



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

Successful applicants may be accompanied by hunting guest(s) as outlined below. Permit holders and their appropriate guest(s) must remain within their assigned hunt unit during hunting. Each hunting unit is clearly defined on the Special Opportunity Area (SOA) map and delineated with signage on the ground.

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.

Note:

- A State Hunting License and Wildlife Management Area (WMA) License are required by all limited quota permit holders and guests unless exempt from needing such license.
- Statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies to all SOAs and all deer harvested are to be recorded at the check station or kiosk and reported through Game Check.
- Administrators of the hunt shall have the right to inspect all vehicles or other equipment while on the areas.
- Any violation of SOA rules and regulations (220-2-.55) or any other regulation or law while hunting on Cedar Creek, Portland Landing and Uchee Creek SOA will result in that individual losing their eligibility for future SOA hunts.
- Failure to unregister for an upcoming hunt outside of 7 days prior to your permitted hunt start date and failure to notify WFF personnel of cancellation within 7 days of the hunter's assigned hunt dates at Cedar Creek, Portland Landing and Uchee Creek SOA will result in that individual losing their eligibility for future SOA hunts.
- Hunters shall only hunt and/or scout in their assigned unit(s).

220-2-.55 Wildlife Management Areas, Community Hunting Areas, Public Hunting Areas, and Refuges of Alabama

(4) Hunting on Blackwater River, Cedar Creek, Crow Creek, Fred T. Stimpson, Portland Landing, Prairie Glades, Uchee Creek, Upper State, and Thigpen Hill Special Opportunity Areas (SOA) will be permitted through a limited quota permit system selected by random computerized selection. Participants are required to obtain a Conservation Identification Number (CID) and apply through www.outdooralabama.com to register for a limited number of quota permits available for hunts on these AREAS. All successful applicants must obtain and have in possession a valid Alabama hunting license, WMA license, and state and federal duck stamps if applicable. **Any violation of any rules, regulations, or laws by permit holder or guest while hunting on any SOA will result in that individual forfeiting the remainder of their hunt and losing their**

eligibility for future SOA hunts. Failure to participate in solicited hunt without providing Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries 7 days prior notice of cancellation will result in that individual losing their eligibility for future SOA hunts. Permit holders and guests shall only hunt and scout in their assigned hunt unit(s). All other access on any SOA is restricted to foot traffic and non-motorized vehicles only and only during daylight hours from May 15 to September 1 (excluding Crow Creek, Fred T. Stimpson, Upper State, and Prairie Glades). All deer and turkey hunters are required to report all harvests pursuant to the Game Check requirements in regulation 220-2-.146. Other requirements for hunters participating in limited quota hunts on the SOAs include:

(a) On Cedar Creek, Portland Landing, and Uchee Creek SOA:

1. It shall be unlawful to hunt on Cedar Creek, Portland Landing, or Uchee Creek SOA unless selected by random draw for a limited quota permit for specific hunt dates on the assigned SOA and hunt unit(s). The permit holder and allowed guest(s) may only access (excluding approved scouting days) and hunt the assigned SOA and hunt unit(s) for those permitted days. No substitutions will be allowed.
2. Hunters are required to email pictures of their harvest to the managing biologist.
3. Each hunter must sign in and out at kiosk each hunt day.
4. Deer Hunts:
 - a. Each deer hunt begins at 12:00 noon on day one (1) and ends at 12:00 noon on day four (4). With the exception of the day one (1) start time and day four (4) end time, hunters may enter the SOA 1 ½ hours prior to legal sunrise and must exit the SOA by 1 ½ hours after legal sunset each day. Travel to and from assigned hunt unit(s) may also occur between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.
 - b. 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).
 - c. One (1) antlered buck and three (3) antlerless deer allowed each permit duration for permit holder and also for one (1) guest. Permit holder is allowed one (1) properly licensed guest each day. The guest may be a different person each hunt day, but the guest bag is cumulative.
 - d. Deer hunters are required to record harvest date, sex, lactation status of doe, body weight, and antler measurements of bucks on provided data forms, as well as complete the provided hunter observation data sheet. Deer hunters are also required to extract a lower jawbone from deer harvested and leave it at SOA kiosk.
5. Turkey Hunts:
 - a. Each turkey hunt begins at one (1) hour before sunrise on day one (1) and ends at 1:30 PM on the last day.

b. Bag limit of one (1) gobbler for each hunt duration for the permit holder and also for one (1) guest. Permit holder is allowed one (1) properly licensed guest each day. The guest may be a different person each hunt day, but the guest bag is cumulative.

c. Turkey hunters are required to record the harvest date, body weight, spur length, and beard length of all harvested turkeys on provided data forms, as well as complete the provided hunter observation data sheet.

