location, minimum of one mentor per party not to exceed one mentor per youth hunter, all members of the party may hunt.
- Airboats may not be operated within Sheffield Nelson Dagmar WMA during duck season.

## Shirey Bay Rainey Brake WMA (Zone 580) ●

AGFC 877-972-5438 • 11,308 acres • Lawrence County

- No boats allowed Nov. 16-20, Dec. 1-10 and Dec. 24-25.
  - Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 5 and Feb. 6.
  - Exception 2 – Boats allowed on the following waters:
    - Black River.
    - Shirey Bay, Horseshoe Lake and Hill Slough.
    - The diversion ditch from county Road 317 to the diversion ditch water-control structure.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and boat staging areas) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31 and Feb. 6. Boats may only be launched in boat staging areas after 2:00 a.m. and any boat must remain occupied at all times while kept in boat staging areas between 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m.
- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m. Nov. 21-30, Dec. 11-23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 31.
  - Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 5, Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.
  - Exception 2 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on the following waters:
    - Black River.
    - Shirey Bay, Horseshoe Lake and Hill Slough.
    - The diversion ditch from county Road 317 to the diversion ditch water-control structure.
- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.
- Boats with outboard motors larger than 25 horsepower, surface-drive motors larger than 37 horsepower and airboats may not be used. Excluding Shirey Bay, Horseshoe Lake and Hill Slough during non-hunting activities.
- Waterfowl rest areas are open to deer modern gun youth hunt permit holders only Nov. 7-8.
- Waterfowl hunters may not possess shot shells containing shot larger than No. 2 and may possess no more than 15 shells unless hunters are in camping, parking or boat launching areas or during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunts and Special Military Hunts, Dec. 5 and Feb. 6.

## Steve N. Wilson Raft Creek Bottoms WMA (Zone 605) ●

AGFC 877-734-4581 • 5,002 acres • White County

- No boats allowed Nov. 16-20, Dec. 1-10 and Dec. 24-25.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas and boat launch ramps) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.
- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- Boats with outboard motors larger than 25 horsepower, surface-drive motors larger than 37 horsepower and airboats may not be used.
- Nonresidents need a Nonresident 5-day Wildlife Management Area Waterfowl Hunting Permit (Page 12) in addition to a Steve N. Wilson Raft Creek Bottoms Waterfowl Hunting Daily Use Permit to hunt waterfowl.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31.
  - Exception 1 – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 5, Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.
- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.

- From Nov. 21-30, 2020, and Dec. 11-23, 2020 and Dec. 26, 2020-Jan. 31, 2021, Steve N. Wilson Raft Creek Bottoms WMA is open for waterfowl hunting only on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and Saturdays and Sundays. Anyone entering flooded areas must have a signed Steve N. Wilson Raft Creek Bottoms Waterfowl Hunting Daily Use Permit on their person.
- On Tuesdays and Thursdays, non-restricted permits are available at the parking area at the end of Cypert Road (south of headquarters), the east end of Jones Island Road (Cypert Tract) and boat ramps A and B. Hunters are not restricted to designated locations on these days.
- On Saturdays and Sundays, a limited number of permits will be available by drawing. Permits will be for designated locations. The permit drawing will take place at the area headquarters two hours before legal shooting time. There may be a total of four hunters per party for each designated hole drawn.
- Due to CDC guidelines and recommendations concerning COVID 19, onsite draw procedures will be modified. Only designated party leaders are allowed to sign up a group of up to four hunters per party. Please refer to special draw instructions posted at the WMA headquarters
- On-site permit draws will be suspended on Saturdays and Sundays when the White River at Georgetown reaches 19' and reinstated when the river falls to 17.5'. WMA will remain open to hunting during this time.
- Five permits, one mobility-impaired blind permit, one youth blind permit and one permit for the Magellan Tract will be available through online drawing. Visit [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com) and click on "Buy Licenses" to apply. Holders of permit for the Magellan Tract are authorized to access this tract via ATV/UTV. Mobility Impaired card is not required.
- All permits must be carried while hunting, completed and returned to the collection box at the end of the hunt.
- Permits are not required during the Youth Waterfowl Hunt except for the youth blind permitted hole.

