



**Fred T. Stimpson and Upper State
Special Opportunity Area
Hunt Guidelines/Rules**

Successful applicants may be accompanied by hunting youth(s) and 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.

As Per Regulation 220-2-.55

C. On Fred T. Stimpson SOA:

1. Archery Deer Hunts:

- a. It shall be unlawful to hunt on Fred T. Stimpson 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. A properly licensed permit holder accompanied by one properly licensed guest hunter must sign in together. Hunters may sign in at 12:00 noon on Day 1 of the pre-selected hunt. There will be no entry after 3:00 PM. On all other Days sign-in begins at 5:00 AM. Travel to and from assigned hunt unit will only be permitted prior to legal sunrise and after legal sunset, with the exception of the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Only travel to and from hunt unit is permitted. On Days 1-3 hunters must sign out within 1½ hours after legal sunset. On Day 4 hunters must check out by 1:30 PM. Scouting is not permitted outside of your assigned hunt dates.

- c. One antlered buck and three unantlered deer per hunter per permit duration.. All deer must be checked at check station prior to exiting the SOA. Field dressing deer is permitted.

2. Youth Gun Deer hunts:

- a. Properly licensed limited quota permit holders may be accompanied by two youth guest hunters and a properly licensed supervising adult 21 years old or older or parent of the youth. Hunters may only hunt in their assigned hunt unit on their specified hunt date. Only the youth may hunt.
- b. On the specified 2-day hunt hunters may sign in beginning at 5:00 AM. All hunters must be signed in prior to legal sunrise. All hunters must check out within 1 ½ hours after legal sunset. Travel to and from assigned hunt unit will be allowed between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Only travel to and from hunt unit is permitted.
- c. One antlered buck and two unantlered deer per hunter per permit duration. All deer must be checked out prior to exiting the SOA. Deer may be field dressed.

3. Youth Squirrel Hunts:

- a. Properly licensed limited quota permit holders 21 years old or older must be accompanied by one youth hunter, and will be allowed to have two additional youth guest hunters and one properly licensed supervising adult 21 years old or older or parent of the youth, for a maximum of 5 hunters per party per hunt unit. Hunters are only allowed to hunt in their assigned hunt unit on their assigned hunt date. Both youth and supervisors are allowed to hunt.
- b. Permits will be issued at the check station beginning at 6:00 AM. Permitted hunters must exit the area within 1 hour after legal sunset. All squirrels harvested must be recorded at check station prior to leaving the SOA.

4. Youth Waterfowl Hunt:

- a. Properly licensed limited quota permit holders 21 years old or older must be accompanied by one youth hunter and may have one additional guest youth hunter and one supervising guest hunter 21 years old or older or the parent of the youth. Hunters may sign in beginning at 5:00 AM. Hunters must hunt in their assigned hunt unit on their specified hunt date. All ducks must be recorded at the check station prior to leaving the SOA. Both youth and supervisors are allowed to hunt.

D. On Upper State SOA:

1. Archery Deer Hunts:

- a. It shall be unlawful to hunt on Upper State 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. It shall be unlawful for any limited quota permitted hunter to hunt without possessing a daily permit obtained from kiosk self-service box located at the entrance. When obtaining permit, the tear-off stub with number matching daily permit must be filled out and deposited in 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 ½ hours after legal sunset on Days 1-3 of hunt period. On Day 4 harvest Report portions of the permit must be deposited in self-service box by 1:30 PM. A new permit is required for each day hunted.
- c. Deer hunters are required to record harvest date, sex, evidence of lactation, weight, and antler measurements for bucks, along with hunter observations on data forms located at SOA kiosk.
- d. Each deer hunt begins at noon on Day 1 and ends at noon on day 4. On Days 2-4 hunters may enter the SOA 1 ½ hours before legal sunrise. On Days 1-3 hunters must exit the area by 1 ½ hours after legal sunset. After legal sunrise hunters may only travel to and from assigned hunt unit between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. The hunt will conclude at 12:00 noon on Day 4 and hunters must exit the area by 1:30 PM. Scouting is not permitted outside of the dates for which you are drawn to hunt.
- e. One antlered buck and three unantlered deer per hunter per permit duration. All deer must be recorded at kiosk prior to exiting the SOA. Field dressing deer is permitted.

NOTE:

- A State Hunting License, Wildlife Management Area (WMA) License and wildlife management area permit are required by all archery deer hunt limited quota permit holders and guests and parents or supervisors assisting youth hunting deer on Fred T. Stimpson and Upper State SOA. The WMA License is not needed for the Squirrel Hunt.
- Youth hunters on youth squirrel and youth deer 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 30 feet of supervisors at all times.
- Statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies to all WMAs and all deer harvested are to be recorded and reported through Gamecheck.

- Administrators of the hunt shall have the right to distribute the hunters and to inspect all vehicles or other equipment while on the areas.

SOA General Violations/Restrictions -

- Any violation of SOA rules and regulations (220-2-.55) or any other regulation or law while hunting on Fred T. Stimpson SOA will result in that individual losing their eligibility for future SOA hunts.
- Failure to unregister for an upcoming hunt outside of 3 days prior to your permitted hunt start date and failure to notify WFF personnel of cancellation within 3 days of the hunter's assigned hunt dates at Fred T. Stimpson 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).