

Feral Hog Hunting Special Requirements:

The US Army Corp of Engineers, J. Strom Thurmond Lake Project, natural resources management staff in an attempt to reduce/remove feral hog population from project lands located in the state of Georgia have been working with state managers to expand hunting opportunities regarding this species on Corps lands outside WMAs. Several changes in the Georgia hunting regulations regarding this species have been made and are summarized below. To hunt or trap feral hogs on J. Strom Thurmond Lake Project written permission must be obtained from the project Forest, Fish and Wildlife Section located in the J. Strom Thurmond Lake Visitor Center. Points of contact for this program are Allen Dean- 864-333-1111, Allen.H.Dean@usace.army.mil or Ken Boyd – 864-333-1159, Kenneth.H.Boyd@usace.army.mil.

- No hunting at night during open deer or turkey seasons (consult Georgia Hunting Seasons & Regulations for appropriate dates) <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/hunting/regulations> Requirements for lights used during night hunting will comply with GA DNR hunting regulations.
- Feral Hogs may be hunted upon, around, over or near any feed or bait on J. Strom Thurmond Project lands (except any state WMA's) between 15 May and 20 August provided that any such feed or bait is not placed within 50 yards of any property ownership boundary. Any such feed or bait shall not be placed in a manner as to cause hunting on adjacent property to be prohibited. All baits must be completely removed within 10 days prior to the opening of deer, turkey, dove or waterfowl seasons.
- Release or transport of live feral hogs from J. Strom Thurmond Lake property is prohibited.
- No Hunting within 50 yards of paved roads, developed trails, or other developed areas. No hunting from a vehicle.
- Permits are nontransferable and may be revoked at anytime. Permits will designate hunting areas available for hog hunting and any special restrictions (i.e., not all areas will be available for night hunting, not all areas will be available for hunting during turkey or waterfowl season). The permit must be carried by the hunter at all times while hunting.
- Use of catch dogs is permitted outside open deer or turkey season.
- Hunter orange is required when hunting with a centerfire weapon or muzzleloader, and at anytime during the firearms or primitive weapons deer seasons.
- **WARNING: Feral Hogs can carry infectious diseases that are transmissible to people. To avoid possible exposure to the diseases wear plastic gloves when field dressing feral hogs; wash hands with soap and hot water immediately afterwards; avoid direct contact with blood and reproductive organs; cook thoroughly, properly dispose of all waste.**

- Hunting within designated Recreational areas is **prohibited** unless otherwise authorized.
- Consult Georgia Hunting Seasons & Regulations for further information regarding this species.