



Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS



2019-2020 OFFICIAL PUBLIC DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE & MAP

For turkey and small game seasons, refer to the WMA map permits.



SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA DEER HUNTS

(BY LIMITED QUOTA DRAW)

Special Opportunity Areas (SOAs) are properties where the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries is offering a new public hunting format. SOAs are typically smaller than Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) in acreage and are more suitable for a limited quota (random draw permit) hunting format to reduce pressure and increase the quality of the hunt. This year, six SOAs offer a limited number of slots for a successful permit holder and guest(s) to hunt a unit for a 2-4-day hunt.

THIS NEW PUBLIC LAND HUNTING OPPORTUNITY INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING SOAS:

- **Crow Creek** (400 acres), located in Jackson County offers adult archery deer hunting for a permit holder and one guest and waterfowl hunting on select dates throughout the season for a permit holder and three guests.
- **Cedar Creek** (6400 acres) and **Portland Landing** (8700 acres) in Dallas County and **Uchee Creek** (4735 acres) in Russell County offers deer and turkey hunting on selected dates throughout those seasons for the permit holder and one guest.
- **Fred T. Stimpson** (5320 acres) and **Upper State Sanctuary** (1920 acres) in Clarke County offers adult archery deer hunts for a permit holder and one guest, youth gun deer hunts for a youth hunter and youth guest with their supervising adult(s), and the squirrel hunts for permit holder, youth and up to five guests (at least one additional guest

must be a youth). Fred T. Stimpson also provides opportunity for a youth waterfowl hunt.

WHEN WILL REGISTRATION OPEN?

For the 2019-2020 hunting season registration:

- For the various deer hunts registration will begin August 19 and close September 13.
- The youth squirrel hunts at Fred T Stimpson SOA and adult waterfowl hunt at Crow Creek SOA registration will begin September 16 and close September 30 (Crow Creek SOA youth waterfowl hunt registration will be in January 2020).
- The small game hunts and turkey hunts offered at Cedar Creek, Portland Landing and Uchee Creek SOAs registration will begin December 2 and close December 16, 2019.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR AN SOA HUNT?

Limited quota permits to hunt the SOAs are obtained through an online registration and selection process. Applicants apply online for a preferred SOA property hunt date. When registration opens, you can visit the www.outdooralabama.com website follow the "Hunting" link to "Special Opportunity Areas" and begin the registration process. On this page you will find registration process steps to follow, frequently asked questions and be able to click on a link to view the various upcoming hunts.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREAS STALK HUNTS (BY LIMITED QUOTA DRAW)	Crow Creek	Cedar Creek	Portland Landing	Uchee Creek	Fred T. Stimpson	Upper State
Archery - Hunter's Choice — Oct. 17 - 20						
Archery - Hunter's Choice — Oct. 18 - 20						
Archery - Hunter's Choice — Oct. 24 - 27						
Archery - Hunter's Choice — Oct. 31 - Nov. 3						
Archery - Hunter's Choice — Nov. 1 - 3						
Archery - Hunter's Choice — Nov. 8 - 10						
Archery - Hunter's Choice — Dec. 26 - 29						
Archery - Hunter's Choice — Jan. 16 - 19						
Archery - Hunter's Choice — Jan. 30 - Feb. 2						
Archery - Hunter's Choice — Feb. 6 - 9						
YOUTH - Gun Deer - Hunter's Choice Nov. 9-10, Nov. 22-23, Dec. 21-22, and Jan. 4-5						
Primitive Weapons - Hunter's Choice Nov. 18 - 21						
Gun Deer - Hunter's Choice — Dec. 5 - 8						
Gun Deer - Hunter's Choice — Dec. 26 - 29						
Gun Deer - Hunter's Choice — Jan. 2 - 5						
Gun Deer - Hunter's Choice — Jan. 23 - 26						
Gun Deer - Hunter's Choice — Feb. 6 - 9						

* Indicates antlered buck restriction in all or part of area.

EARLY YOUTH DEER HUNTS

This program is focused on providing abundant opportunities for youth hunters (under 16) to harvest either a buck or doe on most WMAs prior to the beginning of regular gun season. There is typically plenty of space for those interested in participating.

