



**Crow 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.

Your permit is not transferable. Your guests (if applicable), must hunt within the same unit and check-in and check-out with you.

If hunting a shared zone boundary, hunt parties must keep a minimum of 75 yards between each other.

Access to the SOA for limited quota permitted hunters will be by foot travel only from the primary gate entrance depicted on the map. Vehicles are to remain at this location.

A Kiosk will be located at the primary gate entrance on the SOA for hunters to obtain a daily quota hunter permit and to provide information to the hunters. Hunter participation, harvest data, and observational data will be collected from the hunters at the kiosk. Educational material will be displayed and data sheets provided at the kiosk.

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

B. On Crow Creek SOA:

1. Waterfowl Hunting:

- a. It shall be unlawful to hunt on Crow Creek SOA unless selected by random draw for a limited quota permit for specific hunt dates on the assigned hunt unit. The permit holder and four guests may only access (excluding approved scouting days) and hunt the assigned hunt unit for those permitted times and days. No substitutions will be allowed.

- b. It shall be unlawful to operate any motorized vehicle on the SOA without authorization.
- c. It shall be unlawful to use gasoline-powered motors on the SOA.
- d. Unauthorized activity is prohibited in the SOA. In addition, hunters may enter the Crow Creek SOA at 4:00 AM; all hunting activity is prohibited after 12:00 noon; all parties should be off the SOA no later than 1:30 PM.
- e. It shall be unlawful to leave assigned hunt unit for any reason except when departing the SOA for the day.
- f. Temporary blinds may be used for the duration of the hunt and removed by permit holder. All such blinds left in said SOA after the hunt will be disposed of as deemed advisable by Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- g. It shall be unlawful to have more than 25 shotgun shells per hunter in possession while hunting waterfowl on the SOA. This does not apply to Youth Waterfowl Days.
- h. It shall be unlawful for any limited quota permitted hunter to hunt without possessing a daily permit from kiosk self-service box located at entrance. When obtaining permit, the tear-off stub with number matching daily permit must be filled out and deposited in return slot of self-service box. The Harvest Report portion of the permit is to be retained in possession of hunter until the end of the day. The harvest report portion of the permit is to be filled out and deposited in return slot of the self-service box no later than 1:30 PM after each day.

2. Archery Deer Hunts-

- a. It shall be unlawful to hunt on Crow Creek SOA unless selected by random draw for a limited quota permit for specific hunt dates on the assigned hunt unit. The permit holder and one guest may only access (excluding approved scouting days) and hunt the assigned hunt unit for those permitted times and days. No substitutions will be allowed.
- b. Each deer hunt begins at legal shooting hours, hunters may enter the Crow Creek SOA 1 ½ hour prior to legal sunrise and must exit the AREA by 1 ½ hour after legal sunset.
- c. It shall be unlawful to operate any motorized vehicle on the SOA without authorization.
- d. It shall be unlawful to use gasoline-powered motors on the SOA.

- e. Unauthorized activity is prohibited in the SOA.
- f. It shall be unlawful to leave assigned hunt unit for any reason except when departing the SOA for the day.
- g. It shall be unlawful for any limited quota permitted hunter to hunt without possessing a daily permit from kiosk self-service box located at entrance. When obtaining permit, the tear-off stub with number matching daily permit must be filled out and deposited in return slot of self-service box. The Harvest Report portion of the permit is to be retained in possession of hunter until the end of the day. The harvest report portion of the permit is to be filled out and deposited in return slot of the self-service box no later than 6:30 PM after each day.
- h. Antlered bucks harvested are required to have at least four (4) antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam. One antlered buck and two unantlered deer per hunter per permit duration.

WATERFOWL BAG LIMITS

DUCKS: 6 ducks a day and may include no more than 4 Mallards (no more than 2 of which can be female), 3 Wood Ducks, 1 Mottled Duck, 2 Black Duck, 2 Redhead, 1 Pintail, 2 Canvasback and 3 Scaup.

GEESE:

Dark Geese: (Canada, White-fronted, Brant) - 5 a Day. The total bag limit of 5 shall not include more than 3 Canada Geese or 1 Brant.

Light Geese (Snow, Blue, Ross's) - The total bag limit shall be 5 a day.

MERGANSEERS: 5 a day, only 2 may be a hooded Merganser.

COOT: 15 a day

NOTE:

- An Alabama State Hunting License, Alabama Wildlife Management Area (WMA) License, Alabama State Duck Stamp, Federal Duck Stamp, Harvest Information Program (HIP), SOA Limited Quota Selection Confirmation and a daily quota permit which obtained at the entrance kiosk or provided by Wildlife Section staff is required by all waterfowl hunt limited quota hunters and guests.

SOA General Violations/Restrictions -

- Any violation of Special Opportunity Area (AREA) rules and regulations (220-2-.55) or any other regulation or law while hunting on Crow Creek SOA will result in that individual losing their eligibility for the following year SOA hunt registration.
- If you are unable to attend the hunt, you must unregister three (3) days prior to the hunt. If circumstances arise within three (3) days of the hunt preventing your participation, you

must notify the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) at 334-242-3859. Failure to follow these instructions will result losing eligibility for the following year SOA hunt registration.