

# PUBLIC FISHING LAKES LICENSE

Non-Resident

Alabama Game, Fish and Wildlife Law; Article 2; beginning with 9-11-53.6

## **PRIVILEGE:**

- In lieu of a non-resident annual fishing license, non-residents may purchase to fish at any WFF Division owned Public Fishing Lake.

## **NOTE:**

- **This license is not valid in any other public reservoirs, lakes, or rivers.**

## **RESTRICTIONS:**

- Valid only at any WFF Division owned Public Fishing Lake (PFL):

Barbour	Coffee	DeKalb	Lamar	Monroe
Bibb	Crenshaw	Escambia	Lee	Pike
Chambers	Dale	Fayette	Madison	Walker
Clay	Dallas	Geneva	Marion	Washington

Note: PFL's in red are currently closed for repairs as of 9/2025.

Check [OutdoorAlabama.com](http://OutdoorAlabama.com) for updates.

## **COST:**

These permits can only be purchased at any of the WFF Division owned PFL's. They are valid in any of the WFF Division owned PFL's, except those listed below.

- Annual license for any PFL's: .....\$15.80
- One day license for any PFL's: .....\$8.80

These permits can be purchased online or at any license agent.

They are valid only in the specific WFF Division owned PFL below.

- One day permit for Specific PFL's:
  - Fayette .....\$5.00
  - Monroe .....\$5.00
  - Washington .....\$5.00
- Annual permit for Specific PFL's (valid Sept 1 to Aug 31 annually):
  - Fayette .....\$30.00
  - Monroe .....\$30.00
  - Washington .....\$30.00

## **HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR LICENSE:**

- Visit the **Montgomery Office** (See address below)
- Mailing a completed application (download at [outdooralabama.com/license-information](http://outdooralabama.com/license-information)) to:
 

Dept. of Conservation, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries, Attn: License Sales:

  - PO Box 301456, Montgomery, AL 36130-1456
  - 64 N Union St., Ste. 567, Montgomery, AL 36104 (overnight/express)



DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
**WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES DIVISION**  
**PUBLIC FISHING LAKES LICENSE**  
 Non-Resident



**LICENSE HOLDER:** all information is required.

**PRINT OR TYPE ONLY INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Male  
 Female

\*Social Security #: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Driver's License State #: \_\_\_\_

Wt. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Ht. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Eyes: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Hair: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Hm \_\_\_\_\_ Wk \_\_\_\_\_ Cl \_\_\_\_\_

Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Public Fishing Lakes Daily License \$ 9.00 [ ] Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Public Fishing Lakes (PFL) Annual License \$15.80 [ ] Valid Sept. 1 – Aug. 31

***This license is valid only in State-owned county Public  
 Fishing Lakes located in the counties below:***

<b>Barbour</b>	<b>Coffee</b>	DeKalb	Lamar	Monroe
Bibb	<b>Crenshaw</b>	<b>Escambia</b>	Lee	Pike
Chambers	Dale	Fayette	Madison	Walker
Clay	Dallas	Geneva	<b>Marion</b>	Washington

***This license is not valid in other public reservoirs, lakes, and rivers.***

Note: PFL's in red are currently closed for repairs as of 9/2025. Check [OutdoorAlabama.com](http://OutdoorAlabama.com) for updates.

Fayette County PFL Daily Fishing Permit \$ 5.00 [ ] Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Fayette County PFL Annual Permit \$ 30.00 [ ] Valid Sept. 1 – Aug. 31

Monroe County PFL Daily Fishing Permit \$ 5.00 [ ] Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Monroe County PFL Annual Permit \$ 30.00 [ ] Valid Sept. 1 – Aug. 31

Washington County PFL Daily Fishing Permit \$ 5.00 [ ] Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Washington County PFL Annual Permit \$ 30.00 [ ] Valid Sept. 1 – Aug. 31

***These specific permits only valid as indicated – not valid at any other PFL.***

*\*Annual permits are available on the collectible hard card*

**Submit:** (1) **completed application**, (2) **check or money order**, and (3) **copy of driver's license** to: Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Div., Attn: License Sales, PO Box 301456, Montgomery, AL 36130-1456, or by walk-in or express mail requests: 64 N Union Street, Suite 567, 36104. Questions: (334) 242-3465 or [dcnr.wfflicense@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:dcnr.wfflicense@dcnr.alabama.gov).

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Check [ ] to be excluded from list sold by DCNR. If blank, you will be included.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*DCNR IS NOW REQUIRED BY SECTION 30-3-194(A) CODE OF ALABAMA 1975 TO COLLECT  
 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS ON ALL RECREATIONAL LICENSES BEING ISSUED/RENEWED.**

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES DIVISION**

**THE NEW 2025-2026 COLLECTIBLE HARD CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE**

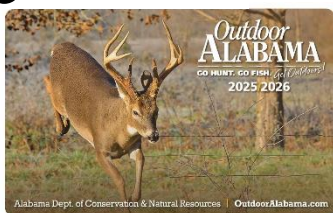
These credit card style cards are a collectible keepsake of your hunting and fishing memories.

