



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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MISSISSIPPI PROJECT LAKES, VICKSBURG DISTRICT HUNTING/TRAPPING REGULATIONS 2025-2026

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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**ARKUBUTLA, SARDIS, ENID, AND GRENADA LAKES WHITE-TAILED DEER HUNTING
REGULATIONS**

METHOD	SEASON DATES	
Archery	Sept. 12 – Sept. 14, 2025	Only one (1) <u>LEGAL BUCK</u> - See Lake specific antler restrictions below. Special permit, mandatory reporting, and CWD sampling required.
Archery	Oct. 1, 2025 – Jan. 31, 2026	Either-sex: <u>LEGAL BUCKS</u> - See Lake specific antler restrictions below
Gun (With Dogs)	Nov. 22 - Dec. 1, 2025	<u>LEGAL BUCKS</u> - See Lake specific antler restrictions below
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 – Dec. 15, 2025	Either-sex: <u>LEGAL BUCKS</u> - See Lake specific antler restrictions below
Gun (Without dogs)	Dec. 16 - Dec. 23, 2025	Either-sex: <u>LEGAL BUCKS</u> - See Lake specific antler restrictions below
Gun (With Dogs)	Dec. 24, 2025 - Jan. 21, 2026	<u>LEGAL BUCKS</u> - See Lake specific antler restrictions below
Archery/Primitive Weapon	Jan. 22 – Jan. 31, 2026	Either-Sex: <u>LEGAL BUCKS</u> - See Lake specific antler restrictions below
Youth Gun (less than 16 years old)	Nov. 8, 2025 – Jan. 31, 2026	Either-Sex: NO ANTLER RESTRICTIONS

ARKABUTLA LAKE WHITE-TAILED DEER REGS- (1) Buck per day, (4) per season with NO antler restrictions. (10) antlerless deer per season with no daily bag limit.

SARDIS, ENID, GRENADA LAKES AND ASKEW WMA WHITE-TAILED DEER REGS- (1) Buck per day, (3) per season with 12" minimum inside spread, or 15" minimum main beam length. (5) antlerless deer per season with no daily bag limit.

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SPRING TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS & BAG LIMITS

SEASON	DATES	
Youth (less than 16 years old)	Mar. 7 - Mar. 13, 2026	See Spring season for bag limit
Spring	Mar. 14 - May 1, 2026	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.

SMALL GAME HUNTING SEASONS & BAG LIMITS

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMITS
Squirrel (Fall Season)	Oct. 1, 2025 – Feb. 28, 2026	8 per day
Squirrel (Spring Season)	May 15, 2026 – June 1, 2026	4 per day
Squirrel (Youth)	Sept. 24, 2025 – Sept. 30, 2025	8 per day
Rabbit	Oct. 18, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026	8 per day
Bobwhite Quail	Nov. 27, 2025 - Mar. 7, 2026	8 per day
Raccoon	July 1, 2025 - Sept. 30, 2025	1 per party/night
Opossum, Raccoon and Bobcat (dogs & guns)	Oct. 1, 2025 - Oct. 31, 2025 (food and sport) Nov 1, 2025 – Mar 15, 2026 (food, sport, and pelt)	5/day; 8/party no limit
Frog	April 1, 2026 – Sept. 30, 2026	25 per night
Trapping Season	Nov. 1, 2025 – Mar. 15, 2026	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, 2025	5
White-winged and Mourning Doves	Sept. 1 – Sept. 30, 2025 Oct. 18 – Nov. 16, 2025 Dec. 27, 2025 – Jan. 25, 2026	15 singly or in aggregate
September Teal	Sept. 20 – Sept. 28, 2025	6
Rails (sora and Virginia)	Sept. 1 – Sept. 30, 2025 Nov. 22 – Dec. 31, 2025	25 singly or in aggregate
Rails (clapper and king)	Sept. 1 – Sept. 30, 2025 Nov. 22, – Dec. 31, 2025	15 singly or in aggregate
Gallinules (Common & Purple	Sept. 1 – Sept. 30, 2025 Nov. 22 – Dec. 31, 2025	15 singly or in aggregate
Crows	Nov. 1, 2025 – Feb. 28, 2026	no limit
Snipe	Nov. 14, 2025 – Feb. 28, 2026	8
Canada, Snow, Blue, Ross's, White-fronted goose and Brant	Nov.14 – Nov. 30, 2025 Dec.6, 2025 – Jan. 31, 2026	See MDWFP regulations
Ducks, Mergansers, & Coots	Nov. 28 – Nov 30, 2025 Dec. 6, 2025 – Jan. 31, 2026	See MDWFP regulations
Woodcock	Dec. 18, 2025 – Jan. 31, 2026	3
Youth, Veterans, and Active military Waterfowl days	Feb. 7 and 8, 2026	See MDWFP regulations

