

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RECREATION AND PUBLIC FISHING AREA

HUNTING INFORMATION

2025 – 2026 Seasons

Deer/Bear - Archery only (Either Sex): September 13, 2025 – January 11, 2026; **Sign-in:** All Archery Deer Hunters must sign in online at gooutdoorsgeorgia.com, on the Outdoors GA App, or at the entrance when they hunt for deer at Rocky Mountain during the 2025 - 2026 Season.

Turkey - Archery only: April 4 - May 15, 2026; **Sign-in:** All archery turkey hunters must sign in online at gooutdoorsgeorgia.com, or on the Outdoors GA App when they hunt for turkey at Rocky Mountain during the 2026 season.

Small Game - Archery only: any small game with an open state season between August 15, 2025 – February 28, 2026 may be taken. **No Sign-in.**

Waterfowl – Teal Season

Heath Lake (Anglers Haven Rd.); State Season; September 13-21, 2025. **No Sign-in.**

Waterfowl - Canada Goose Season

Heath Lake (Anglers Haven Rd.); State Season; September 6-28, 2025; October 11-26, 2025; November 22-30, 2025; December 6, 2025 -January 25, 2026. **No Sign-in.**

Antioch Lake Jan. 1, 2026 to Jan. 25, 2026

Waterfowl - Duck

Antioch Lake (East & West) (Mountain View Dr.); January 1, 2025 -January 25, 2026 (OPEN: Monday-Saturday: CLOSED on Sundays. **No Sign-in.**

Heath Lake (Anglers Haven Rd.); State Season; November 22-30, 2025; December 6, 2025 - January 25, 2026; Shooting hours begin 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. **No Sign-in.**

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 powerhouse. Foot traffic is allowed from Fouche Gap and Sand Springs Road. No parking along Fouche Gap, Sand Springs Road or Big Texas Valley 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**. Waterfowl hunters may enter early through roped gates. All non-campers must be off the area by **SUNSET**. All boats must be off the water by sunset.

Deer, bear and turkey hunters report all harvest information on gooutdoorsgeorgia.com

ATVs are not allowed on the 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, with the exception of the upper and lower reservoir. No wake and idle speed required regardless of boat or motor size. All boats must be off the water by sunset.

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.

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 always be kenneled or kept on a 6-foot leash and attended, 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.

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