- Each card is \$5.00 and should be received shortly after your purchase.
- Select your favorite card or collect them all!
- Your name, information, and annual hunting and fishing privileges will be displayed on the back.

**ONLY SELECTED ANNUAL HUNTING AND FISHING PRIVILEGES CAN BE DISPLAYED.  
 ALL OTHER PRIVILEGES ( TRIPS, ETC.) WILL DISPLAY ON THE PAPER LICENSE.**

Please indicate your choice:

☐ Deer Design



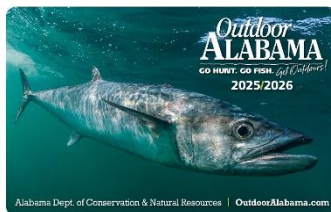
☐ Turkey Design



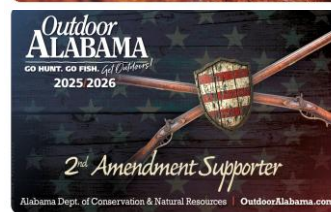
☐ Watchable Wildlife Design



☐ Freshwater Fishing Design



☐ Saltwater Fishing Design



☐ 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Supporter

# Collectible Hard Cards \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5.00 each = TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ROUND-UP YOUR LICENSE COST:**

You can now 'round-up' the total cost of your recreational license purchase to the next dollar and your donation will help support research for wildlife, freshwater or saltwater fishing or shooting sports.

My Total License Cost is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and I would like to round-up to \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my donation to support research for: \$\_\_\_\_ Wildlife \$\_\_\_\_ Freshwater Fish \$\_\_\_\_ Saltwater Fish \$\_\_\_\_ Shooting Sports

**MAKE A 1-TIME DONATION:**

You can make a 1-time donation to help support research. You can select any or all wildlife, freshwater fishing and/or saltwater fishing.

I would like my donation to support research for: \$\_\_\_\_ Wildlife \$\_\_\_\_ Freshwater Fish \$\_\_\_\_ Saltwater Fish \$\_\_\_\_ Shooting Sports

**DID YOU KNOW?:**

- The Division is funded through license sales.
- Each license dollar is matched with federal funds through excise tax on hunting and fishing equipment.
- The Nongame Wildlife Program bringing bald eagles, ospreys, bluebirds, and many other nongame wildlife species back to Alabama is just one success made possible by donations.

***Your support is valuable in promoting wise stewardship, management, and enjoyment of our natural resources.***

***If you would like any of these options, complete that section and attach to your application.***

***Payment for license and optional items can be included in one check or money order.***

## *Public Fishing Lakes License – Non-Resident*

Code of Alabama

[www.legislature.state.al.us](http://www.legislature.state.al.us)**Section 9-11-55.4****NONRESIDENT STATE LAKE FISHING LICENSE**

Effective with the license year beginning September 1, 2014, a nonresident of any state who fishes the state public fishing lakes owned and operated by the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries may purchase an alternative license to the nonresident freshwater fishing license to be known as the nonresident state lake fishing license for a fee of five dollars (\$5) per day or ten dollars (\$10) per license year, plus the same issuance fees, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68.

**Section 9-11-55.1**

**NONRESIDENT FRESHWATER FISHING LICENSES - USE OF CERTAIN  
TROT LINES PROHIBITED; INSPECTION OF PERMISSIBLE TROT LINES  
REQUIRED; PENALTIES**

- (a) Nonresidents fishing in the public waters of the State of Alabama pursuant to those licenses provided for by Sections 9-11-55 or 9-11-56, are hereby prohibited from taking or attempting to take fish from said waters by means of one or more trotlines having a combination of more than 100 hooks. Said nonresidents are required to inspect permissible trotlines at least once each day.
- (b) Any person who violates the provisions of this section, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

**Section 9-11-68****COST ADJUSTMENTS - HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES**

Beginning with the license year October 1, 2010, and each license year thereafter, those license fees and issuance fees specified in Act 2007-418 shall be subject to a possible cost adjustment based on the following procedure: By the end of November of 2009, and each November thereafter, the Director of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, with the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, may submit to the Chair of the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources, a recommendation of an increase in both the license fees and issuance fees for the licenses, based on the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) (All Items - U.S. City Average) maintained by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the immediately preceding yearly period of October to October, rounded down to the nearest nickel. The recommendation shall be subject to the approval of the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources on or before the end of March of each year. If the increase is approved by the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources, the board through its secretary, by the end of March of each year, shall submit the board's recommendation to the Chair of the Legislative Council, for the Legislative Council's review and approval. In the event the recommendation is not disapproved by the Legislative Council by the end of April of each year, the recommendation of the board shall be deemed to be approved. In the event one or more years elapses during which there is no adjustment as provided for herein, the same procedure may be followed to obtain a net cumulative increase since the previous increase.

