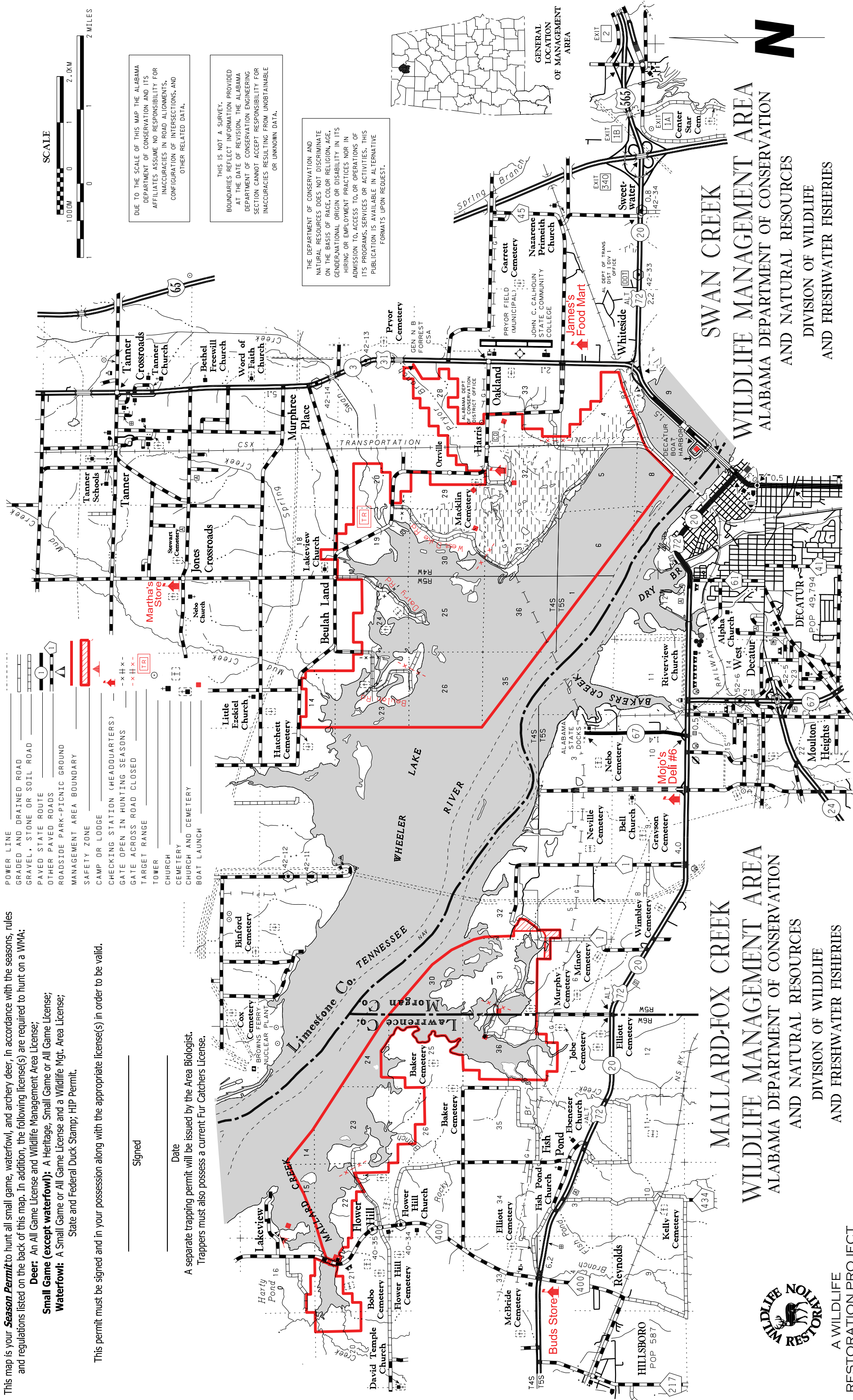


This map is your **Season Permit** to hunt all small game, waterfowl, and archery deer, in accordance with the seasons, rules and regulations listed on the back of this map. In addition, the following license(s) are required to hunt on a WMA:

- Deer:** An All Game License and Wildlife Management Area License;
- Small Game (except waterfowl):** A Heritage, Small Game or All Game License;
- Waterfowl:** A Small Game or All Game License and a Wildlife Mgt. Area License; State and Federal Duck Stamp; HIP Permit.

