



Crow 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 Crow 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 Crow 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).

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(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:

(b) On Crow Creek SOA:

1. Waterfowl Hunting:

a. It shall be unlawful to access or hunt on Crow 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 four (4) properly licensed guest(s) may only access (excluding approved scouting days) and hunt the assigned SOA and hunt unit(s) 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 WFF.

g. It shall be unlawful to have more than 25 shotgun shells in the possession of each hunter while hunting waterfowl on the SOA. This does not apply to Youth Waterfowl Days.

h. Each hunter may take a daily state bag limit of waterfowl.

i. 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 (1) properly licensed 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. Travel to and from assigned hunt unit(s) may also occur between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

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 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.

g. One (1) antlered buck and two (2) unantlered deer allowed each permit duration for permit holder and also for one (1) guest. The guest may be a different person each hunt day, but the guest bag is cumulative.

i. Hunters are required to email pictures of their harvest to the managing biologist.

(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.

220-2-.56 2021-2022 Special Opportunity Area Hunting Seasons

(a) **District I 2021-2022 Special Opportunity Hunting Area Seasons and Bag Limits
(Northeast Alabama)**

1. **CROW CREEK SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY HUNTING AREA**

(Jackson County)

DEER: (Archery) **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 14-17, Oct. 28-31, Nov. 4-7 and Nov. 18-21.** One antlered buck and two antlerless deer for each hunter during the 3-day hunt. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed permit holder. The permit holder may have one properly licensed hunting guest on that specified hunt date and in specified unit. Hunters are required to remain in their assigned hunt unit on their specified hunt date. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through random draw.

WATERFOWL: **Dec. 11-12, Dec. 18-19, Dec. 26-27, Jan. 1-2, Jan. 8-9, Jan. 15-16, Jan. 22-23 and Jan. 29-30.** By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed permit holder. The permit holder may have four properly licensed hunting guests on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Hunters are required to remain in their assigned hunt unit on their specified hunt date. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through random draw. All state shooting times and bag limits apply.

(Youth): **Feb. 12.** By limited quota permit only for youth hunter permit holder and up to three youth hunting guests. The group must be supervised by at least one properly licensed adult, 21 years of age or older or the parent of the youth hunter. Hunters are required to remain in their assigned hunt unit on their specified hunt date. Only youth are allowed to hunt. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through random draw. All state shooting times and bag limits apply.

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.