SPECIAL YOUTH HUNT GUN DEER HUNTS		Hunter's Choice Nov. 16	Hunter's Choice Nov. 16 - 17
Charles D. Kelley - Autauga WMA			
Barbour			
Blue Spring			
Boggy Hollow			
William R. Ireland, Sr.-Cahaba River			
Chocolocco			
Coon Gulf Tract (Jackson County)			
Coosa			
David K. Nelson - Demopolis			
Freedom Hills			
Geneva State Forest			
Hollins*			
James D. Martin-Skyline*			
Little River			
Lowndes			
Mulberry Fork			
Oakmulgee			
Perdido River			
Sam R. Murphy			
Upper Delta			
Forever Wild Gothard - AWF Yates Lake			

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WMA SPECIAL EARLY GUN DEER HUNTS

Hunters are provided an opportunity to participate in an early gun deer hunt to take advantage of the WMAs' early rutting dates. Both of these WMAs were stocked with deer from Michigan in the early 1900s and continue to retain the early breeding dates of that source population.

SPECIAL EARLY GUN DEER - ANTLERED BUCKS ONLY	
Black Warrior* Zone A / Zone B	Nov. 15-17 / Nov. 8-10
Chocolocco* Zone A / Zone B	Nov. 9 / Nov. 10

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WMA SPECIAL EARLY GUN DEER HUNTS

In an effort to provide an additional public land hunting opportunity, WFF will be conducting several Bonus Buck hunts on specific WMAs. The harvest of a bonus buck on these specific WMAs and dates will not count towards the hunter's annual three buck limit. To qualify, hunters will be required to obtain daily permits from the check stations prior to hunting and to bring their harvested deer to the check stations on that hunt day for WFF staff to validate and record their harvest. Hunters are allowed only one bonus buck per year.

WMA BONUS BUCK PROGRAM LOCATIONS AND DATES	
Lauderdale*	Jan. 4
Cahaba*	Jan. 25
Lowndes*	Jan. 4
Barbour*	Jan. 11
Geneva*	Feb. 8
Perdido River	Feb. 1

