

**TITLE 800. DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
CHAPTER 30. DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE LANDS MANAGEMENT**

SUBCHAPTER 1. USE OF DEPARTMENT MANAGED LANDS

800:30-1-2. Use restrictions

The following restrictions apply to Oklahoma Department of Wildlife managed lands:

(1) **Wildlife Management Areas.** All lands owned, licensed, leased or under the management of the Wildlife Division of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, except for the McCurtain County Wilderness Area, are designated Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) to accurately reflect the overall objectives for these lands and the results of management activities conducted thereon. Depending on the specific management objectives, all or parts of any particular wildlife management area may also be designated as a public hunting area, game management area or migratory bird refuge, or wetland development unit.

(2) **Public Hunting Areas.** On a Public Hunting Area (PHA portion), all legal forms of wildlife harvest are permitted under statewide hunting, fishing and furbearer regulations unless specific regulations for the area indicate otherwise.

(3) **Game Management Areas.** A Game Management Area (GMA portion) is closed to all wildlife harvest, except as specifically permitted by Commission action.

(4) **Migratory Bird Refuges.** A designated Migratory Bird Refuge or Waterfowl Refuge Portion (WRP) is closed to all public use and access during the period of October 15 - January 31, except as specifically permitted by Commission action or special hunt permittee's on days of their hunt unless specifically noted otherwise. In addition, unless otherwise provided, all shotgun hunting is restricted to federally approved nontoxic shot and the possession of lead shot is prohibited.

(5) **Wetland Development Units.** Areas designated as Wetland Development Units (WDU) are open for hunting as published annually in the Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations. Shooting hours for waterfowl are ½ hour before official sunrise until 1 p.m. daily. Unless otherwise provided, all shotgun hunting is restricted to federally approved nontoxic shot and the possession of lead shot is prohibited.

(6) **Wilderness Area.** On the Wilderness Area, there shall be no public entry except by persons possessing prior written permission from the Director of the Department of Wildlife Conservation or his designated representatives; Department employees; or by the Oklahoma Board of Agriculture, Division of Forestry personnel engaged in fire protection or suppression activities. The self-guided nature trail on the McCurtain County Wilderness Area does not fall under these restrictions.

(7) **Closed areas.** Closed areas within larger management units may not be open to specific types of hunting or other activities on a year-round basis. Other uses may be permissible according to the above priorities insofar as they do not conflict with the specific objectives assigned to these closed areas. Those areas are:

(A) An 80-acre portion of Canton WMA described as N/2 NE/4 of Section 3, T19N, R14W; Dewey County; Beaver River WMA, Cooper WMA, and Sandy Sanders WMA. Prairie Dog Refuge -closed to prairie dog hunting.

(B) All recreation areas located on National Forest lands including Cedar Lake, Billy Creek and Winding Stair in the Ouachita WMA, Kulli and Bokohoma in the Ouachita WMA, Skipout, Spring Creek and Dead Indian in Black Kettle WMA are closed to hunting.

(C) That portion of the Corps of Engineers Lock and Dam 17 (Chouteau) project under license to the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation in Sections 4, 9, and 10, T16N, R18E, Wagoner County; all licensed lands lying south and west of the center of the Navigation Channel, as described by the Corps of Engineers, and north of the paved road leading to Lock and Dam 17 are open to fishing and non-hunting public use from February 1 to October 14 and for special hunt permittees on the days of their hunt. Public access for wildlife viewing is allowed from old Hwy 69 road pavement

and bridge as signed. Lands lying west of new Hwy 69 are open for hunting, fishing, and public use from February 1 to October 14, and lands lying east of old Hwy 69, are only open to fishing and non-hunting public use from February 1 to October 14. It shall be further unlawful to enter the Vann's Lake Refuge with a firearm, except for special hunt permittees on the days of their hunt and during designated hunting periods and locations described above.

(D) A parcel described at Lots 9-10-12-13 and the SW/4 of the SW/4 of Section 6 T26N, R8W, Grant County known as the Van Osdol Wildlife Management Area.