**Section 9-11-87****MEANS OF CATCHING GAME FISH GENERALLY**

It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch or kill or attempt to take, catch or kill any game fish by any other means than ordinary hook and line, artificial lure, troll or spinner in any of the public waters of this state. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00.

**Regulation 220-2-.34****GAME FISH DESIGNATED**

The following shall be named and designated as game fish: All members of the sunfish family (Centrarchidae) to include: Black Bass - largemouth, smallmouth, spotted, Alabama, shoal, and those species formerly known as "redeye" bass, which are now known separately as Coosa, Warrior, Cahaba, Tallapoosa, and Chattahoochee bass, based on their respective drainages. The Alabama bass was formerly known as spotted bass in the Mobile drainage. Bream - rock bass, flier, shadow bass, warmouth, redbreast, bluegill, longear, and redear (shellcracker). Crappie - black and white crappie. All members of the temperate bass family (Moronidae) to include: Temperate Bass - saltwater striped, white, and yellow bass and any hybrids thereof. All members of the pike family (Esocidae) to include: Pickerel - chain, redbfin, and grass pickerel. The following members of the perch family (Percidae): Perch

– sauger (jack), walleye, and yellow perch. The following members of the trout family (Salmonidae): Trout - rainbow trout.

### **Regulation 220-2-.36 STATE-OWNED PUBLIC FISHING LAKES**

(1) Definition of State-Owned Public Fishing Lakes-The words "state-owned public fishing lakes" shall include and embrace all land and water under the direct supervision of the Fisheries Section of the Game and Fish Division.

The lakes are as follows:

- Barbour County Public Lake
- Bibb County Public Lake
- Chambers County Public Lake
- Clay County Public Lake
- Coffee County Public Lake
- Crenshaw County Public Lake
- Dallas County Public Lake
- Dale County Public Lake
- DeKalb County Public Lake
- Fayette County Public Lake
- Geneva County Public Lake
- Leon Brooks Hines Public Lake (Escambia County)
- Lamar County Public Lake
- Lee County Public Lake
- Madison County Public Lake
- Marion County Public Lake
- Monroe County Public Lake
- Pike County Public Lake
- Walker County Public Lake
- Washington County Public Lake (J. Emmett Wood)

(2) Permit Required to Fish in State-Owned Public Fishing Lakes - Any person 12 years old or older who fishes, takes, catches, or attempts to fish, take, or catch fish in or from any state-owned or state-operated public fishing lake must have a valid permit in possession.

(3) It shall be a violation of this regulation for any person to leave a child under 12 years of age unaccompanied by an adult at any state-owned public fishing lake, and it shall also be a violation of this regulation for any child under 12 years of age to be at any state owned public fishing lake unaccompanied by an adult.

(4) Daily Creel, Possession Limits and Size Limits for Game Fish in State-Owned Public Lakes - The daily creel, possession and size limits for game fish and catfish in state-owned public fishing lakes shall be as posted at each lake. Creel, possession and size limits for fish not posted shall be the same as provided for all public waters of this State.

(5) Time to Fish - Fishing in state-owned fishing lakes shall be limited to daylight hours, unless additional hours are posted, or as specified by an agent of the Commissioner, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(6) Fishing in State-Owned Public Fishing Lakes Regulated

- (a) No method other than hook and line with natural or artificial bait may be used to take or attempt to take fish from state-owned public fishing lakes except by special written permission of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources. Nothing in the regulation permits the taking of fish by "snagging," "snatching," trot lines, set hooks or jug fishing in the above mentioned areas.