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Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS	ARCHERY			PRIMITIVE WEAPONS STALK HUNTING DEER HUNTERS'S CHOICE										STALK HUNTING GUN DEER HUNTER'S CHOICE																												
	Hunters Choice Oct. 15 - Feb. 10	Hunters Choice Oct. 15 - Nov. 22	Hunters Choice Oct. 15 - Jan. 14	Antlered Bucks Only Jan. 15 - Feb. 10	Antlered Bucks Only Oct. 15 - Oct. 24	Hunters Choice Oct. 25 - Feb. 10	Hunters Choice Oct. 19 - Nov. 3	Hunters Choice Dec. 26 - Feb. 10	Nov. 18-20	Nov. 18 - 21	Nov. 20-22	Dec. 2 - 7	Dec. 6 - 8	Dec. 10 - 15	Dec. 16 - 20	Dec. 18 - 21	Dec. 21 - 24	Dec. 23 - 26	Jan. 3 - 5	Jan. 17 - 19	Jan. 18 - 20	Jan. 21 - 27	Nov. 23	Nov. 23 - Feb. 10 (Wednesday and Saturdays)	Nov. 23 - 24	Nov. 23 - 30	Nov. 25 - 30	Nov. 28 - Dec. 1	Nov. 29 - Dec. 1	Nov. 29 - 30	Nov. 30	Nov. 30 - Dec. 1	Dec. 2 - 8	Dec. 5 - 8	Dec. 6 - 7	Dec. 6 - 8	Dec. 6 - 12	Dec. 9 - 15				
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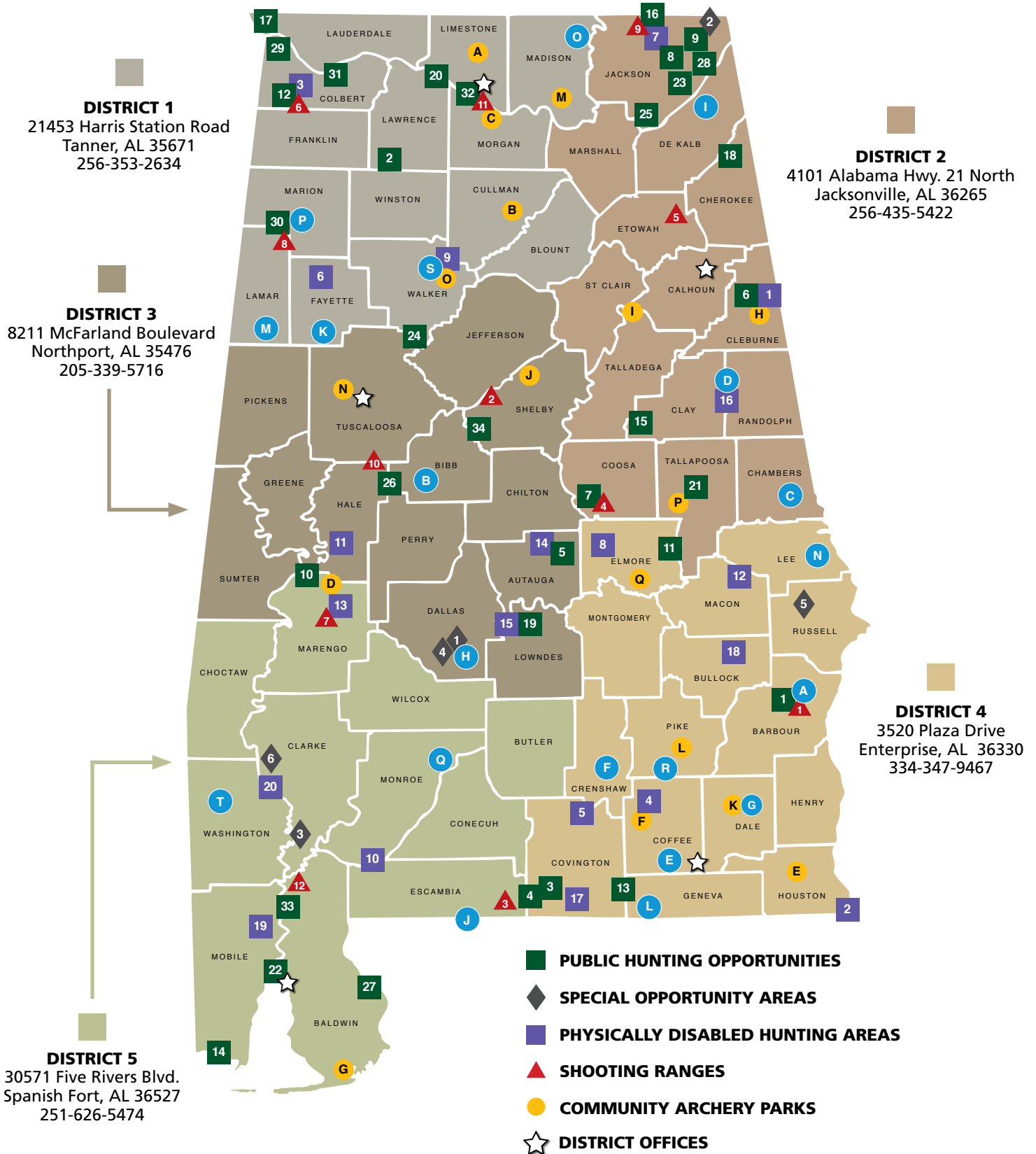
Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS	Jan. 3 - 5	Jan. 3 - 9	Jan. 6 - 12	Jan. 8 - 12	Jan. 9 - 12	Jan. 10 - 11	Jan. 10 - 12	Jan. 10 - 13	Jan. 11 - 13	Jan. 15 - 19	Jan. 16 - 19	Jan. 17 - 19	Jan. 18 - 20	Jan. 23 - 25	Jan. 23 - Feb. 2	Jan. 24 - 26	Jan. 25 - 26	Jan. 26 - 27	Jan. 29 - Feb. 2	Jan. 31 - Feb. 2	Feb. 1 - 2	Feb. 1 - 5	Feb. 1 - 10	Feb. 5 - 9	Feb. 6 - 9	Feb. 7 - 8	Feb. 7 - 9	Feb. 7 - 10	Feb. 8 - 9	Feb. 10	DOG HUNTING GUN DEER ANTLERED BUCKS ONLY NOV. - DEC.					
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PUBLIC HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES, SHOOTING RANGES AND COMMUNITY ARCHERY PARKS MAP



