



**Cedar Creek, Portland Landing and Uchee Creek  
Special Opportunity Area  
Hunt Guidelines/Rules**

**Hunt Administration:**

- Following hunt registration and permit selection, permit holders will receive an email within a couple weeks covering specific SOA information, scouting information and unit assignments.
- Successful applicants for deer and turkey hunts may be accompanied by one hunting guest and both must remain within their assigned hunt unit. Successful applicants for rabbit and squirrel hunts may be accompanied by three hunting guests and must remain within their assigned hunt unit(s). Each hunting unit is clearly defined on a provided map and delineated with numbered signs and/or white paint and signage on the ground.
- Public access will be at the primary gate entrances identified on the maps attached to emails and found on the webpage.
- Hunt participants will be provided a code to the combination lock on each gate. The combination will be changed routinely for each scheduled hunt.
- Kiosks will be located inside the primary gate entrances to provide information to the users. Hunter participation, harvest data, and observational data will be collected at a primary informational kiosk. Educational posters will be displayed and data sheets will be provided at the shed.

**Limited Quota Draw Hunts (Regulation 220-2-.55 (8) A.)**

1. It shall be unlawful to hunt on any SOA unless selected by random draw for a limited quota permit for specific hunt dates on the assigned SOA and hunt unit. The permit holder and one guest may only access (excluding approved scouting days) and hunt the assigned SOA and hunt unit for those permitted days. No substitutions will be allowed.
2. Each deer hunt begins at noon on Day 1 and ends on Day 4 of the hunt at noon. On other days of the hunt, hunters may enter the SOA 1 ½ hour prior to legal sunrise and must exit the AREA by 1 ½ hour after legal sunset.

3. During deer and turkey hunts, travel to and from assigned hunt units shall be from 1 ½ hour prior to legal sunrise and up to 1 ½ hour after legal sunset and between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.
4. **Antlered bucks harvested are required to have a minimum main beam spread of 16" (outside the ears) or 18" main beam (3x the length of the ear).** One antlered buck and three antlerless deer per hunter per permit duration.
5. **Deer hunters are required** to record data of harvest date, sex, lactation presence, weight, extract jawbone, hunter observation data sheet and antler measurements on provided data forms at SOA kiosk.
6. **Turkey hunters are required** to record data of harvest date, weight, spur length, beard length and hunter observation data sheet on provided data forms at SOA kiosk.
7. **Hunters are required** to email pictures of their harvest to the managing biologist.

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**Additionally, as per Regulation:**

**2) 220-2-.56 2018-2019 Special Opportunity Area Hunting Seasons (b) Cedar Creek, (c) Portland Landing and (d) Uchee Creek**

**DEER (all hunts)** One antlered buck and 3 antlerless deer per hunter per 4-day hunt.  
**\*Antlered buck restrictions apply.**

**TURKEY** One gobbler per hunter per 3-day hunt.

**SOA General Violations/Restrictions -**

- Any violation of SOA rules and regulations or any other regulation or law while hunting on Cedar Creek, Portland Landing or Uchee Creek SOA will result in that individual losing their eligibility for future SOA hunts.
- If unable to attend the permitted hunt failure of the permit holder to unregister or notify WFF personnel of cancellation within 3 days of the hunter's assigned hunt dates at Cedar Creek, Portland Landing or Uchee Creek SOA will result in that individual losing their eligibility for the following year registration for SOA hunts.
- Permits are not transferable.
- Hunters shall only hunt and scout in their assigned unit(s).
- ATV's and UTV's are allowed in association with hunting activity.