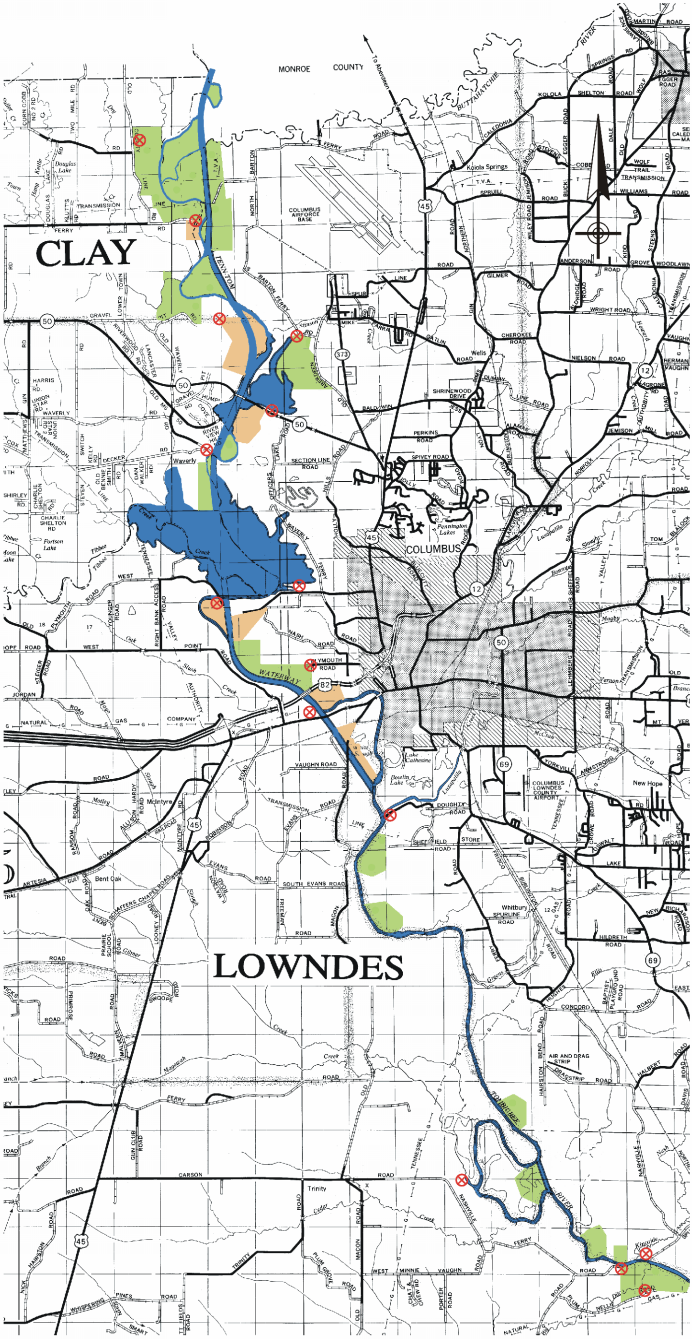

US Army Corps of Engineers

Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Hunting/Trapping Regulations

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 Daily Hunter Use 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 daily hunter use permit and keep in their possession at all times while hunting COE lands.**

2) For safety, hunters less than 16 years of age must be accompanied by and 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 float Ramp.

4) Waterfowl hunting is **not** allowed on project lands and waters of Pool A.

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 the COE owns only and easement to 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 are allowed on COE property.
B) Legal firearms for small game are standard 22 caliber rimfire rifles (no 22 magnums) and shotguns with shot size number 4 or smaller.
C) All waterfowl hunters must use steel shot. There are no steel shot size restrictions for waterfowl.
D) Legal weapons for deer hunting are primitive weapons and shotguns with slugs only.
E) No backshot, dogs or mandrives are allowed for deer hunting.

9) **State anterless seasons do not apply to COE lands. Only legal bucks may be harvested during gun seasons. Anterless deer may be harvested only during archery and primitive weapon seasons.**

10) Only portable tree stands are allowed and must be removed daily. Climbing spikes are not permitted.

11) Hunters orange is required during all open gun seasons for deer and must be worn in accordance with state regulations.

12) Motorized vehicle operations 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 of small game in areas designated "All game hunting only" (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.

LEGEND

- All Game Hunting
- Archery Only Hunting
- Permit Station

TENNESSEE-TOMBIGBEE WATERWAY HUNTING MAP
LOWNDES AND CLAY COUNTIES