### Sulphur River WMA (Zone 610)

AGFC 877-777-5580 • 16,520 acres • Miller County

- No boats allowed Nov. 16-20, Dec. 1-10 and Dec. 24-25.  
Exception – Boats allowed from 4 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dec. 5 and Feb. 6.  
Exception – Boats allowed on the following waters:
  - Sulphur River and Mercer Bayou.
- Closed to all access (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and boat staging areas) from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., Nov. 21-Jan. 31 and Feb. 6. Boats may only be launched in boat staging areas after 2:00 a.m. and any boat must remain occupied at all times while kept in boat staging areas between 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m.
- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- No boats allowed from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m. Nov. 21-30, Dec. 11-23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 31.  
Exception – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Dec. 5, Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.  
Exception – Boats allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on the following waters:
  - Sulphur River and Mercer Bayou.
- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.
- Airboats may not be operated within Sulphur River WMA (excluding Sulphur River and Mercer Bayou) during duck season.

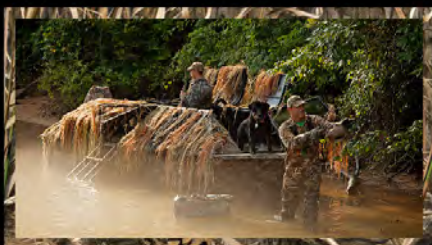
### Trusten Holder WMA (Zone 630) ●

AGFC 877-367-3559 • 8,173 acres • Arkansas, Desha counties

- It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code.
- See Page 44 for boating restrictions.
- In areas where the park boundary follows the shoreline, a “no hunting” buffer zone (marked with signs or buoys) has been established. Possession of a loaded firearm within this zone is prohibited.
- Airboats may not be operated within Trusten Holder WMA (excluding Arkansas River, Arkansas Post Canal, Merrisach Lake, Moore Bayou and Post Lake) during duck season.

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Most U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuges require that a signed permit be carried while hunting. Contact the refuge for this permit and for additional refuge regulations. **Unless noted, migratory game bird and waterfowl season dates, hunting times and regulations are the same as statewide.**

**It is unlawful to use any device that simulates wing movement or movement of any kind through electrical or mechanical means, except traditional jerk strings. See Page 43 for exact code. It is unlawful to guide or be guided on any NWR. See Page 44 for new boating regulations.**

### **Bald Knob NWR (Zone 002)** [www.fws.gov/baldknob](http://www.fws.gov/baldknob)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 501-724-2458 • 15,337 acres • White County

- A waterfowl hunter may possess no more than 25 shotgun shells.
- Hunting parties must stay at least 100 yards apart.
- Waterfowl hunters may not enter the refuge earlier than 4 a.m.
- Decoys, blinds and all other equipment must be removed daily by 1 p.m.
- Dove and snipe: State seasons. Dogs permitted.
- Woodcock: State seasons. Dogs permitted.
- Duck and coot: hunting ends at noon.
- Goose: hunting ends at noon. All day hunting permitted for geese (all applicable species) during the light goose conservation order. The 25 shell possession limit for waterfowl hunting does not apply to goose hunting during the light goose conservation order.
- Refuge is closed to all other entry and use except by modern gun deer permit holders on Nov. 14-15.

### **Big Lake NWR (Zone 030)** [www.fws.gov/biglake](http://www.fws.gov/biglake)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 870-564-2429 • 11,038 acres • Mississippi County

- Migratory game birds: closed

### **Cache River NWR (Zone 095)** [www.fws.gov/cacheriver](http://www.fws.gov/cacheriver)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 870-347-2614 • 73,352 acres • Jackson, Monroe, Prairie, Woodruff counties

- Waterfowl hunters may not enter the refuge earlier than 4 a.m.
- Decoys, blinds and all other equipment must be removed daily by 1 p.m.
- Boats are prohibited on the Refuge from 12 a.m.-4 a.m. during waterfowl season.
- Dove and snipe: All day state seasons. Dogs permitted.
- Woodcock: State seasons. Dogs permitted.
- Duck and coot: hunting ends at noon.



- Goose: hunting ends at noon. All day hunting permitted for geese (all applicable species) during the light goose conservation order.
- Special youth quota permit waterfowl hunts. Bayou DeView and Roundpond Units. Available only to youth under 16. Applications will be received November 1-30, 2020. Visit [www.fws.gov/cacheriver/youthwaterfowl](http://www.fws.gov/cacheriver/youthwaterfowl) for complete details.
- Refuge is closed to all other entry and use except by modern gun deer permit holders on Nov. 14-22.

