



# GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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## LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Field Operations

**Weekly Report**  
**April 15 – April 21, 2018**

**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)**

### **CARROLL COUNTY**

April 15<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Eric Brown and GWFC Daniel Gray patrolled on Lake Seaton, Lake Carroll and one property where a landowner had been having a problem with people fishing without permission. During the patrol Game Wardens checked 10 people fishing and 2 vessels. 3 individuals were charged for fishing w/o permission and one individual was charged for fishing w/o license.

April 21<sup>st</sup>, GWFC Daniel Gray patrolled Lake Paradise and Lake Carroll. During the patrol 9 individuals were checked fishing. 1 warning was issued for fishing w/o license.

April 20<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Brooks Varnell and Cadet Garrett Pownall checked Lake Carroll, Lake Paradise and Lake Seaton for fishing violations. The two game wardens checked 13 license and issued 2 citations and 4 warnings.

### **PAULDING COUNTY**

April 16<sup>th</sup>, GWFC Daniel Gray patrolled on Paulding Forest WMA and Sheffield WMA. During the patrol one hunter was checked and was issued a warning for failure to sign-in.

### **DOUGLAS COUNTY**

April 18<sup>th</sup>, GWFC Daniel Gray patrolled Sweetwater Creek State Park. During the patrol Gray checked 4 individuals fishing. One warning was issued for fishing w/o license.

April 20<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Brooks Varnell and Cadet Garrett Pownall patrolled Sweetwater Creek State Park. They checked 7 fishing licenses and issued 4 warnings.

April 21<sup>st</sup>, Cpl. Chad Cox and Cadet Garrett Pownall patrolled Sweetwater Creek State Park. The game wardens checked 16 fishing license and issued 1 warning for fishing without a license.

### **HARALSON COUNTY**

April 21<sup>st</sup>, GWFC Daniel Gray patrolled in Haralson County to check for turkey hunting activity. During the patrol Gray checked 3 hunters and issued 1 warning for failure to report turkey harvest.

### **FLOYD COUNTY**

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, CPL Ben Cunningham, GWFC Roger McConkey, and GW Cadet Jeffery Turner hosted two young hunters at Berry College for a Turkey Hunt with a Game Warden. The game wardens had a successful hunt. Having a successful hunt is not about the kill or harvest but all about the experience. Both of these young hunters thoroughly enjoyed their hunting experience with the game wardens.. A special thanks to Berry College for hosting the youth hunts for the las three years.

### **CATOOSA COUNTY**

On April 16<sup>th</sup>, GW Travis Shrader presented a program using the department furs to middle schoolers at Heritage Middle School. GW Shrader taught the kids about local wildlife of the area.

## **Region II- Gainesville (Northeast)**

No activity to report.

## **Region III- Thomson (East Central)**

### **NEWTON COUNTY**

Between April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, Game Warden Dan Schay patrolled Newton county for hunting and fishing activity and violations of fishing without license on person, unlawful enticement of game, and fishing without a license were documented.

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Game Wardens Dan Schay, Ricky Boles, John Rhodes, and CPL Derrell Worth assisted with a search and rescue operation in Newton County.

### **GREENE COUNTY**

Over the week of April 21<sup>st</sup>, Cpl. Derrell Worth cited one subject for hunting turkey over bait, two subjects fishing without permission, four subjects for fishing without a license, and one subject for V.G.C.S.A. marijuana.

### **HANCOCK COUNTY**

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, Game Warden Jason Harrison and CPL David Allen Patrolled Hancock County for Turkey Hunting and Fishing Activity. Violations for Hunting Big Game Over Bait, and Illegal Enticement of Game were Documented.

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, CPL David Allen patrolled Hancock County for Fishing Activity. A Violation for failure to obey regulatory marker was documented.

### **MORGAN COUNTY**

During the week of April 20<sup>th</sup>, Game Wardens Matt Garthright, David Allen, Derrell Worth, Ricky Boles, Dan Schay, John Rhodes and Jason Harrison assisted in a man hunt for a murder suspect in and around Hard Labor Creek State Park.

