

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, Cimarron Bluff WMA, Cimarron Hills 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.

800:30-1-5. Vehicles

- (a) Except as otherwise provided, all motorized vehicles may only be operated by individuals who hold a valid license to operate a motor vehicle on public roadways and are required to stay on roads designated as open for public or hunter use. There are no exceptions for motorcycles, four-wheel drive vehicles, snowmobiles or all terrain vehicles. Travel on roads which are gated and locked or designated as closed is prohibited, unless otherwise specified in annual regulations for nonambulatory persons holding valid permits.
- (b) Vehicles registered as legal to operate on Oklahoma public roadways may be used on roads delineated as open to the public or parked on lands owned or managed by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, except on specified areas designated for off-road use; unless otherwise provided for nonambulatory persons holding valid permits. All vehicles used by nonambulatory permittees must conspicuously display a sticker designating the vehicle is being used by a nonambulatory permittee and motor vehicle permittees must conspicuously display a sticker designating the vehicle is being used by a motor vehicle hunt permittee. Except as otherwise provided, use of all terrain vehicles (ATV), Off-Highway vehicles (OHV), Off Road Vehicles (ORV), Utility Vehicles (UTV), and off-road motorcycles, is prohibited on all roads on lands owned or managed by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife except those roads maintained by county commissioners.
- (c) Maximum speed limit shall be 25 mph unless otherwise posted.
- (d) Off-highway vehicle (OHV) use on the Ouachita WMA shall be the same as U.S. Forest Service rules and regulations for the Ouachita National Forest.
- (e) Off-highway vehicle (OHV) use on the Black Kettle and Rita Blanca WMAs shall be the same as U.S. Forest Service rules and regulations for the Cibola National Forest.
- (f) It shall be unlawful to operate an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or off-road vehicle (ORV) on the Three Rivers WMA and Honobia Creek WMA except under the following restrictions:
- (1) During any open deer season.
 - (2) Any deer hunter licensed in Oklahoma, unless otherwise exempt.
 - (3) Any hunter while operating an ATV/ORV shall comply with daylight fluorescent orange head and chest covering as required for hunting deer gun seasons. If a crash helmet is worn, only the fluorescent orange chest covering is required.
 - (4) ATV/ORV use is restricted to WMA roads that are delineated on the current Three Rivers WMA map and Honobia Creek WMA map unless otherwise closed.
 - (5) ATV/ORV use shall be restricted to a maximum speed of 25 mph.
 - (6) Operator and/or passenger under the age of 18 shall wear a crash helmet of a type which complies with standards established by C.F.R., Section 571.218.
 - (7) No operator of an ATV/ORV shall carry a passenger unless that ATV/ORV has been specifically designed by the manufacturer to carry passengers in addition to the operator.
 - (8) Leaving any ATV/ORV, treestand, or game camera unattended on the Three Rivers and Honobia Creek WMA's without the owner's name and address affixed thereto in a conspicuous manner is prohibited.
 - (9) Use of ATV/ORV off of delineated roads for retrieval of lawfully taken deer shall be permissible only with the following restrictions:
 - (A) ATV/ORV's shall not travel more than ½ mile from the nearest road.
 - (B) ATV/ORV's shall not cross rivers and streams unless on a road with constructed stream crossing structures.
 - (C) ATV/ORV's used for deer retrieval shall not be used in areas otherwise closed to the use of motor vehicles (walk-in only hunting areas, etc.)
- (g) It is unlawful for any person to hunt, chase, capture, shoot, attempt to shoot, wound or kill any wildlife from a motor driven vehicle on any Department managed areas, except as provided for persons holding a nonambulatory motor vehicle hunting permit.
- (h) It is unlawful for any person to transport a loaded firearm on any Department managed area. No crossbow may be transported in a motor vehicle unless uncocked or disassembled. No bow that is at full or partial draw may be transported in a motorized vehicle. In addition, no person may take, catch, capture, kill or pursue wildlife or otherwise attempt to use for any purpose a vehicle mounted spotlight or other powerful light at night for any purpose on Department managed lands, except as otherwise provided for hunting of furbearers and predators, taking of frogs, or for navigational purposes while in a water conveyance.
- (i) Grassy Slough WMA, Hackberry Flat WMA, Mountain Park WDU, Red Slough WMA, Tishomingo WMU, Walker Creek WDU, Washita Arm WDU, Waurika WDU and Whitegrass Flats WMA are closed to all air driven water craft.
- ~~(j) It shall be unlawful for any person to use, transport, park, or unload any personal watercraft within the land and/or water boundaries of the Fort Gibson Wildlife Management Area.~~
- ~~(k)(j)~~ Air drive water craft use on the Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge shall be the same as U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service rules and regulations.
- ~~(k)~~ It shall be unlawful to operate an all-terrain vehicle (ATV), off road vehicle (ORV), utility terrain vehicle (UTV) on the Herron Family WMA except under the following restrictions:
- (1) Only current Oklahoma residents with a land access permit, unless otherwise exempt.
 - (2) Any Oklahoma resident licensed deer hunter, unless otherwise exempt.
 - (3) Any hunter while operating an ATV/ORV/UTV shall comply with daylight fluorescent orange head and chest covering as required for hunting deer gun seasons. if a crash helmet is worn, only the fluorescent orange chest covering is required.
 - (4) ATV/ORV/UTV use shall be restricted to a maximum of 25 mph.

