

**TENNESSEE-TOMBIGBEE WATERWAY
HUNTING/TRAPPING REGULATIONS
2012-13**

All persons in possession of a Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Hunting Permit 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 are permitted on all Tennessee-Tombigbee Project lands and waters not otherwise posted as closed. All recreational users are subject to Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 327. State and federal wildlife laws, including local firearms ordinances, apply to Project hunting lands with the following additional exceptions and restrictions:

1. All hunters, regardless of age, are required to complete a valid COE hunting permit prior to hunting COE lands.
 - A) Online *annual* permits are available at: <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/tenntom/Wildlife.html>.

In order to be valid, online permits must be signed, dated, and displayed on the dash of the vehicle so that the name, address, and date are visible from outside the vehicle.

Bottom portion of online permit (area below the dotted line) containing hunter information must be carried on hunters' person while hunting.
2. For safety, hunters less than 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult (21 years of age or older).
3. No hunting or trapping allowed:
 - A) Within 1000' of any lock, dam, building, dredge, construction site, or public use area.
 - B) That part of Columbus Lake east of the main channel and south of Waverly Boat Ramp.
4. Waterfowl hunting is not allowed on project lands and waters of Pool A (Amory Pool) or disposal area AB-2, immediately north of Aberdeen Marina on the east bank. Waterfowl hunting will not be allowed on Aberdeen Pool between Mile Marker 360.8 and Aberdeen Lock after 12:00 noon.
5. Waterfowl hunting will be restricted to Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday until 12:00 noon in the Becker Bottom Waterfowl Management Area.
6. Only floating 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.

(Note: Waterfowl hunters should be aware that COE owns only an easement on much of the property around and beneath the lakes. Hunters must have permission from the landowner before accessing or wading on private property.)
7. All firearms in boats under way must be unloaded and cased.
8. The following weapon and ammunition rules apply:
 - A) No handguns allowed on COE property.
 - B) Legal firearms for small game are standard .22 caliber or smaller rimfire rifles (no .22 magnums) and shotguns with shot size number 4 or smaller.
 - C) All waterfowl hunters must use non-toxic shot of size "T" or smaller.
 - D) Legal weapons for deer hunting are archery equipment, primitive weapon firearms, and shotguns with slugs only.
 - E) No buckshot, dogs, or man drives are allowed for deer hunting.

9. Deer may be harvested in accordance with the following seasons:

Alabama

Bow and arrow	October 15, 2012 – January 31, 2013
Youth Gun (under 16)	November 9, 2012 – November 12, 2012
Special Muzzleloader	November 12, 2012 – November 16, 2012
Antlered Bucks	November 17, 2012 – January 31, 2013
Unantlered Deer	November 17, 2012 – January 31, 2013

Mississippi

Archery	October 1, 2012 – January 31, 2013 (either-sex)
Youth Gun	November 3, 2012 – January 31, 2013 (either-sex)
Early Primitive Weapon	November 5, 2012 – November 16, 2012 (antlerless only)
Primitive Weapon	November 17, 2012 – January 31, 2013 (either-sex)
Shotgun (Slug)	November 17, 2012 – November 30, 2012 (either-sex) December 15, 2012 – January 17, 2013 (either-sex)

- All other wildlife game species may be harvested within the season framework and bag limit restrictions set by state and federal regulations.

10. Hunter's orange is required during all open gun seasons for deer and must be worn in accordance with state regulations.

11. Motorized vehicle operation is not permitted off designated roadways. ATV operation is strictly prohibited on COE property.

12. Camping is allowed in designated camping areas only.

13. Dogs are allowed for hunting hogs and small game in areas designated "All game hunting" (see map). Dogs are likewise allowed for hunting hogs and small game in "Archery only" areas in February. Retrievers are allowed for waterfowl hunting.

14. Turkey hunting will be allowed on all open hunting areas, including Archery only areas.

15. Feral hogs may be harvested during the following seasons:

Alabama (October 1 to the last day in February)

All game areas	Day: With weapons legal for that season and dogs
	Night: No weapons, dogs only

(February 1 to the last day in February)

Archery only areas	Day: Legal firearms for small game (See Regulation 8B.) and dogs
	Night: No weapons, dogs only

