



GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Field Operations

Weekly Report
September 24 – September 30, 2017

This report is a broad sampling of events that have taken place in the past week, but does not include all actions taken by the Law Enforcement Division.



Region I- Acworth (Northwest)

FLOYD COUNTY

On September 30th, Corporal Ben Cunningham and Game Warden Kalem Burns were patrolling Rocky Mountain Public Fishing Area (PFA) when they received information from the Park Manager that there may be alcohol at one of the tent campsites due to information from a Facebook post. The game wardens investigated campsite and talked to the campers and found the claims to be unfounded. While searching the area, the game wardens noticed a large bottle of vodka on a picnic table in front of another campsite. Upon further inspection the game wardens found multiple bottles of liquor and several types of beer and wine. At the time only one person was at the campsite and the rest of the group was out kayaking on the lake. The person at the campsite claimed that they did not know that alcohol was not allowed on the PFA and that most of the alcohol belonged to other members of the family camping with them. At this time, members of the family who were kayaking began to filter back to the campsite, with some members having additional alcohol on the kayak with them. The game wardens confiscated all the alcohol and dealt with the situation accordingly.

GORDON COUNTY

On September 25th, Game Warden Cpl. Shawn Elmore and Game Warden Nolan Callaway presented a Wildlife fur presentation to all 7th grade Science classes at Red Bud Middle School. The Wardens talked about the ecosystem and how each animal had a specific niche within the ecosystem. The students were very inquisitive and said they learned a lot from these presentations.



Game Warden Nolan Callaway conducts an information and education wildlife program at Red Bud Middle School with Game Warden Cpl. Shawn Elmore.

BARTOW COUNTY

On September 30th, Cpl. Byron Young patrolled Western Bartow County. While on patrol three hunters were issued citations for hunting doves out of season. Cpl. Young also checked a bow hunter and issued a warning for hunting big game over bait.

CHEROKEE COUNTY

On September 30th, Cpl. Bart Hendrix and Warden Frank Pucci worked the Fall Hunting Event at Cabelas in Acworth. The Wardens answered questions on hunting, fishing and boating laws. The Wardens also spoke to several individuals interested in a career as a Game Warden.

Region II- Gainesville (Northeast)

WHITE COUNTY

On September 24th, RFC Joe Hill received a complaint in reference to a possible illegal bear kill on the rifle hunt on the Chattahoochee Wildlife Management Area (WMA). The Game Warden met with the subject that harvested the bear and found the bear did not meet the minimum weight requirement of 75 pounds to be a legal bear kill. RFC Hill issued the subject a citation for killing an undersized bear and seized the bear as evidence.

On September 30th, Sgt. Steve Seitz, Cpl. Anne Wiley, RFC Joe Hill, RFC Chad Chambers, and Ranger Tommy Crabb conducted a wildlife checkpoint on Chattahoochee WMA. During the course of this checkpoint, the Game Wardens checked numerous hunters and WMA visitors. One bear hunter came through the checkpoint and asked to have a bear he harvested tagged. Upon investigation into the subject's resident hunting and resident big game license, the Game Wardens found that the subject was a resident of Wisconsin. The bear was seized as evidence and citations were issued for nonresident hunting with a resident license and nonresident hunting without a nonresident big game license. Another adult male was arrested for driving under the influence, driving with invalid driver's license, and possession of open container. His vehicle was impounded and towed. White County Sheriff's Department assisted in the arrest and transported the adult male to the White County Detention Center.

Region III- Thomson (East Central)

NEWTON

On September 23rd Ranger Dan Schay was patrolling private property due to a hunting without permission complaint. Two subjects were found to be hunting without permission. Violations of hunting without permission, hunting without a license, and hunting without a big game license were documented.

GREENE COUNTY

On September 23rd, Cpl. Derrell Worth completed two investigations and cited one subject for hunting on a closed WMA (Oconee Wildlife Management Area) and cited one subject for hunting without permission and his companion for criminal trespass.

Region IV- Macon (West Central)

No activity to report.

Region V- Albany (Southwest)

DECATUR COUNTY

On September 18th, Cpl. Tony Cox and Game Warden David Jones finished an extensive investigation related to illegal dumping on Silver Lake WMA. Following several interviews, two suspects were issued citations for dumping household furniture on Silver Lake WMA.

On September 23rd, Cpl. Tony Cox and Game Warden David Jones were patrolling Lake Seminole when they encountered a subject waterfowl hunting. Two dead wood ducks were located around the subjects decoys. The subject was issued a citation for hunting wood ducks out of season.

SEMINOLE COUNTY

On September 21st, Cpl. Jon Penuel and Game Warden First Class Steve Thomas were patrolling the Chattahoochee River in Seminole County when they observed the occupants of a vessel hunting alligators along the Georgia bank. The subjects were found to be Florida residents and were issued citations for hunting alligators out of season and hunting without a license.

Region VI- Metter (Southeast)

JEFF DAVIS COUNTY

On September 30, 2017 RFC Bobby Sanders patrolled Bullard Creek WMA during the Primitive Weapons Check-In Hunt. Several hunter's licenses were inspected and no violations were detected.

Region VII- Brunswick (Coastal)

No activity to report.