



U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers
Walter F. George Lake

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Walter F. George Lake Hunting Regulations

1. A permit is required to hunt on Corps of Engineers managed property at Walter F. George Lake and may be obtained from the Resource Management Office (RMO) in Ft. Gaines, GA. The permit is valid for one year from the date of purchase. The state of Georgia manages four leased Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) on the lake as well. For information on these areas contact the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Division in Albany, GA at (229) 430-4256 or go to their website at <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/hunting> For permits and other information pertaining to the Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), contact the refuge at (334) 687-4065 or go to their website at <http://www.fws.gov/eufaula/Hunting/Hunting.html>
2. All state and federal hunting regulations and seasons apply in addition to Corps of Engineers regulations. Hunter orange must be worn (size prescribed by each state) while deer hunting in each state, including archery seasons. Hunters under the age of 16 do not require a permit, but must be accompanied and closely supervised by a responsible adult with a permit. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to be familiar with the Corps regulations contained herein, as well as any state and federal regulations as applicable.
3. With the exception of state authorized alligator hunting, night hunting is prohibited on Corps managed property.
4. With the exception of waterfowl retrieval, hunting with dogs is prohibited on Corps managed property.
5. **BAITING IS NOT ALLOWED ON CORPS MANAGED PROPERTY.**
6. Off-road operation, driving around a barricade, and the operation of any non-licensed vehicles, such as motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, to include four wheelers, three wheelers, and utility vehicles (side by sides) are prohibited on Corps managed property. **DO NOT BLOCK GATES AND ENTRANCES.**
7. No hunting or shooting is permitted within 300 feet (100 yards) of any dock, dwelling, business, church, school, recreation area, dam, powerhouse, or public road. **Note: See distance requirements in section 16 for waterfowl hunting.**
8. Only climbing, ladder, or other temporary stands that are not permanently attached to trees are allowed. Stands must be removed from Corps managed property when not occupied.
9. Hunting is permitted only in those "Hunting Areas" specified below in this regulation and, from boat only, for waterfowl on the waters of Walter F. George Lake. Hunting is prohibited on all Corps land, including islands that are outside of the specified "Hunting Areas", unless designated as a state WMA or certain areas of the Eufaula NWR.
10. The Corps of Engineers property line is designated by 4-inch RED BANDS painted on trees or posts facing the property line. More information on this line may be obtained at the Corps of Engineers RMO in Ft. Gaines, GA. Permission to cross private property to reach adjacent Corps property can only be granted by the property owner.
11. At the conclusion of the spring turkey hunting season, or before, please submit the hunter survey card to the RMO. The survey may be mailed or brought in.
12. **ARCHERY:**
 - A. Long bows, recurve bows, and compound bows only. **CROSSBOWS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON CORPS MANAGED LAND**, unless the individual has a qualifying disability, accompanied by a doctor's letter.
 - B. Arrows for deer or feral hog must be broadhead type.

13. BIG GAME:

- A. Big game hunting is limited to archery only.
- B. Deer and turkey are classified as big game.
- C. FIREARMS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE IN POSSESSION WHILE BIG GAME HUNTING.

14. SMALL GAME:

- A. Small game hunters may use shotguns or archery. Only the use and possession of shotgun ammunition loaded with No. 6 shot or smaller is permitted. TURKEY IS NOT CONSIDERED SMALL GAME.
- B. Small game includes dove, quail, rabbits, and squirrels.
- C. Trapping is not permitted on Corps managed property.
- D. Hunting, chasing, harassing, or killing of bear, beaver, coyote, fox, opossum, raccoon, cougar, groundhog, otter, mink, skunk, bobcat, and all non-game wildlife is prohibited on Corps managed property.

15. FERAL HOGS:

Feral hogs may be taken by small game hunters using small game shotgun ammunition or archery, waterfowl hunters using waterfowl ammunition, and big game hunters using archery.

16. WATERFOWL HUNTING:

- A. Waterfowl hunting is permitted in the specified "Hunting Areas", state WMAs, and certain areas of the Eufaula NWR, and, from boats only, on waters of Walter F. George Lake at least 600 feet (200 yards) from docks, structures, vessels, roads, public parks, and other developed areas such as subdivisions. Except as noted in refuge brochures, waterfowl hunting is prohibited on the Eufaula NWR, including those portions of Walter F. George Lake lying within refuge boundaries.
- B. Waterfowl hunting from land is prohibited outside of the specified "Hunting Areas." Note: See regulations for state WMAs and certain areas of the Eufaula NWR to see where hunting from land may be allowed.
- C. A Corps permit **IS REQUIRED** to hunt waterfowl on all areas of the lake, except the Eufaula NWR. All annual seasons, limits and non-toxic shot requirements apply according to state and/or federal regulations. In addition, all waterfowl hunters age 16 and older are required to have a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (duck stamp), Harvest Information Permit (H. I. P), and State Waterfowl Conservation Permit (duck stamp) in their possession, in addition to their state hunting license. Regulations vary for Georgia and Alabama.
- D. State boundaries are delineated by the green buoys which mark the west side of the river channel.

17. ALLIGATOR HUNTING:

A Corps permit is currently **NOT REQUIRED** to hunt alligators in areas outside of the specified "Hunting Areas"; however, a permit will be required for the 2015 alligator hunting season. Alligator hunting is to be conducted in accordance with all applicable state and federal regulations.

18. The possession of firearms is prohibited on Corps property, except as permitted for hunting purposes during authorized hunting seasons.

19. Failure to comply with any of the above conditions may result in permanent revocation or restrictions of hunting privileges on Corps managed property.

HUNTING AREAS:

- 1. SOUTH HUNTING AREA, HIGHLAND: 359 acres in east central Henry County, AL, located north of Henry County Road 46, east of Henry County Road 97, south of Highland Park, and is bordered on the east by Walter F. George Lake.
- 2. SOUTH HUNTING AREA, DAM SITE: 180 acres in east central Henry County, AL, located north of Henry County Road 46, west of Powerhouse Road, and south of the dam and dike.
- 3. GRAVEL POINT AREA: 100 acres in west-central Clay County, GA, located west of GA Hwy 39, west of Loki Drive and south of Gravel Point Road.
- 4. NORTH HUNTING AREA, HATCHECHUBBEE CREEK NORTH: 51 acres in southeast Russell County, AL, located north of Hatchechubbee Creek and West of AL Hwy 165.
- 5. NORTH HUNTING AREA, HATCHECHUBBEE CREEK SOUTH: 55 acres in Southeast Russell County, AL, located south of Hatchechubbee Creek and West of AL Hwy 165.
- 6. NORTH HUNTING AREA, HANNAHATCHEE SOUTH: 85 acre strip north of GA Hwy 39 Spur, bordering the east bank of the Chattahoochee River.
- 7. CENTRAL AREA: 122 acres in southwest Stewart County, GA located north of Rood Creek.

REGULATIONS AND MAPS MAY ALSO BE VIEWED AT:

<http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Recreation/WalterFGeorgeLakeLakeGeorgeWAndrews/Hunting.aspx>