

**SECTION 45.00
TROUT FISHING REGULATIONS**

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45.01 **TROUT PERMIT REQUIREMENT:** It shall be unlawful for persons 16 or
08-05 more years of age to retain trout from state waters, or to fish on Beaver Lake tailwater, from Beaver Dam to the boundary signs at Houseman Access; Little Red River, from Greers Ferry Dam to Hwy 305 bridge; North Fork of the White River downstream of Norfork Dam; Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) east of Hwy 59; and White River, from Bull Shoals Dam to Hwy 58 bridge at Guion, without first obtaining and validating by signature, a current trout permit.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) In compliance with Commission Code Section 34.00 Put-and-Take Pay Lake Requirements.
- (2) Persons possessing a Lifetime Resident Hunting and Fishing Sportsman's Permit.
- (3) Persons possessing a Resident 65 Plus Lifetime Trout Permit.

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45.02 **TROUT LIMIT, SIZE AND POSSESSION RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be
08-04/08-06 unlawful to possess more than two (2) daily limits of game fish or the aggregate thereof.

Daily Limit – Trout - (including not more than 2 each of brown, cutthroat and brook trout)..... 5

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Brown Trout daily limit - 2 with a 16-inch minimum size limit in White River (Bull Shoals Lake Tailwater), North Fork White River (Norfork Tailwater), Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) west of Hwy 59, Spring River;
- (2) Trout slot limit Little Red River (Greers Ferry Tailwater) from Greers Ferry Dam to Hwy 305 Bridge – daily limit of 5 trout, only one of which may exceed 24 inches long, with a protected slot limit from 16 to 24 inches in length. Trout from 16 to 24 inches in length must be released immediately, and may not be in possession in this area.

- (3) Trout slot limit White River (Beaver Tailwater) from Beaver Dam to boundary signs at Houseman Access – Daily limit of 5 trout, only one of which may exceed 16 inches long, with a protected slot limit from 13 to 16 inches in length. Trout from 13 to 16 inches in length must be released immediately, and may not be in possession in this area.
- (4) Cutthroat Trout daily limit - 2 with a 16-inch minimum size limit in White River (Bull Shoals Lake Tailwater), North Fork White River (Norfolk Tailwater), Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) west of Hwy 59, Spring River.
- (5) Brook Trout daily limit – 2 with a 14-inch minimum size limit in White River (Bull Shoals Lake Tailwater), North Fork White River (Norfolk Tailwater), Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) west of Hwy 59, Spring River.
- (6) On the Little Missouri River, from Narrows Dam to Hwy 27 Bridge, all brown trout must be released immediately.**

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45.03 **HERDING TROUT PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful on any trout stream in Arkansas to drive, pursue, harass or rally trout with the use of boats, wading, throwing objects, disturbing with noises, or by any other means for the intended purpose of concentrating or congregating trout.
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45.04 **TRANSFER OF TROUT BY GUIDES RESTRICTED.** It shall be unlawful for licensed Commercial Guides to transfer to any other person his trout catch so that the recipient's legal daily or possession limit is exceeded.
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45.05 **POSSESSION OF FILLETED TROUT PROHIBITED ON LENGTH/SLOT LIMIT WATERS.** It shall be unlawful to possess filleted fish or fish with head or tail removed while fishing from shore, boat, or transporting fish by boat on length/slot limit waters as described in Code 45.02, Trout Possession Limits.
08-04

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45.06 **RAINBOW TROUT RETENTION RESTRICTION.** It shall be unlawful to release a rainbow trout after it has been placed on a stringer, within a fish basket, live well, ice chest or retained by any other device. By such activities, it shall be presumed that the angler intended to retain the trout and count it in the daily fish limit.
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EXCEPTION:

- (1) Rainbow trout exceeding 16 inches in length may be temporarily (not to exceed 30 minutes) retained in a live well only for purposes of measurement, weighing and photographing before release, on Bull Shoals and Norfolk Tailwaters only.

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SPECIFIC TROUT WATER REGULATIONS. It shall be unlawful to fail to comply with each of the listed restrictions pertaining to a specific body of water as described herein:

- (A) Beaver Tailwater (White River from 100 yards below Beaver Dam to boundary signs at Houseman Access).
- (1) No fishing, boating or wading within 100 yards of Beaver Dam.
 - (2) An angler shall use no more than one fishing rod or pole, and must attend it at all times. No other devices shall be used to catch fish other than as specified for the paddlefish-snagging season.
 - (3) Bait fishing allowed only with a single, barbless hooking point only (barbed shaft bait holder hooks allowed).
 - (4) From April 15 through June 15, snagging game fish is legal only from 100 yards below Beaver Dam from the Corps of Engineers "No Fishing Beyond This Point" sign downstream to the first Corps of Engineers boat ramp on the left deciding bank to the first boat-launching ramp. Snagging must cease after half the daily limit of any game fish has been snagged. Snagged fish of any species shall not be released.
 - (5) Special Regulation Area:
Artificial Lures Only Area / No Bait Zone from approximately 0.5 mile below Beaver Dam to approximately 100 yards upstream of Parker Bend Access as indicated by signs.
 - (a) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used. Natural or scented baits are **prohibited**.
 - (b) Chumming is **prohibited**.
- (B) Bull Shoals Tailwater (White River from 100 yards below Bull Shoals Dam to Hwy 58 Bridge at Guion).
- (1) No fishing, boating or wading within 100 yards of Bull Shoals Dam.
 - (2) An angler shall use no more than one fishing rod or pole, and must attend it at all times. No other devices shall be used to catch fish.
 - (3) Special Regulation Areas:
 - (a) Bull Shoals Dam Catch and Release Area – Open to fishing from February 1 - October 31 from 100 yards below Bull Shoals Dam to the upstream boundary of Bull Shoals/White River State Park.
 - (1) All trout caught must be immediately released.
 - (2) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point or a single, barbless treble hook, shall be used. Natural or scented baits are **prohibited**.
 - (3) Chumming is **prohibited**.
 - (b) Bull Shoals Dam Closed Area - the area 100 yards below Bull Shoals Dam to the wing dike at the Bull Shoals/White River State Park Trout Dock. This area is closed to fishing or wading from November 1 - January 31.

- (c) Bull Shoals Dam Seasonal Brown Trout Catch and Release Area, from November 1 - January 31. From the wing dike at Bull Shoals/White River State Park Trout Dock to the downstream boundary of the Bull Shoals/White River State park.
 - (1) All brown trout must be immediately released.
 - (2) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point or a single, barbless treble hook shall be used. Natural or scented baits are **prohibited**.
 - (3) Chumming is **prohibited**.
 - (4) No fishing from 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise.
- (d) Rim Shoals Catch and Release Area (near Cotter), from mouth of Jenkins Creek to the first electric power line downstream.
 - (1) All trout caught must be immediately released.
 - (2) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used. Natural or scented baits are **prohibited**.
 - (3) Chumming is **prohibited**.
- (e) Monkey Island Catch and Release Area (between Reds Landing Access and Chesmond Ferry Access), from the upstream end of Monkey Island to mouth of Moccasin Creek.
 - (1) All trout caught must be immediately released.
 - (2) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used. Natural or scented baits are **prohibited**.
 - (3) Chumming is **prohibited**.
- (f) Sylamore Catch and Release Area (immediately upstream of Jack's Resort) – upstream boundary is downstream of the Mt. Olive Access and the downstream boundary is immediately upstream of Jack's Resort, as indicated by signs.
 - (1) All trout caught must be immediately released.
 - (2) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used. Natural or scented baits are **prohibited**.
 - (3) Chumming is **prohibited**.
- (C) Norfolk Tailwater (North Fork of the White River from 100 yards below Norfolk Dam to the confluence of the White River).
 - (1) No fishing, boating or wading within 100 yards below Norfolk Dam.
 - (2) An angler shall use no more than one fishing rod or pole, and must attend it at all times. No other devices shall be used to catch fish.

- (3) Chain dragging is prohibited. It shall be unlawful to drag chains or other objects from boats, capable of destroying aquatic vegetation.
- (4) Special Regulation Areas:
 - (a) Norfolk Catch and Release Area – from the mouth of Otter Creek to 100 yards above Bill Ackerman/River Ridge Access, as indicated by signs.
 - (1) All trout caught must be immediately released.
 - (2) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used. Natural or scented baits are **prohibited**.
 - (3) Chumming is **prohibited**.
- (D) Greers Ferry Tailwater (Little Red River from 100 yards below Greers Ferry Dam to the Hwy 305 Bridge).
 - (1) No fishing, boating or wading within 100 yards of Greers Ferry Dam.
 - (2) An angler shall use no more than one fishing rod or pole, and must attend it at all times. No other devices shall be used to catch fish.
 - (3) Special Regulation Areas:
 - (a) JFK **Special Regulations** Area (at John F. Kennedy Park below Greers Ferry Dam) – from 100 yards downstream from Greers Ferry Dam to approximately 0.5 miles downstream to the last Greer’s Ferry National Fish Hatchery effluent outfall in John F. Kennedy Park, as indicated by signs.
 - (1) Only artificial lures with barbless hooks shall be used.
 - (2) Natural or scented baits are **prohibited**.
 - (3) Chumming is **prohibited**.
 - (b) Cow Shoals Seasonal Catch and Release Area, from October 1 – December 31. From the head of Cow Shoals to the mouth of Canoe Creek.
 - (1) All trout caught must be immediately released.
 - (2) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used. Natural or scented baits are **prohibited**.
 - (3) Chumming is **prohibited**.
 - (4) Closed to night fishing (one-half hour before sunset to one-half hour before sunrise).
 - (c) Mossy Shoals **Special Regulations** Area – from the head of Dunham Shoals downstream to the end of Mossy Shoals.
 - (1) Only artificial lures with barbless hooks shall be used.
 - (2) Natural or scented baits are **prohibited**.
 - (3) Chumming is **prohibited**.
- (E) Collins Creek (from its source in John F. Kennedy Park below Greers Ferry Dam to the confluence of the Little Red River).
 - (1) An angler shall use no more than one fishing rod or pole, and must attend it at all times. No other devices shall be used to catch fish.

