

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RECREATION AND PUBLIC FISHING AREA HUNTING INFORMATION

2017 - 2018 Seasons

Deer - Archery only (Either Sex): September 9 - January 14; **Sign-in:** All Archery Deer Hunters must sign in online at www.gohuntgeorgia.com or on the Outdoors GA App when they hunt for deer at Rocky Mountain during the 2017 - 2018 Season.

Turkey - Archery only: March 24 - May 15, 2018; **Sign-in:** All archery turkey hunters must sign in online at www.gohuntgeorgia.com or on the Outdoors GA App when they hunt for turkeys at Rocky Mountain during the 2018 season.

Small Game - Archery only: August 15, 2017 - February 28, 2018; any small game with an open state season may be taken (no sign - in).

Waterfowl – Early Teal Season

Heath Lake (Anglers Haven Rd.); September 9-24; Shooting hours begin 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. **Sign-in:** All Heath Lake waterfowl hunters must sign in online at www.gohuntgeorgia.com or on the Outdoors GA App when they hunt for waterfowl on this portion of Rocky Mountain.

Waterfowl – Early Canada Goose Season

Heath Lake (Anglers Haven Rd.); September 2-24 & October 14-29; Shooting hours begin 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. **Sign-in:** All Heath Lake waterfowl hunters must sign in online at www.gohuntgeorgia.com or on the Outdoors GA App when they hunt for waterfowl on this portion of Rocky Mountain.

Waterfowl - Duck and Goose

Antioch Lake (East & West) (Mountain View Dr.); January 1-28, 2018 (OPEN: Monday-Saturday: CLOSED: Sunday); Shooting hours from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. **Sign-in:** All Antioch Lake waterfowl hunters must sign in online at www.gohuntgeorgia.com or on the Outdoors GA App when they hunt for waterfowl on this portion of Rocky Mountain.

Heath Lake (Anglers Haven Rd.); November 18- 26; YOUTH DAYS November 11-12: December 9-January 28, 2018; Shooting hours begin 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. **Sign-in:** All Heath Lake waterfowl hunters must sign in online at www.gohuntgeorgia.com or on the Outdoors GA App when they hunt for waterfowl on this portion of Rocky Mountain.

Special Regulations:

The Oglethorpe Power chain link main gate on Mountain View Drive is closed to all public vehicles. Foot traffic is allowed inside this gate anytime between the posted area opening and closing times. There is no public access to cross the bridge in front of the power house. Foot traffic is allowed from Fouche Gap and Sand Springs road.

Crossbows are legal archery equipment that may be used on this area. No **possession and/or use of** explosives, firearms, other weapons and fireworks is permitted, except that legal hunting weapons may be possessed and used following applicable hunting regulations during legal hunting seasons if the firearm is unloaded and stored in a motor vehicle so as not to be readily accessible. Firearms may only be used during designated waterfowl hunting seasons.

Daily or annual parking permit required for all vehicles. Daily permits can be purchased at each entrance, annual pass available by mail.

Gates open SUNRISE TO SUNSET. All non-campers must be **off the area** by the SUNSET.

Sign - out: Report all harvest information on forms provided at the sign-in area before leaving.

No ATV's allowed on area. Vehicles must park only in designated areas. No vehicles allowed off maintained roads. Bicycles are allowed on designated bike trails after 10am during hunting season. Do not block or drive around gates or cables.

No alcohol possession or consumption on the area.

Know and observe safety zones and areas off limit to any public use.

Boats may be used to access areas that are open to hunting. No wake and idle speed required regardless of boat or motor size.

Hunter orange clothing, though not required to hunt on the area, is recommended to all persons using trails and woods during hunting season.

Valid hunting license and applicable stamps required. A **WMA stamp** is **NOT REQUIRED OR VALID** to hunt at Rocky Mountain.

Hunting and shooting prohibited from across a public road, buildings, towers, fences, power poles, etc., or platforms attached to same.

No permanent tree stands allowed. Portable stands allowed and may be left overnight at own risk. Do not mark, carve, drive nails, or in any other way deface any tree or structure.

Dogs must be kenneled or kept on a 6 foot leash at all times except that a dog being used for legitimate hunting activities is not required to be leashed while actively being used for hunting.

Feeding, baiting, trapping, or enticing with food of any wildlife is prohibited.

See WRD Hunting Season and Regulation Pamphlets for additional information.

Directions from Rome: Take U.S. Highway 27 north 10.4 miles; left on Sike Storey Road 0.4 miles; left on Big Texas Valley Road 5.4 miles to main entrance.