



## TENNESSEE TOMBIGBEE WATERWAY (TTWW) HUNTING/TRAPPING REGULATIONS

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. All recreational users are subject to Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, and 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 and at Corps offices.
  - B) Only one permit is required annually and expires August 30.
  - C) 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.
  - D) The bottom portion of the permit (area below the dotted line) containing hunter information must be carried on hunters' person while hunting.
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.
  - 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 hunters 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. All Hunting and Trapping regulations and season dates are within the framework and bag limits set by state and federal regulations.
  - A) Mississippi TTWW hunting and trapping season dates are the same as Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) Canal Section Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Please visit MDWFP web page to see Canal Section WMA hunting season dates.
  - B) Alabama TTWW hunting and trapping season dates are the same as Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) Open Public Land seasons. Please visit ADCNR web page or Annual Hunting Digest to view Open Public land seasons.
  - C) All season dates are posted at Hunter Information stations located at public access areas.
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 the Becker Bottom Waterfowl Management Area.
  - C) Waterfowl hunters should be aware that COE owns only a flowage 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.
  - 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 high-powered rifles, 45-70, or similar rifles that use a cartridge round as defined by state primitive weapon laws.
  - 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) Hunters' orange must be worn in accordance with state regulations.
  - F) 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.
  - G) 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.
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. Wild Hogs:
  - A) Wild Hogs are classified as nuisance animals and hunters are encouraged to kill them at every lawful opportunity. The opportunity to kill hogs is provided only for population control and not for sport.
  - B) From 01 October to the last day in February, wild hogs may be killed during daylight hours only during any open hunting season with weapons and ammunition legal during that season.
  - C) Dogs for hunting feral hogs are prohibited.
  - D) Trapping of hogs is prohibited.
10. Alligator
  - A) Alligator season is in accordance with state laws.
  - B) Alligator hunting is not allowed in designated wildlife sanctuaries(see map).
11. Cutting trees and the marking of trees with flagging, reflective tacks, or other marking devices is prohibited.
12. 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 to access a legal hunting area.



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- 13. Motorized vehicles:
A) Vehicles may not obstruct gates, roads, trails, or fire lanes.
B) Vehicles are NOT allowed to travel off-road.
C) ATV operation is strictly prohibited on COE property.
D) Electric bicycles are considered motorized vehicles and are NOT allowed on the Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway project lands.
14. Camping is allowed in designated camping areas only.
15. The engaging in or the solicitation of business (commercial guiding service) on the Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway project lands and waters is prohibited.
16. Baiting and/or feeding of wildlife on Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway project land is strictly prohibited.
17. Trail camera use on Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway project land is prohibited.
18. Indiscriminate taking of non-game wildlife on Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway project land is prohibited.
19. Please be aware that occasionally critical maintenance activities will be imperative during hunting seasons and you may encounter workers.

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.

HUNTING AND TRAPPING SEASONS FOR TENNESSEE TOMBIGBEE WATERWAY (TTWW) LANDS:

SEASON DATES FOR TTWW ARE POSTED ON ALL HUNTER INFORMATION STATIONS AT PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS

MISSISSIPPI TTWW LANDS - SEASON DATES ARE THE SAME FOR MDWFP CANAL SECTION WMA SEASON DATES. PLEASE VISIT MDWFP WEB PAGE TO VIEW CANAL SECTION WMA SEASON DATES.

ALABAMA TTWW LANDS - SEASON DATES ARE THE SAME AS ADCNR OPEN PUBLIC LAND SEASON DATES. PLEASE VISIT ADCNR WEB PAGE OR ALABAMA ANNUAL HUNTING DIGEST FOR OPEN PUBLIC LANDS SEASON DATES.

PLEASE TAKE SPECIAL NOTICE TO TTWW REGULATION #9 CONCERNING THE HARVESTING OF WILD HOGS ON TTWW LANDS.

Permission is hereby granted to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRATION DATE: AUGUST 30
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 the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Hunting/Trapping Regulations.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_
(Permit Void Unless Signed and Dated)

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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Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_