

Alabama River Lakes

WILDLIFE USE PERMIT 2024-2025

All persons in possession of an ARL Wildlife Use Permit agree to read and abide by the terms outlined in these regulations prior to accessing COE lands. All state, federal and local laws governing these activities also apply. The Wildlife Use Permit does not include trapping. Any trapping activities must have written permission from the COE Resource Manager. Please refer to and print the online Wildlife Use Brochure for questions on acreage of each area, safety requirements, and types of animals that can be hunted on each area. The Wildlife Use Brochure is a valuable tool to have when scouting on COE lands. The permit must be signed & dated to be valid. Hunting is permitted only on the areas indicated on the Wildlife Use Brochure and waters and is subject to the following exceptions and restrictions. Hunting at Alabama River Lakes is a permitted privilege for law abiding citizens. It is your responsibility prior to hunting to study maps and scout out Government property that is authorized for hunting to insure that you know the exact boundaries. Your failure to stay within authorized hunting boundaries could void your permit for this year, and prohibit you from obtaining permits in the future.

- All hunters, regardless of age, are required to complete a valid COE Wildlife Use Permit and abide by instructions on permit while hunting COE lands. Permit 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 permit containing hunter information must be carried on hunters' person while hunting. You must have a valid Alabama hunting license.
- For safety, hunters less than 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult (21 years of age or older).
- No hunting or trapping is allowed within 1000' of any dam or powerhouse and within 300' of any road, hiking trail, or building.
Note: Waterfowl hunters should be aware that COE only has 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.
- All firearms in boats under way must be unloaded and cased.
- The following weapon and ammunition rules apply:
 - A) No rifles or handguns allowed on COE property.
 - B) Legal firearms for small game are shotguns with shot size number 6 or smaller.
 - C) All waterfowl hunters must use non-toxic shot.
 - D) Legal weapons for deer, turkey, and hog hunting are archery only, including crossbows.
- Hog hunting is allowed year – round. There is no closed season on hogs.
- All wildlife game species may be harvested within the season framework and bag limit restrictions set by state and federal regulations. All designated hunting areas will list the acreage size and species allowed for hunting at each area.
- **Antler Restrictions are in effect for Dannelly East Bank, Dannelly West Bank, Shell Creek, Chilatchee, and Portland. Bucks harvested must have a 16 inch inside spread or one side having a 18 inch main beam.**
- Dogs are allowed for small game hunting in areas or on days that are designated for small game hunting only. Dogs are not allowed for rabbit and squirrel in bow hunting areas until after state deer season, with the exception of Haines Island (See Haines Island description below for more information)
- Waterfowl hunting allowed only at **Dannelly Reservoir**: Damsite West Bank and Chilatchee, **Claiborne Lake**: Damsite East Bank and Black Creek, **Woodruff Lake**: Damsite West Bank. Dogs are allowed for duck and dove hunting.
- Only portable stands and blinds are allowed and must be removed daily. Climbing spikes are not permitted.
- Hunter's orange is required during all open gun seasons for deer and must be worn in accordance with state regulations.
- Motorized vehicle operation is not permitted off designated roadways. ATV operation is strictly prohibited on COE property.
- Camping is allowed in designated camping areas only.
- Dogs are allowed for hunting small game after state deer season. Waterfowl hunting using dogs is allowed the entire waterfowl season.
- Small game hunting with dogs may be allowed in certain areas during deer season. See below for details.
- Any type of bait, feed, or food attractant, including any type salt or mineral block is not allowed on Corps property.

Forfeiture of hunting privileges: State hunting regulations and Corps hunting regulations are enforced. Any violation of federal, state or local hunting, trespass or game regulations may result in forfeiture of the COE permit and privileges for a period to be determined by a review board. The violator will also be subject to fines and/or imprisonment.

Permit Information

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Corps of Engineers, Mobile District welcomes you to the Alabama River Lakes Project. Located in south-central Alabama, Alabama River Lakes consists of 3 lakes: R.E. "Bob" Woodruff Lake, William "Bill" Dannelly Reservoir, and Claiborne Lake. Bob Woodruff Lake is located between Montgomery and Selma, Dannelly Reservoir is located between Selma and Camden, and Claiborne Lake is located between Camden and Monroeville. Project lands consists of approximately 9,465 acres developed for campgrounds, day use, operational areas for locks and dams, boat ramps, and other recreational uses including hunting. Approximately 5600 acres are open to hunting in 25 locations. They range in size from 40 to 500 acres.

Only crossbow, bow and arrow and shotguns are allowed to harvest game animals. RIFLES ARE NOT ALLOWED. Many areas have food plots annually planted to winter wheat, oats, and crimson clover. Please refer to the project brochure for the hunting area locations.