PUBLIC HUNTING AND SHOOTING OPPORTUNITIES

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- 1 BARBOUR MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Barbour County near Clayton. This area has 28,214 acres; both big and small game are hunted.
- 2 BLACK WARRIOR MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Lawrence and Winston Counties near Moulton. This area has 91,263 acres; both big and small game are hunted.
- 3 BLUE SPRING MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Covington County near Andalusia. This area has 24,783 acres; both big and small game are hunted.
- 4 BOGGY HOLLOW MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Covington County near Wing. This area has 6,920 acres; is a bobwhite quail emphasis area but both big and small game are hunted.
- 5 CHARLES D. KELLEY - AUTAUGA COMMUNITY HUNTING AREA:** Located in Autauga County north of Prattville. This area has 8,127 acres; both big and small game are hunted.
- 6 CHOCCOLOCCO MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Cleburne County near Heflin. This area has 56,858 acres; both big and small game are hunted.
- 7 COOSA MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Coosa County near Rockford. This area has 19,877 acres; both big and small game are hunted.
- 8 CROW CREEK MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Jackson County near Stevenson. This area has 2,069 acres; waterfowl and small game are hunted.
- 9 CROW CREEK REFUGE AREA:** Located in Jackson County near Stevenson. This area has 3,346 acres; small game only is hunted.
- 10 DAVID K. NELSON MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Sumter, Hale, Marengo and Greene Counties near Demopolis. This area has 8,308 acres; waterfowl, big game and small game are hunted.
- 11 FOREVER WILD GOTHARD – AWF YATES LAKE MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Elmore County near Tallassee. This area has 5,933 acres; both big and small game are hunted.
- 12 FREEDOM HILLS MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Colbert County near Cherokee. This area has 33,759 acres; both big and small game are hunted.
- 13 GENEVA STATE FOREST MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Geneva County near Kinston. This area has 16,093 acres; both big and small game are hunted.
- 14 GRAND BAY SAVANNA MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Mobile County near Grand Bay. This area has 5,271 acres; both big and small game are hunted.
- 15 HOLLINS MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Clay and Talladega Counties near Hollins. This area has 28,802 acres; both big and small game are hunted.
- 16 JAMES D. MARTIN - SKYLINE MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Jackson County near Scottsboro. This area has 60,732 acres; both big and small game are hunted.
- 17 LAUDERDALE MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Lauderdale County near Waterloo. This area has 20,344 acres; both big and small game are hunted.
- 18 LITTLE RIVER MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Cherokee and DeKalb Counties near Centre. This area has 13,100 acres; both big and small game are hunted.
- 19 LOWNDES MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Lowndes County near White Hall. This area has 15,920 acres; both big and small game are hunted.
- 20 MALLARD - FOX CREEK MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Limestone County near Decatur. This area has 1,742 acres; waterfowl and small game are hunted.
- 21 MARTIN COMMUNITY HUNTING AREA:** Located in Tallapoosa County. This area has 1,742 acres; waterfowl and small game are hunted.
- 22 MOBILE – TENSAW DELTA and W.L. HOLLAND MANAGEMENT AREAS:** Located in Baldwin and Mobile Counties, north of the causeway. This area has 51,040 acres; both big and small game are hunted.
- 23 MUD CREEK MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Jackson County near Scottsboro. This area has 8,003 acres; waterfowl, and both big and small game are hunted.
- 24 MULBERRY FORK MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Tuscaloosa and Walker Counties near Tutwiler. This area has 35,260 acres; both big and small game are hunted.
- 25 NORTH SAUTY REFUGE AREA:** Located in Jackson County near Scottsboro. This area has 5,009 acres; small game is hunted.
- 26 OAKMULGEE MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Bibb, Tuscaloosa, Hale and Perry Counties near Centreville. This area has 44,500 acres; both big and small game are hunted.
- 27 PERDIDO RIVER MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Baldwin County near Gateswood. This area has 17,337 acres; both big and small game are hunted.
- 28 RACCOON CREEK MANAGEMENT AREAS:** Located in Jackson County near Stevenson. This area has 8,507 acres; waterfowl and small game are hunted.
- 29 RIVERTON MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Colbert County near Cherokee. This area has 5,285 acres; both big and small game are hunted.
- 30 SAM R. MURPHY MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Lamar and Marion Counties near Guin. This area has 17,625 acres; both big and small game are hunted.
- 31 SEVEN MILE ISLAND MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Lauderdale County near Florence. This area has 4,685 acres; waterfowl and small game are hunted.
- 32 SWAN CREEK MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Limestone County near Decatur. This area has 8,870 acres; waterfowl and small game are hunted.
- 33 UPPER DELTA MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Baldwin and Mobile Counties near Stockton. This area has 42,451 acres; waterfowl, and both big and small game are hunted.
- 34 WILLIAM R. IRELAND, SR. - CAHABA RIVER MANAGEMENT AREA:** Located in Bibb and Shelby Counties near West Blocton. This area has 36,519 acres; both big and small game are hunted.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREAS

- 1 CEDAR CREEK SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA:** Located in Dallas County near Elm Bluff. This area has 6,401 acres; big game are hunted.
- 2 CROW CREEK SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA:** Located in Jackson County near Stevenson. This area has 400 acres; waterfowl are hunted.
- 3 FRED T. STIMPSON SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA:** Located in Clarke County near Jackson. This area has 5,320 acres; big game and squirrel are hunted.
- 4 PORTLAND LANDING:** Located in Dallas County near Seale. This area has 8,700 acres; big game is hunted.
- 5 UCHEE CREEK SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA:** Located in Russell County near Seale. This area has 4,735 acres; big game is hunted.
- 6 UPPER STATE SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA:** Located in Clarke County near Jackson. This area has 1,920 acres; big game is hunted.