- (b) A person fishing shall upon demand exhibit his catch, fishing permit and fishing license to any Conservation Officer, concessionaire, or other agent or employee of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for inspection.
- (c) All fish taken from the lake must be counted and weighed by the concessionaire unless the concessionaire is absent.
- (d) No species of fish shall be stocked in the state-owned public fishing lakes unless introduced by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- (7) **Unlawful to Sell Fish Taken from State-Owned Public Fishing Lakes.** It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer to sell, or use for any commercial purpose any fish, regardless of species or kind, taken from any of the state-owned public fishing lakes unless expressly permitted in writing by the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- (8) **Use of Minnows for Bait in State-Owned Public Fishing Lakes Regulated -** Live minnows used for bait in any state public fishing lake shall be limited to the following species: Goldfish minnows, commonly called "Indiana" minnows; golden shiners, commonly called "Shiners," and fathead minnows, commonly called "Toughies." No person shall release in any state-owned public fishing lake any minnow whatsoever, either dead or alive, by emptying from a minnow bucket or any other method. All minnow buckets or other receptacles for holding minnows used at state-owned public fishing lakes shall at all times be open to inspection by Conservation Officers, concessionaires, or other agents or employees of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- (9) It shall be unlawful to operate any size gasoline powered outboard motor on the state-owned public fishing lakes except where expressly permitted as posted. Where gasoline powered outboard motors are allowed, they shall be operated only at slow trolling speed creating no wake. It shall be unlawful to operate such motors at any speed greater than trolling speed.
- (10) **No Camping -** There shall be no camping on state-owned public fishing lake land unless by special permission of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- (11) **No Swimming or Wading -** There shall be no swimming or wading in the State-owned public fishing lakes.
- (12) **Personal Injuries or Accidents -** The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall not be responsible for any accident or injury to any person while on public fishing lake property or when utilizing the public lake facilities. Any person coming within the boundaries of the state-owned public lakes shall, by such entrance or use, waive any claim against the State or its agents for any accident or injury occurring while on or within public lake property.
- (13) It shall be unlawful to use sailboats in public fishing lakes operated by the Game and Fish Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. It shall be unlawful to use any other type of boat on said lakes for any purpose other than fishing.
- (14) It shall be a violation of this regulation to launch any boat on said lakes without first obtaining a launching permit and such fishing permits as may be required at each lake.
- (15) **State Laws Applicable -** All state laws now in force and laws, which may hereinafter be enacted by the Legislature, shall be maintained in the public lake areas.
- (16) **Conduct at State-Owned Public Fishing Lakes -** Any person, who conducts himself or herself in an unruly or disorderly manner in any public lake area, and any person, who so conducts himself or herself in a manner which will tend to annoy or disturb any visitor or employee, shall be in violation of this regulation. Any person in violation of this regulation shall not be entitled to a refund of any fee or rental.
- (17) **Soliciting or Advertising in State Lake Areas -** No person shall solicit, sell or advertise in any public area without the written authorization of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- (18) **Removal of Shrubs or Wild Flowers -** In order to protect all native, wild or domesticated trees, shrubs, plants, and flowers from destruction and to conserve the same, it is hereby made unlawful for any person to cut, destroy, damage or remove any such tree, bush, shrub, plant or flower growing in any public lake area. Any person, who willfully destroys, cuts, or breaks or removes any such tree, shrub, bush, plant or flower growing in any public



lake area, shall be in violation of this regulation unless given special permission to do so from the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.

- (19) Defacing or Destroying State Property - Any person who litters, defaces or destroys any real or personal property in any of the public lake areas of Alabama and any property belonging to the State of Alabama in any of the public lake areas, shall be in violation of this regulation.
- (20) State-Owned Public Fishing Lake Land Designated as Wildlife Sanctuaries - It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, trap, pursue, catch or kill, or attempt to hunt, trap, pursue, catch or kill any wild bird or wild animal or possess any firearm, except handguns lawfully possessed for personal protection, or bow and arrow in any of the places herein mentioned without special permission of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- (21) Speed Limits for Vehicles - The maximum speed limit for any power driven vehicles shall be 25 miles per hour unless otherwise specified by signs. All motorists shall come to a complete stop before crossing any intersection in any public lake area. This maximum speed limit shall be reduced as is reasonable when driving through any congested area; and when any person is driving through any congested area in the public lake area, he shall exercise every caution possible.
- (22) Only licensed vehicles shall be allowed on public lake roads; no off road traffic shall be permitted.
- (23) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to consume alcoholic beverages at any public fishing lake during the hours of operation.
- (24) It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to catch, take or attempt to take or catch fish, by any means whatsoever, in the ponds and lakes located on the fish hatcheries operated by the Game and Fish Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; provided however, this provision shall not apply to that lake known as Perry Lake.
  - (a) It shall be a violation of this regulation for any person to harass any such hatchery fish or to stock or release any fish into any such hatchery pond or lake.
  - (b) It shall be unlawful for any person
    - 1. to swim or wade in any pond or lake located on said hatcheries,
    - 2. to camp on said hatcheries without the special permission of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources,
    - 3. to solicit, sell or advertise in any public area of said hatcheries without the written authorization of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources,
    - 4. to cut, destroy, damage or remove any tree, shrub, bush, plant or flower growing on any such hatchery,
    - 5. to litter, deface or destroy any real or personal property belonging to or operated by the State of Alabama on said hatcheries, or
    - 6. to operate any motor vehicle on said hatcheries except as same is permitted by, and in accordance with, signs posted thereon.
  - (c) All state-owned and/or operated fish hatcheries are designated as Wildlife Sanctuaries, and it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, trap, pursue, catch or kill or attempt to hunt, trap, pursue, catch or kill any wild bird or wild animal on any such hatchery without the special permission of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.