This permit must be signed and in your possession along with the appropriate license(s) in order to be valid.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
A separate trapping permit will be issued by the Area Biologist.  
Trappers must also possess a current Fur Catchers License.



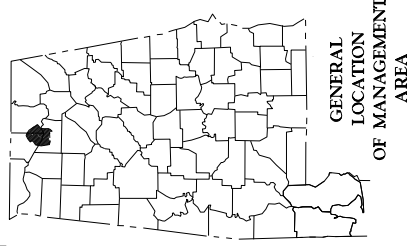
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GENERAL LOCATION OF MANAGEMENT AREA

**SWAN CREEK**  
**WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**  
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
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DIVISION OF WILDLIFE  
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**MALLARD-FOX CREEK**  
**WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**  
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A WILDLIFE RESTORATION PROJECT

**SWAN CREEK & MALLARD FOX CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS  
(Limestone, Morgan & Lawrence Counties)  
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE & FRESHWATER FISHERIES  
Hunting Regulations – September 2017- August 2018**

**PERMITS:** A season permit is required for all hunting and trapping. Season waterfowl, small game, and archery deer map/permits may be obtained J.C.'s Gun and Tackle, 1650 Jordan Lane, NW, Huntsville; West End Chevron 17171 Hwy 72 West, Athens; Wiley Outdoor Sports, 1820 6<sup>th</sup> Ave SE Decatur; or from the self-service issuing station located next to the Swan Creek equipment shed; by writing Area Biologist Drew Able, 21453 Harris Station Rd., Tanner, AL 35671 (enclose current hunting license number with a self-addressed stamped envelope); by phoning (256) 353-2634; or by printing from the internet at [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com) (both front and back pages of the internet map/permit must be together to be valid). Permits for trapping must be obtained from area biologist. Hunting licenses and State and Federal duck stamps may be obtained from any hunting license vendor selling electronically generated licenses, the website [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com) or by calling 1-888-848-6887. All deer harvested on Swan Creek and Mallard Fox Creek WMA must have data recorded at one of the following locations: the check station located just east of the Swan Creek equipment shed, Martha's Store, located at intersection of Lucas Ferry Road and Nuclear Plant Road, James's Food Mart located at intersection of Hwy 31 and Airport Rd., Mojo Deli 6, 3065 Hwy. 20 Decatur, or Bud's Store, 16960 Hwy 20, Hillsboro.

- NOTE:**
- **A State Hunting License\*, Wildlife Management Area (WMA) License\* and a wildlife management area permit are required when hunting deer, turkey or waterfowl on any wildlife management area. For residents, a State hunting license or Wildlife Heritage License (residents only), and WMA permit are required for hunting small game, except waterfowl which requires a Federal and State Duck Stamp on wildlife management areas. Nonresidents must possess a wildlife management area license in addition to a hunting license and WMA permit to hunt big game and small game.**
  - **Either a State Hunting License, Wildlife Heritage License (residents only), Fishing License (residents only), or WMA License is required when using a Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries WMA shooting range.**
  - **Youth hunters on youth deer and turkey hunts must be less than 16 years of age. Supervisors must be 21 years old or older, or a parent, and must be properly licensed. Youth must remain within arm's length of supervisors at all times.**
  - **Statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies to all WMAs.**
  - **Administrators of the hunt shall have the right to distribute the hunters and to inspect all vehicles or other equipment while on the areas. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and landowners, who are making the hunting possible, hereby put each hunter on notice that he hunts at his own risk and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and such landowners shall not be responsible for any accidents or injuries that may occur.**
  - **Limit of 1 box of shells (25 per person) in possession on Swan Creek WMA while waterfowl hunting. This does not apply to the Youth Waterfowl Days. No waterfowl hunting in the Harris-Sweetwater (Swan Creek) dewatering impoundment on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays of the regular waterfowl season except during the last 14 days of the season. All activity in the dewatering unit is prohibited on these days.**

**In order to remove predators such as fox, coyote, and bobcat from Swan Creek Wildlife Management Area:**

- \***Note 1 : All Small Game hunting, (except waterfowl), on the Swan Creek WMA will be closed North and West of Swan Creek Dec. 4-8 to trap furbearers.**
- \***Note 2 : All Small Game hunting, (except waterfowl), on the Swan Creek WMA will be closed South and East of Swan Creek Dec. 11-15 to trap furbearers.**

**HUNTING DATES:**

**DEER: (ARCHERY ONLY)** Stalk Hunting Hunters' Choice (except spotted fawns). **Oct. 14 – Nov. 17.** Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.  
**WATERFOWL:** **State Season.** (1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset). (Closed Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the dewatering unit except for the last 14 days).  
**GOOSE (All Geese):** **State Season.** (1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset). (Closed Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the dewatering unit except for the last 14 days).  
**SPECIAL TEAL SEASON:** **State Season**  
**YOUTH WATERFOWL DAYS:** **State Season**  
**DOVE:** **State Season \*1, 2** (Noon until sunset).  
**RABBIT & SQUIRREL:** **Sep. 16 – Mar. 4.** \***Note 1, 2.** Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.  
**SNIPE:** **Nov. 11 – Feb. 25.** \***Note 1, 2.**  
**RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX:** **Sep. 1 – Feb. 28.** \***Note 1, 2.** (Nighttime hours only). Fox - Dogs only; No Weapons.  
**CROW, STARLING & PIGEON:** **Sep. 9 – Feb. 28.** \***Note 1, 2.** (Closed during regular waterfowl season).  
**QUAIL:** **Closed Season**  
**WOODCOCK:** **Dec. 15 – Jan. 28.** \***Note 2.**  
**RAIL:** **State Season \*Note 1, 2.**  
**BOBCAT, BEAVER, FOX & COYOTE:** Open during any other scheduled WMA hunting season using weapons and ammo approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed - Daylight Hours Only.  
**FURBEARER TRAPPING:** **Nov. 4 – Feb. 28.**  
(excluding feral swine)  
**BOW FISHING:** **Mar. 1 – Aug. 31.** Non-game fish only.

**NOTE: TARGET RANGE WILL BE CLOSED EVERY TUESDAY MORNING, AS NEEDED FOR MAINTENANCE AND DURING THE REGULAR AND YOUTH WATERFOWL SEASONS.**

**BAG LIMITS:** *Special Teal Season* – State Bag Limits; *Waterfowl*– State Bag Limits; *Coot:* State Bag Limits; *Goose Season:* State Bag Limits; *Squirrel* - 8 a day; *Quail* - 8 a day; *Rabbit* - 8 a day; *Raccoon & Opossum* - no limit; *Fox* – 1 per day; *Dove* - 15 a day; *Snipe* - 8 a day; *Rail* - 15 a day; *Woodcock* - 3 a day; Falconers may take migratory game birds (not more than 3 per day in aggregate combination) and resident game birds and animals following the bag limits listed above for firearms and archery.

**PERMITTED FIREARMS, BOW AND ARROW, & FALCONRY:**

**Deer:** *Stalk Hunts:* As defined in Alabama Regulations archery equipment in 220-2-.03.  
**Remainder of Seasons:** Legal arms and ammunition as defined in 220-2-.02 and archery equipment in 220-2-.03.  
**Trapping:** As Defined in 220-2-.30(1), except no .22 magnums are allowed.  
**Falconry** will be legal on all AREA scheduled hunts for legally permitted falconers; following the dates those seasons are open on each AREA.

**IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL:**

1. To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, ammunition, traps or bow and arrow, except bow fishing equipment from March 1-August 31, without a valid permit. A permit is valid only during scheduled management or refuge area seasons during legal hunting hours and only with the required licenses and stamps and weapons and ammunition permitted for hunting the wildlife listed on permit. See (20) for limited exception for certain lawfully licensed handguns possessed for personal protection.
  2. To use dogs for hunting, training or any purpose from March 1 to the opening of the following fall gun season.
  3. For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on the management area unless accompanied by a licensed hunter at all times.
  4. To have in possession any fully automatic rifle or firearms, ammunition or bow and arrow except as described about in Permitted Firearms and Bow and Arrow section or on a designated shooting range.
  5. For any person to carry firearms in or on a vehicle, any of the following, any firearm (including pistols) with ammunition in the magazine, breech or clip attached to firearms or black powder weapons with primer, cap or flash powder in place, or cocked crossbows. See (20) for limited exception for certain lawfully licensed handguns possessed for personal protection.
  6. To camp on Swan Creek WMA or Mallard-Fox Creek WMA. No warming fires shall be permitted on the areas.
  7. To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting. However, this regulation shall not apply to beaver, coyote or feral swine, which may be killed during all scheduled management area hunts, when possessing a valid permit and using weapons and ammunition that are legal for such designated hunts. Additionally, bobcat and fox may be killed during deer seasons in that county, when possessing a valid permit and using weapons and ammunition that are legal for any open designated WMA hunt (daylight hours only, no dogs allowed).
  8. To discharge fireworks at any time.
  9. To discharge firearms for target practice, except on the designated target range.
  10. To hunt or discharge firearms within 150 yards of any camping area, dwelling, dam or timber operation, within 100 yards of any paved public road or highway, within a posted safety zone, or on Sunday within one-half mile of any church.
  11. **To possess open alcoholic beverages outside designated camping areas.**
  12. For any person except authorized personnel to operate any motor driven vehicle behind, under or around any locked gate, barricaded road or sign which prohibits vehicular traffic.
  13. For any unauthorized person to possess and/or operate ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE on any AREA, except when utilized for the expressed purpose of retrieving game animals, traveling to or from a hunting location, or any other hunting related activity. Any other recreational use of ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE on any AREA is prohibited.
  14. **To ride or possess horses except on roads or trails open to four-wheel motorized vehicles or on roads, trails, or in areas designated as open to horses. Riding or possession of horses shall be restricted to holders of a current valid Wildlife Management Area license and a valid wildlife management area permit.**
  15. For any person except authorized personnel to block or otherwise stop traffic on any road or at any gate by parking a vehicle in such a way that passage around the vehicle is impossible.
  16. To deposit, distribute or scatter grain, salt, litter, or any other materials on management area prior to receiving approval from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
  17. To damage or remove any artifacts, trees, crops or other plants, dirt, gravel or sod from management area without legal authorization.
  18. To hunt from an elevated stand or platform without first attaching themselves to the tree or platform with a full body safety harness capable of supporting their weight.
  19. For any person to release any animal, bird, fish, or other wildlife without first obtaining permission from the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division.
  20. Nothing in this regulation prohibits or requires a wildlife management area permit for the possession of handguns by lawfully licensed persons for personal protection, provided the handguns are not used to hunt or take or to attempt to take wildlife (including persons while bow hunting) except as otherwise provided by this regulation.
- The following regulations will apply only to the dewatering slough within the Swan Creek Wildlife Management Area:**
21. To leave their vehicle parked at the approved launching sites; hunters must use the designated parking areas. However, approved handicapped vehicles may be parked at the designated handicap parking location at the main launch only.
  22. Anyone launching a boat, preparing to hunt waterfowl within the dewatering unit may not depart any launch site before 2:00 A.M daily. With the exception above, all other hunters preparing to hunt waterfowl within the dewatering unit shall not be allowed in the water before 2:00 A.M daily. All boats and boat blinds used in the harvest of waterfowl within the dewatering area shall be floated to an approved launching site for overnight mooring or removed from the dewatering unit no later than 7:00 PM daily.
  23. To take fish for commercial purposes and/or to use commercial fishing gear within the dewatering unit at any time.
  24. To use airboats on the dewatering sloughs.
  25. It shall be illegal to install permanent waterfowl blinds (those using building materials and/or remaining in position overnight anywhere on the Swan Creek or Mallard-Fox Creek WMA except on the Swan Creek WMA dewatering unit where specified. All such blinds to be placed in the dewatering area must be registered with Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division officials in accordance with the Regulations and Permanent Blind Drawing Qualification Procedures.
  26. **It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt the Swan Creek Harris-Sweetwater dewatering unity on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays during regular waterfowl season except for the last 14 days of the season. All activity in the dewatering unit is prohibited during this time.**
  27. **For waterfowl hunters to possess more than 25 shotgun shells (1 box) per person (in possession or in a boat) on Swan Creek WMA. This regulation does not limit the number of shells one could possess in a vehicle or during special youth waterfowl hunts.**
  28. **Users should refer to WMA Regulation 220-2-.55 for the complete list of WMA specific regulations.**

**NOTE:** Hunters must contact the Swan Creek Management Area District Office for regulations governing the construction of permanent blinds on the dewatering slough.

**BE COURTEOUS.** AS AN ETHICAL HUNTER, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY DURING THE WATERFOWL SEASON FOR ALL HUNTING PARTIES IN THE DEWATERING AREA TO MAINTAIN A DISTANCE OF NOT LESS THAN 150 YARDS BETWEEN ANY OTHER HUNTING GROUP.

**WMA is provided by the Wildlife Section of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, in cooperation with the Tennessee Valley Authority.**

SUNRISE-SUNSET TIMES FOR SWAN CREEK & MALLARD FOX CREEK WMAS  
(Add 1 hour When on Daylight Savings Time)

	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN						
DAY	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	DAY				
1	521	614	543	532	608	454	637	437	655	448	1
2	522	613	543	530	609	453	638	437	655	449	2
3	523	611	544	529	610	452	638	437	655	450	3
4	523	610	545	528	611	451	639	437	655	451	4
5	524	609	546	526	612	451	640	437	655	452	5
6	525	607	547	525	613	450	641	437	656	452	6
7	525	606	547	524	614	449	642	437	656	453	7
8	526	604	548	522	615	448	643	437	656	454	8
9	527	603	549	521	616	447	643	437	656	455	9
10	528	602	550	520	617	447	644	438	655	456	10
11	528	600	550	518	618	446	645	438	655	457	11
12	529	599	551	517	619	445	646	438	655	458	12
13	530	597	552	516	620	444	646	438	655	459	13
14	530	596	553	514	621	444	647	439	655	500	14
15	531	594	554	513	622	443	648	439	655	501	15
16	532	593	554	512	623	443	648	439	654	501	16
17	532	592	555	511	624	442	649	440	654	502	17
18	533	590	556	509	625	441	649	440	654	503	18
19	534	589	557	508	626	441	650	440	653	504	19
20	535	587	558	507	627	440	651	441	653	505	20
21	535	586	559	506	628	440	651	441	653	506	21
22	536	585	600	505	628	440	652	442	652	507	22
23	537	583	600	504	629	439	652	442	652	508	23
24	538	582	601	502	630	439	652	443	651	509	24
25	538	580	602	501	631	439	653	444	651	510	25
26	539	579	603	500	632	438	653	444	650	511	26
27	540	537	604	499	633	438	654	445	649	512	27
28	540	536	605	498	634	438	654	446	649	513	28
29	541	535	606	497	635	438	654	446	648	514	29
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