



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Mississippi Project Management Office
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MISSISSIPPI PROJECT LAKES, VICKSBURG DISTRICT HUNTING/TRAPPING REGULATIONS 2023-2024

All persons must have, in their possession, a valid Mississippi hunting license and agree to read and abide by the terms outlined in these regulations prior to accessing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) lands.

Hunting and trapping of furbearers are permitted on Arkabutla, Enid, Grenada and Sardis project lands and waters not otherwise posted as closed. **USERS MUST REFER TO LAKE BROCHURE OR CONTACT LAKE FIELD OFFICES TO DETERMINE AREA-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS IN REGARD TO WEAPONS AND AREA RESTRICTIONS.** All recreational users are subject to Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 327. State and federal wildlife laws, including local firearm ordinances, apply to Project hunting lands with the following additional exceptions and restrictions:

1. No hunting or trapping is allowed within 1000' of any dam, building, construction site, or public use area unless otherwise marked.
2. Only temporary blinds for waterfowl hunting and portable tree stands/ground blinds for deer hunting will be allowed and must be removed daily. Climbing spikes are not permitted. Placement of blinds or stands shall not be used as a means of reserving a hunting location.
3. All firearms in boats underway or ATV's in transit must be unloaded and cased.
4. Running/training of dogs on COE lands is prohibited from March 1st through May 31st, unless a special event permit has been obtained.
5. All state-sanctioned Youth Hunts (15 years old and younger) and associated state regulations will be allowed on project lands at Arkabutla, Enid, Grenada, and Sardis lakes.
6. Motorized vehicle operation on COE lands is subject to posted restrictions. Leaseholders of COE agricultural land retain the right to restrict vehicular access.
7. **Trapping without permit and/or releasing of feral hogs on Corps of Engineers lands is strictly prohibited. Hunters in violation of moving and/or releasing live hogs on Corps property will be cited under CFR Title 36 Section 327 and reported to the appropriate Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks law enforcement officials.**
8. The taking of hogs is allowed:
 - October 1 - February 28 with dogs using the type of weapons and ammunition legal for open seasons during daylight hours.
 - March 15 - May 31 without dogs using the type of weapon and ammunition legal for open seasons during daylight hours.
 - June 1 - September 30 in accordance with MDWFP Nuisance Wildlife Regulations during daylight hours WITHOUT THE AID OF DOGS AND NO WEAPONS RESTRICTIONS UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.
9. It is illegal to hunt any wild animal or wild bird with the aid of live decoys or bait.

Forfeiture of hunting privileges: Any violation of federal, state, or local hunting, trespass, or game regulations may result in forfeiture of privileges for a period to be determined by U.S. magistrate or Project Manager. The violator may also be subject to fines and/or imprisonment.

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WHITE-TAILED DEER

METHOD	SEASON DATES	
Archery	Sep. 30, 2023 – Jan. 31, 2024	Either-sex: <u>LEGAL BUCKS</u> - 12 inch inside spread or 15 inch main beam length
Gun (With Dogs)	Nov. 18 - Dec. 1, 2023	<u>LEGAL BUCKS</u> - 12 inch inside spread or 15 inch main beam length
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 – Dec. 15, 2023	Either-sex: <u>LEGAL BUCKS</u> - 12 inch inside spread or 15 inch main beam length
Gun (Without dogs)	Dec. 16 - Dec. 23, 2023	Either-sex: <u>LEGAL BUCKS</u> - 12 inch inside spread or 15 inch main beam length
Gun (With Dogs)	Dec. 24, 2023 - Jan. 17, 2024	<u>LEGAL BUCKS</u> – 12 inch inside spread or 15 inch main beam length
Archery/Primitive Weapon	Jan. 18 – Jan. 31, 2024	Either-Sex: <u>LEGAL BUCKS</u> - 12 inch inside spread or 15 inch main beam length
Youth Gun (less than 16 years old)	Nov. 4, 2023 – Jan. 31, 2024	Either-Sex: NO ANTLER RESTRICTIONS

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SPRING TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS & BAG LIMITS

SEASON	DATES	
Youth (less than 16 years old)	Mar. 8 - Mar. 14, 2024	See Spring season for bag limit
Spring	Mar. 15 - May 1, 2024	One (1) adult gobbler or 1 gobbler with a 6-inch or longer beard per day, 3 per season. HUNTERS LESS THAN 16 YEARS OLD may harvest 1 gobbler of choice (any age) per day, 3 per season.
Non-Resident (Public Lands)*	Mar. 15 – Mar. 31 2024	One (1) adult gobbler or 1 gobbler with a 6-inch or long beard per day. 3 per Spring season

*Non-residents Turkey Hunting on Public Lands: Non-residents cannot hunt any public land in Mississippi between March 15-31 unless drawn for either a Non-resident Public Lands Turkey Permit or WMA Draw Hunt

SMALL GAME HUNTING SEASONS & BAG LIMITS

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMITS
Squirrel (Fall Season)	Sept. 30, 2023 – Feb. 28, 2024	8 per day
Squirrel (Spring Season)	May 15, 2024 – June 1, 2024	4 per day
Squirrel (Youth)	Sept. 23, 2023 – Sept. 30, 2023	8 per day
Rabbit	Oct. 14, 2023 - Feb. 28, 2024	8 per day
Bobwhite Quail	Nov. 23, 2023 - Mar. 2, 2024	8 per day
Raccoon	July 1, 2023 - Sept. 30, 2023	1 per party/night
Opossum, Raccoon and Bobcat	Sept. 30, 2023 - Oct. 31, 2023 (food and sport)	5/day; 8/party
	Nov. 1, 2023 - Feb. 28, 2024 (food, sport, and pelt)	no limit
Frog	April 1, 2024 – Sept. 30, 2024	25 per night
Trapping Season	Nov. 1, 2023 – Mar. 15, 2024	no limit