All hunters, regardless of age, must have a valid Alabama River Lakes wildlife use permit. The wildlife use permit is free of charge and issued online expiring September 1st. The permit is valid on all 3 lakes. Wildlife use permits may be obtained by printing a copy from the Alabama River Lakes website or in person. The Alabama River Lakes Site office is located 20 miles east of Selma on Highway 80 (7:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday-Friday). The Millers Ferry Resource Office is located 9 miles northwest of Camden on Highway 28, near the Millers Ferry Lock and Dam (7:30 am - 4:00 pm, Monday-Friday). Campgrounds are seasonal so check the closing dates on the Alabama River Lakes camping webpage. Visit our website to view maps online. There will not be any maps sent by mail.

To obtain a wildlife use permit in person, a valid driver's license with your current address is required. If you do not possess a driver's license you may substitute a valid Alabama hunting license.

You must have a valid Alabama hunting license to hunt on Corps property. By signing your wildlife use permit you are agreeing to obey all regulations listed in this brochure. All applicable state laws are enforced on Corps of Engineers property. Special hunting regulations listed in this brochure further restrict hunting season dates or methods of harvest. Unless stated in the brochure, hunting season dates and limits follow state hunting regulations.

It is your responsibility to know the hunting regulations and game animals for the area you wish to hunt. Refer to the HUNTING AREAS section for details. Be aware of your location while hunting, and remember: you must get landowner permission to enter private land. It is your responsibility prior to hunting to study maps and scout out Government property authorized for hunting to insure that you know the exact boundaries. Your failure to stay within authorized hunting boundaries could void your permit for this year, and prohibit you from obtaining permits in the future. Watch for the Corps boundary line: 2 red stripes painted on trees. The red stripes face away from Corps property towards private land. Also, notice that Corps and state hunting regulations may change annually. Ask a Corps official for any new changes or updates.

For more hunting opportunities, see Lowndes Wildlife Management Area at <http://www.outdooralabama.com/public-lands/>

If you witness a hunting policy violation or a violation of Title 36, please contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Staff at (334) 682-4244.

HUNTING AREAS:

Woodruff Lake:

Damsite East Bank: 110 acres

Bowhunting only for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and wild hog. Small game hunting for rabbit, dove, and squirrel. Dogs allowed for small game hunting before and after state deer season. Hunters are allowed to hunt only from the base or bottom of berm (mound) to property lines. This gives a 1000 foot + safety zone from lock and dam and all buildings. Hunters must stay at least 300 feet away from access road and water quality building as depicted on map.

Damsite West Bank: 350 acres

Bowhunting only for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and wild hog. Small game hunting for rabbit, squirrel, dove, and duck. Dogs allowed for small game hunting before and after state deer season. Hunters must stay at least 1,000 feet away from Powerhouse and a minimum of 300 feet from bank fishing parking areas and access road as depicted on map.

Holy Ground Battlefield Park: 175 acres

Bowhunting only for white-tailed deer and wild hog.

Tallawassee Creek: 41 acres

Bowhunting only for white-tailed deer. Hunters must stay at least 300 feet away from access road and hunter parking area as depicted on map.

Jackson Lake: 75 acres

Bowhunting only for white-tailed deer. Hunters must stay 300 feet away from access road as depicted on map.

Jones Bluff: 500 acres

Bowhunting only for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and wild hog. Small game hunting for rabbit and squirrel. Dogs allowed for rabbit and squirrel before and after state deer season. No hunting permitted within 300 feet of picnic and parking areas. Hunters must stay at least 300 feet away from access road as depicted on map.

Swift Creek: 225 acres

Bowhunting only for white-tailed deer and wild turkey. Small game hunting for rabbit and squirrel. Hunters must remain at least 300 feet away from access road and parking area.

Huffman Bar: 120 acres

Bowhunting only for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, coyote, bobcat and fox. Entire area open.

Montgomery Marina: 112 acres

Bowhunting only for white-tailed deer. Entire area open.

Dannelly Reservoir:

Bridgeport: 125 acres

No hunting West (left) of the boat ramp access road. Bowhunting only for white-tailed deer. No hunting allowed within 300 feet of picnic and parking areas. Hunters must remain at least 300 feet from the south side of the access road to beach and stay at least 300 feet from the parking lot to beach. Hunters must also stay 300 feet from the park host campers. No hunting is allowed north of the access road to the beach.