- (2) Catch and Release Stream. All trout caught must be immediately released.
 - (3) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used. Natural or scented baits are **prohibited**.
 - (4) Chumming is **prohibited**.
 - (5) Fishing is limited to youths under age 16 upstream of the wooden vehicle bridge in John F. Kennedy Park.
 - (6) Fishing is allowed from sunrise to sunset.
 - (7) Downstream of the wooden vehicle road bridge in John F. Kennedy Park, anglers with a valid fishing license and a valid trout permit may fish when accompanied by an actively fishing youth under age 16.
- (F) Dry Run Creek (from it's source on the east side of Norfolk National Fish Hatchery below Norfolk Dam to the confluence with the North Fork of the White River).
- (1) An angler shall use no more than one fishing rod or pole, and must attend it at all times. No other devices shall be used to catch fish.
 - (2) Catch and Release Stream. All trout caught must be immediately released.
 - (3) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used. Natural or scented baits are **prohibited**.
 - (4) Chumming is **prohibited**.
 - (5) Fishing is limited to youths under age 16.
 - (6) Fishing is allowed from sunrise to sunset.
 - (7) Fishing from the pier on Dry Run Creek is limited to mobility impaired anglers only.
- (G) Blanchard Spring/Mirror Lake (in Ozark National Forest Blanchard Spring, from its source to the confluence with North Sylamore Creek, including Mirror Lake).
- (1) An angler shall use no more than two fishing rods or poles, and must attend them at all times. No other devices shall be used to catch fish.
- (H) Spring River (Fulton County) from 100 yards below Dam No. 1 at Mammoth Spring State Park to the mouth of Myatt Creek.
- (1) An angler shall use no more than two fishing rods or poles, and must attend them at all times. No other devices shall be used to catch fish.
- (I) Spavinaw Creek (Benton County), from it's source downstream to the Hwy 59 bridge.
- (1) An angler shall use no more than one fishing rod or pole, and must attend it at all times. No other devices shall be used to catch fish.
 - (2) Catch and Release Stream. All trout caught must be immediately released.
 - (3) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used. Natural or scented baits are **prohibited**.
 - (4) Chumming is **prohibited**.

- (J) Narrows Tailwater – Little Missouri River from 100 yards below Narrows Dam (Lake Greeson) downstream to the Low Water Bridge (Hwy 27 bridge).
- (1) An angler shall use no more than two fishing rods or poles, and must attend them at all times. No other devices shall be used to catch fish.
 - (2) Special Regulation Areas:
 - (a) Narrows Catch and Release Area – from 100 yards below Narrows Dam downstream to the upstream boundary of Riverside Park Access.
 - (1) All trout caught must be immediately released.
 - (2) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used. Natural or scented baits are **prohibited**.
 - (3) Chumming is **prohibited**.
 - (b) Narrows **Summer** Catch and Release Area – from May 1 – October 15. Downstream from the upstream boundary of the Riverside Park Access to the gas line crossing above River Ridge Pool.
 - (1) All trout caught must be immediately released.
 - (2) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used. Natural or scented baits are not allowed.
 - (3) Chumming is not allowed.
 - (c) **Narrows Winter Catch and Release Area (Delayed Harvest Area) – from October 16 – April 30. From approximately 300 yards downstream of Hinds Bluff Access to approximately 300 yards upstream of Old Factory Site (Weir #2), as indicated by signs.**
 - (1) **All trout caught must be immediately released.**
 - (2) **Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used. Natural or scented baits are prohibited.**
 - (3) **Chumming is prohibited.**
- (K) Big Spring (at Cotter) from its source to the confluence with the White River.
- (1) Fishing is limited to youths under age 16 and disabled anglers. Youth under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult when fishing. Adult disabled anglers must carry proof that they are 100% permanently and totally disabled (see Code 01.00-C) and possess a valid AGFC sport fishing, lifetime fishing, or combination hunting & fishing license, plus a valid trout permit.
 - (2) An angler may use no more than one fishing rod or pole, and must attend it at all times. No other devices may be used to catch fish.
 - (3) Catch and Release Stream. All fish caught must be released.
 - (4) Only artificial lures with barbless hook(s) may be used. Natural or scented baits are **prohibited**.

- (5) Chumming is **prohibited**.
- (6) Fishing is allowed from sunrise to sunset.
- (7) No fishing in the “swimming hole” at the upstream end of Big Spring, as indicated by signs.
- (8) No motorized boats allowed in Big Spring.
- (9) Fishing derbies must be requested, and permitted in writing by AGFC District 2 fisheries biologist, and can include fishing with natural or scented baits, and harvest of trout.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the rules and regulations approved and adopted by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission as amended in official meeting assembled at Little Rock, Arkansas on August 31, 1981, and subsequent meetings and amendments thereafter and certified to the Secretary of State as provided by law, pursuant to the powers, duties, and authorities in the Commission duly vested by Amendment 35 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas.

Dated this 18th day of February, 2003.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Henderson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Scott Henderson, Director
Arkansas Game and Fish Commission