- (5) ATV/ORV/UTV use by land access permit holders is restricted to WMA roads that are delineated on the current Herron Family WMA map unless otherwise closed.
- (6) ATV/ORV/UTV use by non-land access permit holders is restricted to WMA roads that are delineated on the current Herron Family WMA map unless otherwise closed.
- (7) ATV/ORV/UTV use of delineated roads for retrieval of lawfully taken deer shall be permissible only with the following restrictions:
- (A) ATV/UTV/ORV's shall not travel more than 1/2 mile from nearest road.
- (B) ATV/UTV/ORV's shall not cross rivers ~~and~~ streams unless on a road with constructed stream crossing structures.
- (C) ATV/UTV/ORV's used for deer retrieval shall not be used in areas otherwise closed to the use of motor vehicles (walk-in only hunting areas, etc.)
- (8) Operator and/or passenger under the age of 18 shall wear a crash helmet of a type which complies with standards established by C.F.R., Section 571.218.
- (9) No operator of an ATV/UTV/ORV shall carry a passenger unless that ATV/ORV/UTV has been specifically designed by the manufacturer to carry passengers in addition to the operator
- ~~(m)~~(1). Parking in any manner resulting in depriving access or egress through any gate or road is prohibited. Unlawful parking could result in towing of vehicle.

800:30-1-7. Livestock and feral hogs

- (a) **Livestock.** It is unlawful for any person to willfully or neglectfully allow unauthorized livestock to encroach upon any lands owned or managed by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.
- (b) **Horses.** No person shall ride, drive, lead or keep a horse or other livestock on lands owned or managed by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, except Honobia Creek WMA and Three Rivers WMA, during the period of October 1 through January 1 and spring turkey season, annually without prior written approval from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. Individuals or parties of less than 25 may ride on areas with prior written approval of the local biologist during the closed period if no hunting conflict is determined by the biologist. U.S. Forest Service regulations shall apply to those lands owned by the Forest Service. See 800:25-7-71 [REVOKED] (renumbered to 800:30-1-20) also.
- (c) **Use of horses.** Hunting on, from or with the aid of horses or mules on WMAs (except U.S. Forest Service lands, Honobia Creek WMA and Three Rivers WMA) is prohibited during daylight hours during the period of October 1 - January 1 and during spring turkey season. Persons holding nonambulatory permits or motor vehicle permits are exempt.
- (d) **Feral hogs.** Feral hogs may be taken on lands owned or managed by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation during any established hunting season with methods authorized by the Department for that hunting season, except that during any open deer and/or turkey season only appropriate methods, hunting hours, and weapons for that deer and/or turkey season are authorized for taking or pursuing feral hogs. The following WMAs are closed to all hog hunting: except that during any open deer season, hogs may be taken using only appropriate methods, hunting hours, and weapons for that deer season: Canton, Hackberry Flat, Kaw, Keystone, Sandy Sanders, Spavinaw and Waurika. No feral hogs may be removed alive from a WMA.