Damsite East Bank: 320 acres (Antler Restrictions for area see above)

Bowhunting only for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and wild hog. Small game hunting for rabbit, squirrel, and dove. Dogs allowed for small game hunting before and after state deer season. Hunting open with a 1,000 foot + safety zone from buildings on the damsite. Hunters should use the hunter parking area south of the radio tower. No hunting allowed on damsite waterfowl impoundments.

Damsite West Bank: 375 acres (Antler Restrictions for area see above) Bowhunting only for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and wild hog. Small game hunting for rabbit, squirrel, and dove. Dogs allowed for rabbit and squirrel hunting before and after state deer season. Duck and dove hunting using dogs is allowed. Hunters must stay at least 300 feet away from access road and at least 300 feet west of bank fishing parking area as depicted on map.

Shell Creek: 50 acres (Antler Restrictions for area see above)

Bowhunting only for white-tailed deer. Hunters must remain at least 300 feet to the left of access road as depicted on map.

Chilatchee Creek: 450 acres (Antler Restrictions for area see above)

Bowhunting only for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and wild hog. Small game hunting for ducks is allowed for the entire duck season. Small game hunting for squirrel is allowed before and after state deer season. Dogs are allowed for duck and squirrel hunting. Hunters must remain at least 300 feet to the left or right of access road beginning at park entrance.

Six Mile Creek: 200 acres

Bowhunting only for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and wild hog. Shotgun hunting for squirrel and rabbit. Hunters must stay at least 300 feet from access road as depicted on map.

Portland: 75 acres (Antler Restrictions for area see above)

Bowhunting for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and wild hog. Hunters must remain at least 300 feet from access road and parking lot.

Claiborne Lake:

Damsite East Bank: 500 acres

Bowhunting only is allowed **North (right)** of the access road entering Damsite East Bank. Small game hunting only is allowed **South (left)** of the access road entering Damsite East Bank. Bowhunting only for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and wild hog. Small game for rabbits, squirrel, and duck. Dogs are allowed for rabbit and squirrel hunting. Hunters must remain 300 feet east of Isaac Creek and 300 feet east of developed areas located south of access road as depicted on map. This provides a 1,000 foot + safety zone from buildings on the damsite. Bowhunting for wild turkey will be allowed in the small game hunting area during spring turkey season and bowhunting for wild hog will be allowed in the small game hunting area after small game season.

Damsite West Bank: 200 acres

Bowhunting only for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and wild hog. Small game hunting for rabbit and squirrel. Hunting allowed 300 feet north and south of access road and 300 feet from parking lots as depicted on map.

Silver Creek: 325 acres

Bowhunting only for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and wild hog. Small game hunting for rabbit and squirrel. Small game hunting for rabbit and squirrel using dogs before and after state deer season. Hunting allowed 300 feet north and south of access road and 300 feet from parking and camping areas as depicted on map.

Davis Ferry: 70 acres

Bowhunting only for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and wild hog. Hunters must stay at least 300 feet from ferry landing and access road.

Black Creek: 115 acres

Bowhunting only for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and wild hog. Small game hunting for squirrel, rabbit, and duck. Hunting allowed 300 feet to the right or left of access road. Hunters must stay at least 300 feet south and east of parking area as depicted on map.

Gulletts Bluff: 40 acres

Bowhunting only for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and wild hog. Hunters must stay at least 300 feet to right or left of the access road. No hunting permitted within 300 feet of picnic and parking areas as depicted on map.

Holleys Ferry: 80 acres

Hunting allowed on the north and south side of Hwy. 10. Bowhunting only for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and wild hog. Hunters must stay at least 300 feet south and west of parking area as depicted on map.

Bells Landing: 320 acres

Bowhunting only for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and wild hog. Small game hunting allowed after state deer season. . Dogs are allowed for squirrel and rabbit hunting. Hunters must remain at least 300 feet from access road, parking lots, and camping area as depicted on map.

Haines Island: 480 acres

Bowhunting only from Friday – Monday for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and wild hog. Small game hunting only Tuesday through Thursday for squirrel and rabbit during state deer season, then daily before and after state deer season. Hunting allowed at least 300 feet south of access road and 300 feet east of riverside road as depicted on map. Bowhunting for wild turkey will be allowed daily during spring turkey season and bowhunting for wild hog will be allowed daily after small game season. Dogs can be used on small game hunting days.

Lower Peachtree: 119 acres

Bowhunting only for white-tailed deer, wild hog, and wild turkey. Small game hunting for squirrel and rabbit. Entire area open.

McDuffie Landing: 116 acres

Bowhunting only for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and wild hog. Entire area open

REMEMBER TO FILE A HUNT PLAN. LET SOMEONE KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING HUNTING AND AN EXPECTED RETURN TIME.