

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE:

SUBJECT: Hunting Policy for Coralville Lake USACE Managed Lands

General Hunting Rules and Regulations:

Hunting, fishing, and trapping are permitted in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws except in areas designated as “No Hunting” by the District Engineer. For specific game law information, consult the current Iowa Hunting and Trapping Regulations published by the Department of Natural Resources.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineer’s Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations applies to all project lands and waters owned by the USACE. Below are some of the regulations that are especially important to hunters and trappers on federal land that will be enforced.

The operation of a motorized vehicle (including motorized bicycles) off authorized roadways is prohibited. All vessels that are not in actual use shall be removed from the project unless securely moored at mooring facilities approved by the District Engineer.

Firearms must be kept unloaded and cased while traveling through developed/mowed areas. Entering a closed or “permit only” hunting area with or without a weapon to “drive” wildlife to an open hunting area is prohibited.

Target shooting is prohibited except in designated areas.

The construction, placing, or continued existence of any structure in, on, or over the project lands and/or waters is prohibited unless authorized by a written permit issued from the Coralville Lake Project Office. This regulation makes it unlawful to construct any permanent duck blinds or tree stands. Portable blinds and stands are acceptable but must be marked in accordance with State regulations. Waterfowl blinds must be removed daily. Any stand or blind left against state regulation, will be considered abandoned and are subject to impoundment.

Alterations to vegetation on federal property is not permitted. No vegetation may be cut, and you may not drive or in any other way place any nail, spike, pin or any other metal object into a tree to construct a blind or to provide hunting access to a location above the ground.

Trappers must follow State regulations. Trappers may not molest or disturb any den, lodge, or house of a furbearing animal. Traps and snares must be set or

maintained at least 30 yards away from designated trails and roadways and shall not touch any fencing. All traps must have a metal tag attached that lists the hunter's name and address. Foothold or body-gripping traps may not be used within 20 feet of exposed bait.

Permit and Limited Hunting Zone Information:

USACE has established three "permit only hunting areas" within Coralville Lake. These areas are limited to bow-hunting, trapping, and waterfowl hunting. These areas are delineated as Zone 1 (Dam Complex), Zone 2 (Sugar Bottom), and Zone 3 (Sandy Beach). Hunters that wish to apply for a permit must submit an application. Applications can be submitted from August 1st to September 1st to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Coralville Lake Project
ATTN: Permit Only Hunting
2850 Prairie Du Chien Road NE
Iowa City, IA 52240

Applicants will be chosen on a random basis. Note that a portion of Zone 2 will be limited to wheelchair-bound users only.

Zones may be restricted to hunting for permit holders for select dates, due to special hunts. Permittees will be notified of those dates once they are known. Examples would be Wounded Warrior hunts, Veteran's Hunts, and Wheelin' for Sportsman Events.

Permitted hunters may erect only portable tree stands in these Hunting Zones or use climber stands. All permitted hunters shall permanently attach their issued tag on their tree stand. Any tree stands not tagged will be considered abandoned property and will be removed. Stands may be placed within the Limited Hunting Zone 7 days prior to the start of the season and left 7 days after the season. Hunters are encouraged to use a harness while utilizing their tree stand. Using other hunters tree stands without their permission is not permitted within the Limited Hunting Zones. Bow hunters must be aware that there may be hikers and/or workers in these areas and take caution when making shots.

WATERFOWL INFO:

Within these zones firearms are only allowed within 30 yards of the waters edge (Waterfowl after September 7th) and must always be pointed in a safe direction (over water).