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SPECIAL HUNTS

SPECIES/AREA	SEASON DATES	
WHITE-TAILED DEER:		
<i>Enid Lake – Springdale WMA</i>		
Archery Primitive Weapon	Oct. 1, 2025 – Jan. 31, 2026 Dec. 2 – Dec. 15, 2025	Either-sex: <u>LEGAL BUCKS</u> - 12 inch inside spread or 15 inch main beam length
<i>Enid Lake – Dam Area</i>		
Disadvantaged Youth Hunt (Weapon of Choice)	Nov. 8, 2025	Either-Sex: NO ANTLER RESTRICTION
Hope Outdoors Hunt (Weapon of Choice)	Nov. 15, 2025	Either-Sex: NO ANTLER RESTRICTION
Wounded Warrior Hunt (Weapon of Choice)	Dec. 3 – 7, 2025	Either-sex: <u>LEGAL BUCKS</u> - 12 inch inside spread or 15 inch main beam length
<i>Arkabutla Lake – Natural Area</i>		
Physically Challenged Hunt (Primitive Weapon)	Dec. 5 – 7 Dec. 12 – 14, 2025	Either-sex: <u>LEGAL BUCKS</u> - 12 inch inside spread or 15 inch main beam length
Archery Hunt	Oct. 24 - 26 Oct. 31 – Nov. 2, 2025	Either-sex: <u>LEGAL BUCKS</u> - 12 inch inside spread or 15 inch main beam length
<i>Grenada Lake – Dam Area</i>		
Veteran's Hunt (Primitive Weapon)	Dec. 12 – 14, 2025	Either-sex: <u>LEGAL BUCKS</u> - 12 inch inside spread or 15 inch main beam length
Hope Outdoors Hunt (Weapon of Choice)	Nov. 14 - 15, 2025	Either-Sex: <u>LEGAL BUCKS</u> - 12 inch inside spread or 15 inch main beam length
<i>Sardis Lake – Sardis Waterfowl Refuge</i>		
Youth Deer Hunt	Nov. 8 – 9, Dec. 5 – 7, 2025 Jan. 9 – 11, 2026	Either-Sex: <u>LEGAL BUCKS</u> - 12 inch inside spread or 15 inch main beam length

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SPECIES/AREA	Event	Dates
DOVE: <i>Grenada Lake- Grenada Dam Area, Grenada Waterfowl Refuge</i>	Special Dove Hunt	Sep. 20-21, 2025
TURKEY:		
<i>Enid Lake – Springdale WMA</i>	Youth Turkey Hunt	Mar. 7 - Mar. 13, 2026
WATERFOWL:		
<i>Arkabutla Lake – Tract 904</i>	Youth Waterfowl Hunt	Jan. 31 & Feb. 7, 2026
<i>Enid Lake – Springdale WMA</i>	Youth, Veteran's & Active Military Hunt	Feb. 7 & 8, 2026
<i>Grenada Lake – Haserway, Benwood, Grenada Waterfowl Refuge</i>	Youth Waterfowl Hunt	Jan. 10 – 11 Jan. 17 – 18 Jan. 24 – 25 Jan. 31 Feb. 7 - 8
<i>Sardis Lake – Sardis Waterfowl Refuge</i>	Youth Waterfowl Hunt	Jan 9-11 Feb. 7 – 8
SQUIRREL:		
<i>Arkabutla Lake – Natural Area</i>	Youth Squirrel Hunt	Jan. 10 - 11 Jan. 17 – 18, 2026
RACCOON:		
<i>Arkabutla Lake – Natural Area</i>	Youth Raccoon Hunt	Feb. 13 – 14, Feb. 20 – 21, 2026

