

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District (SAM)

**TENNESSEE - TOMBIGBEE WATERWAY  
2019 - 2020 HUNTING/TRAPPING REGULATIONS**

The proponent agency is CESAM-OP-CO.

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 is permitted on all Tennessee-Tombigbee Project lands and waters not otherwise posted as closed. HUNTERS LESS THAN 16 YEARS OF AGE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AND ADULT (21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER). 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 annual hunting permit prior to hunting COE lands.
  - a. Annual permits are available on the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway web page, at Corps offices, and a limited supply is available at public access areas. PLEASE NOTE: Only ONE permit is required per year.
  - b. In order to be valid, permits must be signed, dated, and displayed on the dash of the vehicle so that the name and date are visible from outside the vehicle.
  - c. The bottom portion of the permit (area below the dotted line) containing hunter information must be carried on hunters' person while hunting.
  - d. At the end of season, complete the survey on the back and place in the return box at the Hunter Information stations or mail to the address given on the permit.
2. Areas closed to hunting and trapping:
  - a. No firearms hunting or trapping within 1000' of any lock, dam, building, dredge, construction site, or public use area. Contact the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Management office for applications.
  - b. No hunting or trapping of any kind in the designated wildlife sanctuaries (see hunting maps for detailed locations).
  - c. In Riverside hunting area that is designated for physically disabled hunter in Greene County, AL. Call the Waterway Management Office for applications.
  - d. No firearms hunting on the Columbus port island (White Slough) due to its location being within the city limits.
3. For all hunting and trapping Seasons, please see season dates posted on Hunter Information Stations and webpage. All Hunting and Trapping regulations are within the framework and bag limits set by state and federal regulations.
4. Waterfowl hunting :
  - a. Waterfowl shooting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise until 12:00 noon. All decoys, boats, and floating blinds must be removed from the hunting areas no later than 1:00 p.m. each day. No permanent structures/blinds allowed.
  - b. Waterfowl hunting will be restricted to Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday in Becker Bottom Waterfowl Management Area. Hunters must have permission from the landowner before accessing or wading on private property.
  - c. Waterfowl hunters should be aware that COE owns only an easement on much of the property around and beneath the lakes.
  - d. Retrievers are allowed for waterfowl hunting.
5. Deer hunting:
  - a. Legal weapons for deer hunting are archery equipment, muzzleloaders, and shotguns with slugs only (No Buckshot). No high powered rifles.
  - b. No buckshot, dogs, or man drives are allowed for deer hunting.
  - c. Portable tree stands/ground blinds for deer hunting will be allowed and must be removed daily. Driving a nail, or other metal object into or to hunt from any tree in which an object has been driven is strictly prohibited.
  - d. While climbing a tree, installing a stand that uses climbing aids, or while hunting from a tree stand, all hunters must use a full-body safety harness and fall arrest system manufactured to Tree Stand Manufacturers Association standards.
  - e. Antlerless deer may be harvested from opening day of archery season through 30 November. Only legal bucks (state definition) may be harvested during any open deer season. The bag limit for deer is in accordance with state regulations.
  - f. Hunters orange must be worn in accordance with state regulations.
  - g. Hanging or cleaning deer is prohibited within campgrounds, picnic areas, boat ramps, parking lots and other public use areas. Deer can be field dressed where harvested. Dumpsters cannot be used to dispose of carcasses.
  - h. Firearms are not allowed to harvest deer in "Archery only" areas (see map).
6. Small game hunting:
  - a. Small game hunting is allowed in areas designated "All game hunting" (see map). Small game hunting likewise is allowed in "Archery only" areas (see map) during the month of February as long as the 1000' rule (see regulation 2A) is not violated.
  - b. Dogs are allowed for small game hunting.
  - c. Legal firearms for small game are standard .22 caliber or smaller rimfire rifles (no .22 magnums), air rifles, and shotguns with shot size number 4 or smaller.
  - d. Raccoons can be hunted from July 1 until the last day in February.
7. Turkey hunting is allowed in areas designated "All game hunting" (see map). Turkey hunting likewise is allowed in "Archery only" areas as long as the 1000' rule (see regulation 2A) is not violated.
8. Youth Hunting:
  - a. For safety, hunters less than 16 years of age MUST be accompanied by an adult (21 years of age or older).
  - b. All state-sanctioned Youth Hunts and associated state regulations will be allowed on Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway project lands.
9. From 01 October to the last day in February, hunters may take feral hog during any open hunting season with weapons legal during that season. No dogs are allowed for feral hogs.
10. Marking of trees with flagging, reflective tacks, or other marking devices are prohibited.
11. Additional firearm restrictions:
  - a. All firearms in boats under way must be unloaded and cased
  - b. All firearms must be unloaded and cased if walking through an area with firearm restrictions in order to access a legal hunting area.
  - c. Handguns allowed by special COE Permit ONLY. Call the Waterway Management Office for more information.
12. Motorized vehicles:
  - a. Vehicles may not obstruct gates, roads, trails or fire lanes.
  - b. No vehicles are allowed to travel off-road.
  - c. ATV operation is strictly prohibited on COE property.
13. Camping is allowed in designated camping areas only.
14. Baiting and/or feeding of wildlife on Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway project land is strictly prohibited.
15. Indiscriminate taking of non-game wildlife on Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway project land is prohibited.
16. Alligator season is in accordance with state laws.
17. Please be aware that occasionally critical disposal area maintenance activities will be imperative. During these events, disposal areas will be posted closed to all public access including hunting.

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

\* If you witness a hunting policy violation or a violation of Title 36, please contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Wildlife Staff at (662) 245-5500.

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**Annual Hunter Survey**

At the end of the hunting season please complete the following annual hunter survey. Place in the return box at Hunter Information station or mail to the address below:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
ATTN: Wildlife Biologists  
5000 North Frontage Road  
Columbus, MS 39701-9504

Species	# of Days Hunted	# Harvested	
		Buck:	Doe:
Deer			
Turkey			
Quail			
Rabbit			
Squirrel			
Ducks			
Geese			
Dove			
Raccoon			
Woodcock			
Hog			
Other/Specify			

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Permission is hereby granted to:

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

for hunting and/or trapping on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lands and waters in accordance with Federal and State regulations.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Hunting/Trapping Regulations.

Signature:

Date:

*(Permit Void Unless Signed and Dated)*

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-----*(cut along dotted line & keep lower portion on person while hunting)*-----  
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Name:

Date:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Signature: