

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR HUNTING AND FISHING

To qualify for resident hunting or fishing license, a person must be a bona fide resident of Alabama for a minimum of 90 days continuously immediately prior to purchasing any such license or be a member of U.S. military stationed in Alabama. Resident and nonresident annual hunting and fishing licenses are valid from September 1 through August 31 each year. Resident and nonresident successfully completing an approved hunter education course is mandatory for all hunting license buyers born on or after **August 1, 1977**. License must be in possession while hunting or fishing.

It is illegal to kill or cripple any species of game bird, game animal or game fish without making a reasonable effort to retrieve same and include it in the daily bag or creel limit, except all game fish not meeting legal length regulations, and protected species. An individual should not trail or retrieve game on property they do not have permission to enter. All game bags, hunting coats, camping equipment, live boxes, automobiles and such used in hunting and fishing will be open for inspection by officers of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

BUYING LICENSE

Alabama hunting and fishing licenses are available in all sections of the state from approximately 500 special agents in many sporting goods stores, marinas, and at all county license offices. License may also be purchased by mailing completed applications, proper payment and copy of valid Alabama ID or driver's license to:

License Sales
Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division
64 North Union Street
Suite 567
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

For application packet call 334-242-3465 or e-mail Joanne.StJohn@dcnr.alabama.gov or visit www.outdooralabama.com. It is illegal to willfully or knowingly make a false statement to a license agent when purchasing a license. It is also illegal to lend, borrow, sell, buy, rent or use another person's license to hunt, fish, or trap. A resident without a current Alabama driver's license must present proof of residency to a probate judge or license commissioner to purchase a hunting license.

Licenses are available by calling the toll-free number: 1-888-848-6887
Also available online at www.outdooralabama.com.

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE AND FEES

HUNTING LICENSE: Required for residents over 15 years of age and under 65 years of age; and nonresidents 16 years of age and older. (State and Federal Duck Stamp required when hunting migratory waterfowl.)

RESIDENT LICENSE

Hunting

State –All Game	\$24.00
State – Small Game	\$16.00

A small game license is valid for all legal game, except deer and turkey.

Wildlife Heritage License ⁽¹⁾

Annual	\$10.00
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Duck Stamps

State	\$6.00
Federal	\$15.00

Wildlife Management Area ⁽²⁾

Annual	\$16.00
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Fur Catchers License

Annual	\$8.40
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Sport Fishing ⁽³⁾

Freshwater- Annual	\$12.00
Saltwater- Annual	\$21.00
Saltwater- 7 day Trip	\$9.00

Trip license are valid for 168 consecutive hours.

Freshwater Disabled Fishing ⁽⁴⁾

Resident (totally disabled)	\$1.00
Veterans Appreciation (20% disabled)	\$3.00

Freshwater Commercial Fishing

Annual	\$100.00
Retail Freshwater Fish Dealer	\$11.00
Wholesale Freshwater Fish Dealer	\$26.00

Freshwater Mussel License

Catcher	\$251.00
Dealer or Buyer	\$101.00

Spear Fishing

Annual	\$6.00
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- (1) Allows residents to fish in freshwater statewide with hook and line from the bank, fish in WFF operated Public Fishing Lakes (daily lake permits required), hunt small game, except waterfowl, on WFF WMA (WMA permit required), shoot on WFF managed shooting ranges, and support wildlife. These privileges are also included in all resident hunting and freshwater fishing license, including lifetime licenses.
- (2) Required for hunting big game (deer and turkey) and waterfowl on Management Areas, in addition to the appropriate hunting license and a Management Area Permit (free). Shooting range users on Wildlife Management Areas are required to have a valid hunting license, the Management Area License, or Wildlife Heritage License.
- (3) Required for residents 16 years of age and under 65 years of age who fish with rod and reel, hook and line, or from a boat in public waters. This license is not required to fish with ordinary hook and line only from bank in county of legal residence.
- (4) Applications are available at your local Probate/License Commissioner Office. Military Veterans Appreciation license must be certified by the U.S. Veterans Administration to be 20% or more disabled.

In lieu of a regular hunting license, a resident may purchase for \$8.00, plus a \$2.00 issuance fee, a 7-day commercial fowl hunting preserve license that allows that person the privilege of hunting only artificially propagated or pen-raised fowl on a licensed commercial fowl hunting preserve.

Game fish may not be aught by any method other than hook and line, fly, troll, or spinner. The sale of game fish taken from public water is prohibited by law in Alabama.

Residents 65 years of age and over are exempt from buying fishing licenses, hunting licenses, Wildlife Management Area license or Duck Stamp (Federal stamp required), provided said resident has on his person while hunting or fishing a driver's license or proof of permanent Alabama residence and age.

RESIDENT LIFETIME LICENSES

<i>LICENSE PRIVILEGE (by age)</i>	<i>Under 2</i>	<i>2-11</i>	<i>12-49</i>	<i>50 & Over</i>
Freshwater Fishing	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$250.00	\$150.00
Hunting	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$500.00	\$300.00
Saltwater Fishing	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$350.00	\$250.00
Hunting & Freshwater Fishing	\$450.00	\$500.00	\$700.00	\$450.00
Hunting & Saltwater Fishing	\$550.00	\$700.00	\$850.00	\$550.00
Freshwater & Saltwater Fishing	\$400.00	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$400.00
Hunting, Freshwater & Saltwater Fishing	\$700.00	\$800.00	\$1,050.00	\$700.00
Heritage	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00

Lifetime fishing license purchased prior to April 1, 1992 include saltwater.

NONRESIDENT LICENSE FEES

Hunting

All Game	\$275.00
All Game- 10 Day Trip	\$170.00
All Game- 3 Day Trip	\$120.00
Small Game- Annual	\$90.00
Small Game- 10 Day Trip	\$55.00
Small Game- 3 Day Trip	\$40.00

Trip license are valid for 240 or 72 consecutive hours.

Wildlife Management Area ⁽¹⁾

Annual	\$16.00
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Duck Stamp

State	\$6.00
Federal	\$15.00

Fur Catchers License

Annual	\$500.90
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Sport Fishing (2)

Freshwater- Annual	\$46.00
Freshwater- 7 Day Trip	\$26.00
Saltwater- Annual	\$45.00
Saltwater- 7 Day Trip	\$25.00

Trip license are valid for 168 consecutive hours.
Required in public water regardless of tackle used.

Freshwater Commercial Fishing

Freshwater Commercial
(same as nonresident license in applicant's resident state)

Retail Freshwater Fish Dealer	\$11.00
Wholesale Freshwater Fish Dealer	\$26.00

Freshwater Mussel License

Catcher	\$751.00
Dealer or Buyer	\$301.00

- (1) Required for hunting on Management Areas, in addition to the appropriate hunting license and a Management Area Permit (free). Shooting range users on Wildlife Management Areas are required to have a valid hunting license or the Management Area License.
- (2) Special fishing license fees apply to residents of Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee due to reciprocal license costs.

Game fish may not be caught by any method other than hook and line, fly, troll, or spinner. The sale of game fish taken from public water is prohibited by law in Alabama.

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HUNTER EDUCATION

Successfully completing an approved hunter education course is mandatory for all hunting license buyers born on or after **August 1, 1977**, except APOST certified law enforcement officers employed in the state, active duty U.S. military personnel and Alabama residents who are active members of the U.S. National Guard. Alabama is one of 49 states which have a mandatory hunter education program. The Alabama Hunter Education Course is a minimum of 10 hours of instruction in addition to an examination. Course content includes hunter responsibility, wildlife laws, wildlife management, and identification, firearms safety, archery, muzzle loading, basic survival and first aid. Goals of the hunter education program include increasing awareness of the importance of hunter-landowner relations, hunter behavior, reducing accident rates and increased knowledge of basic wildlife management concepts and wildlife laws. This course is also available on CD ROM and the internet at www.outdooralabama.com.