



2023 Early Teal/Goose Season Hunting Rules for Lake Lanier

1. All state and federal waterfowl regulations apply on Lake Lanier (**see [Late Season Migratory Bird Regulations](#)**). The 2023 early Canada goose season for Lake Lanier is September 2 – 24 and October 7 – 22, 2023. The 2023 early Teal season is September 9 – 24, 2023. **Hunting hours are from 30 minutes before sunrise to 10:00 AM daily during September.** Hunting hours are from 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset each day after September. The bag limit is 5 geese per day (15 in possession). The bag limit for teal is 6 per day (18 in possession) during the early teal season.
2. License requirements for hunters found at GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com.
3. Goose and teal hunting is allowed on Lake Lanier with the following exceptions:
 - **No hunting allowed within 600 feet of any dock, house, structure, bridge, road, boat ramp, marina, or open recreation area.**
4. Goose and teal hunting are allowed during the early seasons listed above in the following **closed campgrounds**: starting October 15: Sawnee, and Duckett Mill. Also, goose hunting is allowed during the October season listed above in the following closed campgrounds starting October 19: Bald Ridge and Bolding Mill.
5. Goose and teal hunting is allowed in the **closed portion** of the following **Day Use Recreation Areas** during the early seasons as listed above: Mountain View, Belton Bridge, Robinson Park, and Lumpkin County Park. Also, goose hunting is allowed during the October season in the following parks: Lanier Park (located in Gwinnett County), Long Hollow, and Keith's Bridge
6. Firearms must be unloaded and cased when transported in a boat or through an open recreation area or open boat ramp.
7. Temporary hunting blinds may be constructed, but must be removed completely at the end of each day. No vegetation may be cut or removed on Corps of Engineers property for any reason.
8. No other hunting is allowed at any time on Lake Lanier except by special permit. The procedures outlined above are necessary for safety and to reduce conflicts with other lake users. Failure to comply with these regulations will constitute hunting without permission and will result in a citation by a state or federal ranger. Contact the Georgia Wildlife Resources Division at (770) 535-5700 or the US Army Corps of Engineers at (770) 945-9531 for more information.