### **CLARKE COUNTY**

On April 21<sup>st</sup> GWFC Tim Butler patrolled local fishing locations. Violations encountered during the patrol were operating a vessel with insufficient pfd's, allowing an underage child to ride in a moving vessel without wearing a pfd, possession of illegal size fish, and fishing without a license.

### **OCONEE COUNTY**

On April 18<sup>th</sup> CPL Julian Wilkins, GWFC Tim Butler, and GWFC Phillip Nelson attended the Law Enforcement Day at the Watkinsville Campus of North Georgia College.

### **OGLETHORPE COUNTY**

On April 20<sup>th</sup> GWFC Tim Butler and Cadet Tray Paulk attended the Oglethorpe County Primary School career day program. The game wardens talked to several classes about boating safety and the job duties of game wardens.

## **Region IV- Macon (West Central)**

No activity to report.

## **Region V- Albany (Southwest)**

### **CRISP COUNTY**

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, Game Wardens Clint Martin and Dean Gibson were conducting a boating safety patrol on Lake Blackshear when they observed a vessel with possible engine trouble. The officers made contact with the operator to see if he needed any assistance and found him to be impaired. The operator of the vessel was arrested and charged with boating under the influence.

### **BROOKS COUNTY**

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, Game Warden Tommy Daughtrey checked a subject hunting turkey in an area that was baited with cracked corn and grain sorghum. The subject was charged with hunting turkey over bait.

Also on the 21<sup>st</sup>, Game Warden Daughtrey checked several anglers at the Little River. Three subjects were cited for fishing without a license. One subject was also charged with operating a vessel without life jackets and expired registration.

## **Region VI- Metter (Southeast)**

### **DODGE COUNTY**

On April 21<sup>st</sup> Corporal Dan Stiles and Game Warden Chris Thompson patrolled the Dodge County Public Fishing Area. Several anglers were checked for license and creel limit compliance and three vessels were checked for registration and boating safety equipment. One violation was documented for fishing with more than two poles on a Public Fishing Area.

### **TELFAIR COUNTY**

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, Ranger First Class (RFC) Rodney Horne conducted an investigation on a poacher for hunting turkeys without permission. In conclusion, the poacher was cited for one count of hunting turkeys without permission on lands of another.

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, Game Wardens Allen Mills and Chris Thompson responded to a complaint of hunting turkeys over bait. The wardens arrived on scene and located the suspect's vehicle. After a short foot patrol, the two suspects were located, separated, and questioned. The suspects were in a blind over bait and one of the violators killed three Gobblers. The Game Wardens also discovered one of the suspects had taken a gobbler back on March 28<sup>th</sup> and had not recorded his harvest. Citations were issued and three gobblers were confiscated.



*Turkey Bait ( Grain Sorghum, millet, and crack corn)*



*Three Gobblers taken over bait.*

### **WHEELER COUNTY**

On April 16<sup>th</sup>, Ranger First Class (RFC) Rodney Horne was on patrol attempting to locate turkey hunting activity and hog hunting activity in a high-profile area. RFC Horne stopped one person who threw an empty bag that had contained marijuana onto the dirt road. RFC documented violations for littering and for operating with an expired tag.

### **LAURENS COUNTY**

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, Ranger First Class (RFC) Rodney Horne conducted a Public Fishing Area (PFA) patrol on the Hugh Gillis PFA. RFC Horne stopped a vessel with an expired registration. RFC Horne document two violations on the angler for fishing without a license and for operating a vessel with an expired registration.

### **EFFINGHAM COUNTY**

On April 19<sup>th</sup> Game Warden First Class Jordan Crawford concluded an investigation that led to one hunter being cited for failure to record a turkey harvest that the hunter had taken several weeks earlier.

### **TATTNALL COUNTY**

On April 21<sup>st</sup> Game Warden Clint Jarriel investigated a turkey that was killed a week prior. Game Warden Clint Jarriel traveled to the subject's residence and after a brief interview, the violation for failing to report harvest was documented.

### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

On April 21<sup>st</sup> Game Wardens Clint Jarriel and Bobby Sanders were patrolling landings on the Altamaha River. While at the 221 Uvalda Landing an individual allowing children under the age of 13 to ride in a vessel without life jackets on was encountered. The violation was documented.

## **Region VII- Brunswick (Coastal)**

No activity to report.