

Before you can obtain an Annual Hunting Permit, you are required to read, understand, and agree to the following Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Hunting/Trapping Regulations.

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**TENNESSEE-TOMBIGBEE WATERWAY
HUNTING/TRAPPING REGULATIONS
2004-2005 HUNTING SEASON**

Permission is hereby granted for hunting/trapping on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) project lands and waters in accordance with State and Federal Regulations as supplemented. 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 COE lands.

Forfeiture of hunting privileges: 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.

Hunting and trapping are permitted on all Tennessee-Tombigbee Project lands and waters not otherwise posted as closed and are subject to the following exceptions and restrictions. All state, federal, and local laws governing these activities also apply.

1. All hunters, regardless of age, are required to complete a valid COE Hunting Permit (either annual online or daily use permit) and abide by instructions on permit while hunting COE lands.
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 is 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. 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 Areas.
6. Only floating blinds will be allowed for waterfowl hunting and must be removed daily. 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 high-powered rifles or handguns allowed on COE property.
 - B) Legal firearms for small game are standard 22 caliber or smaller rim fire rifles (no 22 magnums) and shotguns with shot size number 4 or smaller.
 - C) All waterfowl hunters must use non-toxic shot. There are no non-toxic shot size restrictions for waterfowl.
 - D) Legal weapons for deer hunting are primitive weapons and shotguns with slugs only.
 - E) No buckshot, dogs, or man drives are allowed for deer hunting.
9. Antlerless deer may be harvested in accordance with the following seasons:

Alabama

Archery (either sex)	108 days,	October 15 – January 31
Muzzleloader (either sex)	5 days,	November 15 – 19
Buck Only	73 days,	November 20 – January 31
Hunters Choice (either sex)	9 days,	December 25 – January 2
Primitive Weapon (either sex)	17 days,	January 15 – 31

Mississippi

Archery (either sex)	49 days,	October 1 – November 19.
1 st Gun (buck only)	12 days,	November 20 – December 1
Primitive Weapon (either sex)	14 days,	December 2 – 15
2 nd Gun (buck only)	8 days,	December 16 – 23
2-Day Statewide (either sex)	2 days,	December 18 – 19
Primitive Weapon (either sex)	12 days,	January 20 - 31

10. Only portable tree stands are allowed and must be removed daily. Climbing spikes are not permitted.
11. Hunter's orange is required during all open gun seasons for deer and must be worn in accordance with state regulations.

12. Motorized vehicle operation is not permitted off designated roadways. ATV operation is strictly prohibited on COE property.
13. Camping is allowed in [designated camping areas](#) only.
14. Dogs are allowed for hunting small game in areas designated “All game hunting” ([see map](#)). Retrievers are allowed for waterfowl hunting.
15. Turkey hunting will be allowed on all open hunting areas.
16. Taking of wild hogs is allowed during any open hunting season with legal weapons for that season.
17. All state sanctioned Youth Hunts and associated state regulations will be allowed on Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway project lands.

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