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MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

SEASON	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMITS
September Canada Geese	Sept. 1 – Sept. 30, 2023	5
White-winged and Mourning Doves	Sept. 2 – Oct. 15, 2023 Oct. 28 – Nov. 26, 2023 Dec. 30, 2023 – Jan. 14, 2024	15 singly or in aggregate
September Teal	Sept. 9 – Sept. 24, 2023	6
Rails (Sora and Virginia)	Sept. 1 – Oct. 1, 2023 Nov. 23 – Dec. 31, 2023	25 singly or in aggregate
Rails (Clapper and King)	Sept. 1 – Oct. 1, 2023 Nov. 23 – Dec. 31, 2023	15 singly or in aggregate
Gallinules (Common & Purple)	Sept. 1 – Oct. 1, 2023 Nov. 23 – Dec. 31, 2023	15 singly or in aggregate
Crows	Nov. 4, 2023 – Feb. 29, 2024	no limit
Snipe	Nov. 14, 2023 – Feb. 28, 2024	8
Canada, Snow, Blue, Ross's, White-fronted goose and Brant	Nov. 10 – Nov. 26, 2023 Dec. 1 – Dec. 3, 2023 Dec. 9, 2023 – Jan. 31, 2024	See MDWFP regulations
Ducks, Mergansers, & Coots	Nov. 24 – Nov. 26, 2023 Dec. 1, 2023 – Dec. 3, 2023 Dec. 9, 2023 – Jan. 31, 2024	See MDWFP regulations
Woodcock	Dec. 18, 2023 – Jan. 31, 2024	3
Youth, Veterans, and Active military Waterfowl days	Feb. 3 and 4, 2024	See MDWFP regulations

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SPECIAL HUNTS

SPECIES/AREA	SEASON DATES	
WHITE-TAILED DEER:		
<i>Enid Lake</i>		
<u>Springdale Area:</u>		
Archery Primitive Weapon	Oct. 1, 2023 – Jan. 31, 2024 Dec. 2 – Dec. 15, 2023	Either-sex: <u>LEGAL BUCKS</u> - 12 inch inside spread or 15 inch main beam length
<u>Enid Dam Area:</u>		
Hope Outdoors Youth Hunt (Weapon of Choice)	Nov. 10 – 11, 2023	Either-Sex: NO ANTLER RESTRICTIONS
Wounded Warrior Hunt (Weapon of Choice)	Dec. 7 – 10, 2023	Either-sex: <u>LEGAL BUCKS</u> - 12 inch inside spread or 15 inch main beam length
<i>Arkabutla Lake</i>		
<u>NATURAL AREA:</u>		
Physically Challenged Hunt (Primitive Weapon)	Dec. 1 – 3, 2023 Dec. 8 – 10	Either-sex: <u>LEGAL BUCKS</u> - 12 inch inside spread or 15 inch main beam length
Archery Deer Hunt	Oct. 20 – 22, 2023 Oct. 27 – 29	
<i>Grenada Lake</i>		
<u>GRENADA DAM:</u>		
Old Highway #8 Area North End Area (Archery)	Oct. 1, 2023 – Jan. 31, 2024 Jan. 8 – Jan. 31, 2024	Either-Sex: <u>LEGAL BUCKS</u> - 12 inch inside spread or 15 inch main beam length
Veteran's Hunt (Primitive Weapon)	Nov. 10 - 12, 2023	Either-Sex NO ANTLER RESTRICTIONS
Youth Deer Hunt (Weapon of Choice)	Dec. 22 – 24, 2023 Jan. 5 – Jan 7, 2024	
Hope Outdoors Hunt (Weapon of Choice)	Nov. 10 – Nov. 11, 2023	
<i>Sardis Lake</i>		
Youth Deer Hunt	Nov. 4, 2023	Either-Sex: NO ANTLER RESTRICTIONS

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SPECIES/AREA	Event	Dates
WATERFOWL:		
<i>Arkabutla Lake – Tract 904</i>	Youth Waterfowl Hunt	Jan. 27, 2024 Feb. 3, 2024
<i>Enid Lake – Springdale WMA</i>	Hope Outdoors Waterfowl Hunt Youth and Veterans Waterfowl Hunt	Jan. 27 – 28, 2024 Feb. 3 & 4, 2024
<i>Grenada Lake – Haserway, Benwood, Grenada Waterfowl Refuge</i>	Youth Waterfowl Hunt	Jan. 13 – 14, 2024 Jan. 20 – 21 Jan. 27 – 28 Feb. 3 - 4
<i>Sardis Waterfowl Refuge</i>	Youth Waterfowl Hunt	Feb. 3, 2024
SQUIRREL:		
<i>Arkabutla Lake – Natural Area</i>	Youth Squirrel Hunt	Jan. 13 - 14, 2024 Jan. 20 - 21
RACCOON:		
<i>Arkabutla Lake – Natural Area</i>	Youth Raccoon Hunt	Feb. 16 - 17, 2024 Feb. 23 – 24

