

(3) Hunters will have in their possession at all times their Alabama State license, Fort Rucker permit, and picture ID card. Sportsmen and women must have their Fort Rucker Provost Marshal weapon registration in their vehicle or in a gun case as they travel on the installation with firearms.

Section III

FISHING

3-1. **SEASONS.** All ponds, lakes, and streams, except Buckhorn Lake and those identified as in the impact area in paragraph 1-3a, will be open for fishing 24 hours a day, training activity permitting. Ponds, lakes, and streams may be closed due to military training or a restocking program. Notice will be published on the MWR Web site (<http://rucker.armymwr.com/us/rucker>) of closed ponds or lakes as well as effective dates of closing. Conspicuous signs will be displayed at all ponds or lakes when closed for any purpose.

3-2. **METHODS.**

a. Fishermen will have in their possession at all times their Alabama State fishing license, Fort Rucker fishing permit, and a picture ID card.

b. **Methods of Fishing.** Rod and reel, hook and line, cane pole, and similar methods of fishing are authorized. Fishermen are limited to two fishing poles or rods per person while fishing off of designated fishing piers on Lake Tholocco. Bait restrictions for small lakes and ponds are outlined in paragraph 3-3 below.

c. **Line Fishing.** Trotlines, throw lines, or setlines (to include jugs) are authorized only under the following conditions:

(1) All such lines will be prominently marked with the owner's last name and Fort Rucker hunting/fishing permit number.

(2) Trotlines will be prominently marked at both ends and will not be located on any span that may interfere with other fishermen's lines or watercraft.

(3) All lines will be checked each 12-hour period.

(4) Trotlines are limited to 200 feet in length and not more than 2 lines per individual.

(5) Trotlines and setlines will not be placed in a water ski area, Area 1 (appendix E).

(6) Glass and metal containers are prohibited for jug fishing. All jugs will be marked with the owner's last name and Fort Rucker hunting/fishing permit number. Jugs will be attended to prevent them drifting into recreational areas.

(7) Unmarked lines and improperly set lines will be confiscated by GLE officers or state and federal game wardens.

d. Traps, Seines, and Nets.

(1) The only fish traps authorized in any waters on Fort Rucker are minnow traps with an aperture of 1 inch or less.

(2) Special regulations governing sucker netting are as follows:

(a) Persons participating must comply with the license provisions of paragraph 1-5 and are required to have Fort Rucker fishing permits in their possession.

(b) Rods and reels, hooks and lines, cane poles, spears, gigs, longbows, or firearms are not allowed in boats with, or in the possession of, persons engaged in sucker netting.

(c) All nets will be marked with buoys or floats readily visible above the water line and prominently marked with the owner's last name.

e. Fishing Lake Tholocco.

(1) No fishing in the primary ski area while being used by skiers, tubers, etc.

(2) No fishing within 100 feet around designated swimming areas, except on the West Beach fishing pier.

(3) No fishing on beach areas when open for swimming activities.

(4) No fishing within 50 feet of boat docks.

(5) No fishing within 50 feet of vessel launching areas.

(6) No fishing from a boat within 150 feet of the spillway.

3-3. SPECIAL REGULATIONS APPLYING TO SMALL LAKES AND PONDS.

a. The following regulations apply to Beaver Lake, Buckhorn Lake, Ech Lake, and Parcours Lake on the Fort Rucker military reservation:

(1) Minnows of all types are prohibited.

(2) Seining or netting is prohibited, except for specific military training.

(3) Trotlines and/or jugs are prohibited.

b. Only paddles, oars, and electric motors are allowed as means of boat propulsion on Beaver Lake, Buckhorn Lake, Ech Lake, Parcours Lake, and other waters of the military reservation. The operation of gasoline engines on these four lakes is prohibited. Float tubes or belly boats are authorized for fishing.

- c. Swimming and wading are prohibited in the lakes identified in 3-3.b.
- d. Lake creel limits are posted at Lake Tholocco, Beaver Lake, Buckhorn Lake, Ech Lake, and Parcours Lake. All other manmade lakes will be IAW Alabama law.
- e. Gigging for frogs on ponds open for fishing is permitted if the gig has at least three prongs. A post fishing permit is required.
- f. Parcours Lake is reserved for youth fishing, 15 years of age or younger. Adults may assist youth fishing activities but cannot actively fish themselves.

Section IV

TRAPPING

4-1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE.

- a. This section defines the rules and procedures for trapping on Fort Rucker, Alabama.
- b. The rules and procedures contained herein are designed to supplement and implement the guidelines of USAACE regulations, applicable Alabama state laws, and Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Administrative Code Chapter 220-2. These rules and procedures are applicable to all military and civilian personnel assigned or attached to Fort Rucker and all other patrons who trap on Fort Rucker. This section identifies rules and procedures that shall be adhered to by all individuals that trap on Fort Rucker, as well as the responsibilities for implementation and enforcement.

4-2. RESPONSIBILITIES.

- a. Trappers. Patrons wanting to trap on Fort Rucker will declare those intentions at the ODR office at Lake Tholocco, receive the trapping briefing from the ODR staff, and have trapping authorized on their Fort Rucker hunting permit. Trappers will fully understand and adhere to Fort Rucker regulations and Alabama state laws that govern trapping. Trappers will check traps set in water at least once every 72 hours and check all other types of traps at least once every 24 hours. Trappers shall report the number and types of game trapped to the Fish and Wildlife Section, DPW, at 334-255-1664/2416.
- b. Game Wardens. Fort Rucker game wardens are authorized to enforce all applicable regulations and/or state laws pertaining to trapping on Fort Rucker. They are authorized to take the appropriate action when a trapper has been found in violation of this section, a regulation, or a state law.
- c. Fish and Wildlife Section, DPW. Fort Rucker biologists will maintain annual records of all game trapped on Fort Rucker.
- d. ODR, DFMWR. For patrons declaring their intention to trap on Fort Rucker, ODR staff will annotate trapping authorization on the trapper's Fort Rucker hunting permit, brief the patron on the major rules and procedures of this regulation, and specifically address trapping procedures within the lettered training areas surrounding the cantonment area. ODR will maintain a roster of all trappers registered and