## **Dale Bumpers White River NWR** [www.fws.gov/whiteriver](http://www.fws.gov/whiteriver) **(South Zone 145, North Zone 146)**

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 870-282-8200 • 160,000 acres • Arkansas, Desha, Monroe, Phillips counties

- An Annual Public Use Permit is required to hunt, fish, launch boats and utilize campgrounds on Dale Bumpers White River NWR. The permit cost is \$20.00 for those 16 years of age and over and is free to those 15 years of age and younger. Holders of other permits, passes and/or Duck Stamps are not exempt from the Annual Public Use Permit requirement. To obtain an Annual Public Use Permit please visit the Refuge website at [www.fws.gov/refuge/white\\_river/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/white_river/) and follow the link provided on the Home page.
  - Waterfowl hunting ends at noon.
  - Decoys, blinds and all other equipment must be removed daily by 1 p.m.
- **LEEVE HUNT AREA**  
Open every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and youth/active military/veteran hunt days during the statewide duck season. Coot may be taken if in season. Waterfowl hunters may not enter the refuge earlier than 4 a.m. Levee hunt area may ONLY be accessed from the White River Levee. Vehicles must travel on gravel roads. Vehicles must park at the end or along the shoulder of gravel roads. Walk-in or nonmotorized boats only.
- **NORTH UNIT** (north of Highway 1)
  - Open statewide duck season and youth/active military/veteran hunt days. Coot may be taken if in season. Waterfowl hunters may not enter the hunt area earlier than 4 a.m.
- **SOUTH UNIT** (south of Highway 1)
  - Closed, Exception: Jacks Bay Hunt Area open every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and youth/active military/veteran hunt days during the statewide duck season. Coot may be taken if in season. Waterfowl hunters may not enter the hunt area earlier than 4 a.m. Boating is prohibited in the hunt area, except during the designated hunt day and times.

## **Felsenthal NWR (Zone 220)** [www.fws.gov/felsenthal](http://www.fws.gov/felsenthal)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 870-364-3167 • 65,000 acres • Ashley, Bradley, Union counties

- Waterfowl hunters may possess no more than 25 shotgun shells (including shells in vehicle). All waterfowl hunting equipment, including blinds, boats, guns, decoys, etc., must be removed by 1:30 p.m.
- Duck, goose and coot: hunting ends at noon. Closed during permit deer hunts.
- Woodcock: Closed during permit deer hunts.
- Waterfowl hunters may not enter the refuge earlier than 4 a.m.

## **Holla Bend NWR (Zone 330)** [www.fws.gov/hollabend](http://www.fws.gov/hollabend)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 479-229-4300 • 7,057 acres • Pope County

- Migratory game birds: closed.

**Overflow NWR (Zone 490)** [www.fws.gov/felsenthal/overflow](http://www.fws.gov/felsenthal/overflow)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 870-473-2869 • 13,000 acres • Ashley County

- Waterfowl hunters may possess no more than 25 shotgun shells (including shells in vehicle).
- Duck, goose and coot: hunting ends at noon.
- Waterfowl hunters may not enter the refuge earlier than 4 a.m.
- Boat motors over 25 horsepower are prohibited and all boats are prohibited from 1:30 p.m.-4 a.m. during waterfowl season.
- All waterfowl hunting equipment including blinds, boats, guns, decoys, etc. must be removed by 1:30 p.m.

**Pond Creek NWR (Zone 532)** [www.fws.gov/felsenthal/pondcreek](http://www.fws.gov/felsenthal/pondcreek)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 870-289-2126 • 27,000 acres • Sevier County

- Duck, goose and coot: hunting ends at noon. Closed during permit deer hunts.
- Waterfowl hunters may not enter the refuge earlier than 4 a.m.
- All waterfowl hunting equipment including blinds, boats, guns, decoys, etc. must be removed by 1:30 p.m.

**Wapanocca NWR (Zone 640)** [www.fws.gov/wapanocca](http://www.fws.gov/wapanocca)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 870-343-2595 • 5,485 acres • Crittenden County

- Migratory game birds: closed.

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