

Introduction to *Arkansas Slot Machine Casino Gambling 2017*

Arkansas slot machine casino gambling currently does not exist. By state law, gambling establishments and devices are prohibited. However, while this state is very restrictive towards gambling, it is not entirely so.

Lotteries are prohibited. Sports and games betting are banned. With regards to card games, betting can result in fines not less than \$10 and not more than \$25.

State law allows for certain electronic games of skill, if approved by local municipalities. These casino-style games are offered at two locations along with horse and dog racing. At these two racinos, only pari-mutuel wagering is allowed.

These two racinos are located at Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs and Southland Park in West Memphis. Table games include poker, let it ride, and three card poker. The electronic games offered include video poker, video blackjack, and slot machines requiring skill.

These skill slots provide two opportunities to spin the reels, where the player's skill is required when determining which and how many of the multiple reels are to be re-spun.

This post continues the weekly blog series "[*Slot Machine Casino Gambling, State-By-State*](#)", a year-long online resource project dedicated to guiding slot machine gambling enthusiasts to success.

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Arkansas slot machine casino gambling: The great state of Arkansas.[/caption]

Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling in Arkansas*

In Arkansas, the minimum age for gambling is:

- Twenty-one (21) years of age for gambling via slots
- Eighteen (18) years of age for gambling via pari-mutuel wagering

Per state law, all electronic games of skill are required to provide at least a minimum return of 83%. From July 2015 thru June 2016, the average gaming machine's return for both racinos was

approximately 93%.

Electronic gaming machines were permitted after the state legislature passed the Local Option Horse Racing and Greyhound Racing Electronic Games of Skill Act of 2005.

The “Games of Skill” legislation is also known as Act 1151 of 2005, and has been designated as Arkansas Code Ann. Section 23-113-101 thru Section 23-113-604.

For those interested in Bingo and Raffles gaming regulations, see Arkansas’ [Charitable Bingo and Raffles Enabling Act](#) of 2007.

*The purpose of this section is to inform the public of state gambling laws and how the laws apply to various forms of gambling. This information is not intended to provide legal advice.



Arkansas slot machine casino gambling: Greyhound Racing.[/caption]

Slot Machine Private Ownership in Arkansas

All slot machines are legal to privately own.

Gaming Control Board in Arkansas

The state authority for gaming resides with the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration (DFA). Per the state government’s website, the legislation’s Electronic Games of

Skill Section is responsible for the overall compliance and regulatory processes involved with the expanded “Games of Skill” activity including the following:

- Development of rules and standards for operation of expanded gaming.
- Employment of personnel to conduct the compliance and regulatory duties.
- Oversight as to the proper operation of gaming devices.
- Audit/review of established procedures for daily gaming operations.
- Review/calculation of proper state “privilege fee” as established by law.

Finally, the DFA offers a Voluntary Disclosure Program. Guidelines for Voluntary Disclosure Applicants can be found on the [DFA’s state website](#).



Arkansas slot machine casino gambling: The fall season in Arkansas.[/caption]

Casinos in Arkansas

Arkansas’ two racinos have more than 2,651 skill slots and gaming machines. These two racinos are on opposite sides of the state from each other. Both have a rich and interesting history going back over 100 years.

[Oaklawn Park Racing & Gaming](#)

- Address: 2705 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, AR

- Gaming Machines: 1150
- Focus: Horse Racing
- Hours of Operation: Open until 3 a.m. nightly & 4 a.m. on weekends
- Square Feet: 35,000

[Southland Park Gaming & Racing](#)

- Address: 1550 North Ingram Boulevard, West Memphis, AR
- Gaming Machines: 1501
- Poker Tables: 6
- Focus: Dog Racing
- Hours of Operation: Open 24 hours
- Square Feet: 41,000



Arkansas slot machine casino gambling: Horse Racing in Arkansas.[/caption]

Summary of Arkansas Slot Machine Casino Gambling 2017

For *Arkansas slot machine casino gambling*, casino establishments and devices are prohibited along with lotteries as well as sports and games betting. However, some forms of gambling are permitted, including limited table games, electronic games of skill, and pari-mutuel wagering of dog and horse races.

Table games include poker, let it ride, and three card poker. The electronic games offered include video poker, video blackjack, and slot machines requiring skill.

The state's two racinos are located on opposite sides of the state. Oaklawn Park is in Hot Springs, while Southland Park is in West Memphis.

Professor Slots Video on *Arkansas Slot Machine Casino Gambling 2017*

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- Next: [Arizona Slot Machine Casino Gambling 2017](#) - Arizona slot machine casino gambling includes 34 tribal casinos and pari-mutuel facilities with more than 18,155 slots and gaming machines along with 383 table games. In 1993, Arizona's Governor legalized the state's tribes to offer slot machines. All Arizona casinos offer slots, video poker, and video keno.