PUBLIC HUNTING AND SHOOTING OPPORTUNITIES (CONTINUED)

PHYSICALLY DISABLED HUNTING AREAS

- 1 Big Oak
- 2 Chattahoochee
- 3 Cherokee
- 4 Coffee County (Victoria)
- 5 Dozier
- 6 Fayette
- 7 Forever Wild Land Trust - Alabama Power Co.
- 8 Jordan
- 9 Lewis Smith
- 10 Little River State Forest
- 11 M. Barnett Lawley Forever Wild Field Trial Area
- 12 Macon State Forest
- 13 Marengo
- 14 Pine Hills
- 15 Prairie Creek

- 16 R.L. Harris
- 17 Shiloh Hill
- 18 Turnipseed-Ikenberry Place
- 19 University of South Alabama Foundation
- 20 Upper State

SHOOTING RANGES

- 1 Barbour WMA Range
- 2 WRIS-Cahaba WMA Range
- 3 Conecuh National Forest Shooting Range
- 4 Coosa County WMA Range
- 5 Etowah Public Shooting Range
- 6 Freedom Hills WMA Range
- 7 Marengo Public Shooting Range
- 8 Sam R. Murphy WMA Range
- 9 JDM-Skyline WMA Range
- 10 South Sandy Shooting Range
- 11 Swan Creek WMA Range
- 12 Upper Delta WMA Range

COMMUNITY ARCHERY PARKS

- A Athens Community Archery Park
- B Cullman Community Archery Park
- C Decatur Community Archery Park
- D Demopolis Community Archery Park
- E Dothan Community Archery Park
- F Elba Community Archery Park
- G Foley Community Archery Park
- H Heflin Community Archery Park
- I Lincoln Community Archery Park
- J Oak Mountain Community Archery Park
- K Ozark Community Archery Park
- L Pike County Community Archery Park
- M Southside Community Archery Park
- N Tuscaloosa Community Archery Park
- O Walker County Community Archery Park
- P Wetumpka Community Archery Park
- Q Wind Creek Community Archery Park



MANDATORY FOR ALL DEER AND TURKEY HUNTERS

STEP 1 BEFORE YOU GO HUNTING:

1

YOU MUST OBTAIN A HUNTING LICENSE (UNLESS EXEMPT*) AND A HARVEST RECORD. Every hunter, regardless of age or license requirement **MUST** carry a harvest record. If you are exempt from needing a license or have a lifetime hunting license, you still need a Harvest Record. **HOW DO I GET A HARVEST RECORD?**

You can use the form below or print a Harvest Record online from www.outdooralabama.com. Possession of a smartphone with the Outdoor AL app installed will be accepted in lieu of a paper Harvest Record.

* **License exempt hunters** are hunters under the age of 16, residents age 65 and older, and resident landowners who hunt their own property.

STEP 2 PAPER VS ELECTRONIC HARVEST RECORD – WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE?

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PAPER HARVEST RECORD: Hunters must complete the information prior to moving the animal, then record their harvest in the Game Check System and put the confirmation number on the harvest record.

VS

ELECTRONIC HARVEST RECORD: Using the Outdoor AL app, hunters will enter the information prior to moving the animal. The app will automatically enter their harvest in the Game Check System and the app will also record the confirmation number.

STEP 3 AFTER THE HUNT: EVERY HUNTER MUST REPORT THEIR HARVEST OF DEER AND TURKEY WITHIN 48 HOURS OF HARVEST:

3

(IF YOU HAVE ALREADY RECORDED YOUR HARVEST VIA THE OUTDOOR AL APP, THIS STEP HAS BEEN COMPLETED)

You must report your deer or turkey harvest into the Game Check system within 48 hours of harvesting it. You will need the following information to report your harvest:

1. Date of harvest
2. Type of animal harvested
3. County of harvest
4. Public or private land
5. Hunting license number or H.E.L.P. number, or CID*.

THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO REPORT YOUR HARVEST:

1. On your smartphone through the Outdoor AL app. Download the app at: <http://www.outdooralabama.com/mobile-apps>
2. Online at www.outdooralabama.com/gamecheck



The Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources develops, maintains, and manages over 750,000 acres for public hunting opportunities. These areas are funded with Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries revenue derived from hunting licenses and matched with federal excise taxes on firearms and ammunition from the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Program. This brochure illustrates the locations for those interested in utilizing these public hunting areas. Enjoy our excellent collection of public hunting opportunities responsibly and safely.



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