

Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY STATEMENT**

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The intent of this OIR is to insure uniformity statewide in regards to checking individuals for a Weapons Carry License. A carry license holder may possess/carry a weapon in all parks, historic sites, or recreational areas, including all publicly owned buildings located in such parks, historic sites, and recreation areas, in wildlife management areas, in public fishing areas, and on public transportation, provided that a person shall not carry a handgun into a place where it's prohibited by federal law.

Any person with a valid hunting/fishing license and is legally hunting, fishing, or sport shooting is not required to have a carry license to carry a weapon provided they have permission from the land owner.

The mere possession of a weapon in any of the above-mentioned areas does not constitute a basis to check for a weapons carry license. An officer may check for a weapons carry license when he or she is able to articulate why there was sufficient reasoning to question if the subject is legally carrying a weapon. On a state park or historic site, if the individual is unable or refuses to produce a weapons carry license when asked, the officer may charge the individual with possession of a firearm on a state park (12-3-10.)

When an officer feels the necessity to ask for a weapons carry license, he or she may temporarily seize the weapon, but must be able to articulate that the suspect is dangerous and the suspect may gain immediate control of the weapon. (The State v. Jones, 289 Ga. App. 176 (2008))

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