

## **Feral Hog Hunting at Russell Project in Georgia - Requirements:**

The US Army Corp of Engineers has been working with GADNR to expand hunting opportunities for feral hogs on Corps lands in Georgia at lakes Hartwell, Russell, and Thurmond outside WMAs. To hunt or trap feral hogs on Richard B. Russell Project, free permits must be obtained from the project office. Points of contact for this program are Jeff Brooks at 706-213-3424, [Jeffrey.J.Brooks@usace.army.mil](mailto:Jeffrey.J.Brooks@usace.army.mil) or Julian George at 706-213-3406, [Julian.T.George@usace.army.mil](mailto:Julian.T.George@usace.army.mil).

- Feral hogs may be legally taken when hunting other game species in accordance with GADNR regulations without a Corps permit.
- No hunting at night during deer or turkey seasons (consult Georgia Hunting Seasons & Regulations for dates). Lights used for night hunting will comply with GADNR hunting regulations.
- Feral hogs may be hunted upon, around, over or near any feed or bait on Richard B. Russell Project lands (except any state parks or WMA's) year round provided that any such feed or bait is not placed within 50 yards of any property ownership boundary or WMA boundary. Any such feed or bait shall not be placed in a manner as to cause hunting on adjacent property to be prohibited. All bait must be completely removed within 10 days prior to the opening of season for any game species. Baiting for hogs is prohibited during hunting season for any game species.
- Release or transport of live feral hogs from Corps of Engineers property is prohibited.
- No hunting within 50 yards of paved roads, developed trails, or other developed areas. No hunting from a vehicle or vessel.
- Permits are provided at no cost, 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 (or at least one person in the hunting party) at all times while hunting.
- Use of catch dogs is permitted in some areas outside 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.
- 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, and 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.