(E) Any areas displaying signs with the words, "Safety Zone" shall prohibit anyone from the act of hunting within the boundaries of any area so marked. Retrieval of hunting dogs or downed wildlife is allowed, without any means of take.

(F) A parcel described as S/2 SW/4 SW/4 of Section 15; S/2 SE/4 of Section 16; NE/4 of Section 21 and W/2 NW/4 of Section 22 all in T26N R 19W, Woodward County known as the Selman Bat Cave Wildlife Management Area.

(8) **Conservation Education Area.** The primary purpose of the conservation education area is conservation education. All activities are strictly regulated by ODWC.

800:30-1-6. Littering

Disposal of garbage, trash, refuse, litter, shotgun hulls and casings, sewage, debris or any other form of solid waste is prohibited on Department managed lands, except in designated trash containers.

800:30-1-16. Shooting ranges

(a) On all Department owned or managed lands, the discharge of firearms for purposes other than while hunting is restricted to the specific target or shooting ranges provided for public use.

(1) Shooting ranges are open year-round, unless specified otherwise in the Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting ~~Guide~~Regulations or signs at the range.

(2) Shooting hours are official sunrise to thirty minutes after official sunset, daily.

(3) Any person using the shooting range under the age of 16 must be immediately supervised by an adult (18 years old or older).

(4) All firearms shooting single projectiles or any pellets larger than conventional BB (.180" dia.) must be shot at approved berms and target areas only. Air-borne clay targets may be shot using pellets no larger than conventional BB (.180" dia.).

(5) All rifle, pistol, shotgun, and muzzleloader targets will consist of paper or clay targets only.

(6) All paper targets must be removed before leaving the shooting area.

(7) Centerfire rifles and pistols .50 caliber and larger are prohibited.

(8) Fully automatic firearms are prohibited.

(9) Fireworks, explosive devices, exploding targets, tracer and incendiary rounds are prohibited.

(10) Eye and ear protection shall be worn while shooting.

(11) Shooters, and accompanying adult, must possess a valid State of Oklahoma hunting license, or State of Oklahoma combination hunting/fishing license unless exempt.

(12) ~~Do not shoot while another shooter is down range.~~ Shooting while another person is down range is prohibited.

(13) No person shall possess, consume, or use any intoxicating beverage or beer, as defined in Title 37, at any shooting range or shooting range parking areas.

(b) For Department shooting ranges that include an archery ~~range~~area, the following shall apply:

(1) Archery range is open year-round, unless specified otherwise in the Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting ~~Guide~~Regulations or signs at the range.

(2) Shooting hours are official sunrise to thirty minutes after official sunset, daily.

- (3) Any person using the archery range under the age of 16 must be immediately supervised by an adult (18 years or older.)
 - (4) Archers using the elevated platform must wear a safety harness meeting the standards of the Treestand Manufacturers Association and be attached to the platform at all times.
 - (5) Archers may only shoot at stationary targets.
 - (6) Archers must draw and release arrows or bolts from the tower or directly below the tower ONLY.
 - (7) All nocked arrows or bolts must point down range at all times.
 - (8) The archery tower is limited to 4 shooters at a time, no spectators are allowed on the archery tower.
 - (9) Shooting while another person is down range is prohibited. ~~Do not shoot while another archer is down range.~~
 - (10) Broadheads may only be used in designated lanes.
 - (11) Shooters and accompanying adults must possess a valid state of Oklahoma hunting license or state of Oklahoma combination hunting/fishing license unless exempt.
 - (12) Archery targets designed specifically for archery are allowed on the archery range. Archery targets must be removed after use.
 - (13) Only legal archery equipment is allowed on the archery range. ~~No firearms allowed on the archery range.~~
 - (14) No person shall possess, consume, or use any intoxicating beverage or beer, as defined in Title 37, at any shooting range or shooting range parking areas.
- (c) Exemptions to (a) or (b) of this Section may only be granted by the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation upon prior submission of a written application setting forth the location, date, nature and purpose of such activity.