6. Small Game Hunts:

a. Each small game hunt begins 30 minutes prior to legal sunrise on day one (1) and ends 30 minutes after legal sunset on the last day. No scouting days prior to hunt dates.

b. Permit holder may be accompanied by up to three (3) properly licensed guests. The guests may be different people each hunt day.

c. Each hunter may take daily state bag limit of rabbit, squirrel, quail, coyote, feral swine, bobcat, raccoon, opossum, and fox.

(5) A Wildlife Management Area License (required for deer, turkey, and waterfowl), PLUS the applicable Resident or Non-Resident Hunting License [for Alabama residents 16 through 64 years of age and for non-residents 16 years of age and older], PLUS a Wildlife Management Area Permit [free of charge], are required for hunting on AREAS; provided however, that properly licensed persons under the “Wildlife Heritage License” may hunt legal small game except waterfowl on AREAS without the other licenses described herein. PLUS, in order to hunt waterfowl on AREAS, all persons must have, in addition to the otherwise required licenses and permit, a HIP and valid State (if required) and a valid Federal (if required) Waterfowl Stamp.

(b) District III 2021-2022 Special Opportunity Hunting Area Seasons and Bag Limits (Central-West Central Alabama)

1. CEDAR CREEK SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY HUNTING AREA
(Dallas County)

DEER:	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 14-17, Oct. 21-24 and Oct. 28-31. One antlered buck and three antlerless deer for each hunter during the 4-day hunt. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have one properly licensed hunting guest on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through random draw.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlerless Deer Only: Nov. 4-7. Four antlerless deer for each hunter during the 4-day hunt. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have one properly licensed hunting guest on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit.

Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through random draw.

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: **Dec. 2-5, Dec. 16-19, Dec. 30 - Jan. 2, Jan. 20-23 and Feb. 3-6.** One antlered buck and three antlerless deer for each hunter during the 4-day hunt. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have one properly licensed hunting guest on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through random draw.

(Primitive Weapons)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: **Nov. 16-19.** One antlered buck and three antlerless deer for each hunter during 4-day hunt. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have one properly licensed hunting guest on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through random draw.

***To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have:**

- **Main beam spread width of 16" (outside the ears) or 18" main beam (3x length of the ear).**
- **Hunters are required to record data of harvest date, sex, lactation presence, weight, and antler measurements at kiosk. Hunters must also extract the jawbone and leave it at the kiosk.**
- **Hunters are required to email pictures of their harvest to the district biologist.**

TURKEY:

Apr. 1-3, Apr. 15-17, Apr. 22-24, Apr. 29 - May 1 and May 6-8. One gobbler for each hunter during the 3-day hunt. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have one properly licensed hunting guest on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through random draw.

QUAIL, RABBIT & SQUIRREL:

Feb. 12-13, Feb. 19-20, and Feb. 26-27. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have three properly licensed hunting guests on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through random draw.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX:

Open during any scheduled Special Opportunity Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. Limited to those limited quota permit holders for the specified permit days and units.

2. PORTLAND LANDING SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY HUNTING AREA
(Dallas County)

DEER:

(Archery)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: **Oct. 14-17, Oct. 21-24 and Oct. 28-31.** One antlered buck and three antlerless deer for each hunter during the 4-day hunt. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** By limited quota permit only for the

properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have one properly licensed hunting guest on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through random draw.

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: **Dec. 2-5, Dec. 16-19, Dec. 30 - Jan. 2, Jan. 20-23 and Feb. 3-6.** One antlered buck and three antlerless deer for each hunter during 4-day hunt. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have one properly licensed hunting guest on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through random draw.

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DOVE:

Sep. 11. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have one properly licensed hunting guest on that specified hunt date. 12 noon until sunset. Permit and specified hunt location to be determined through random draw.

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(Central East Central, Southeast Alabama)**

**1. UCHEE CREEK SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY HUNTING AREA
(Russell County)**

DEER:

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