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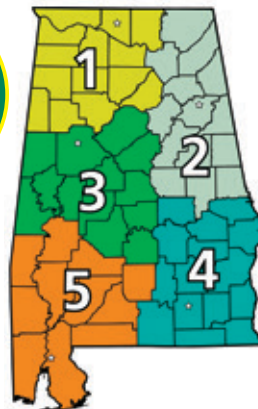
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This year Alabama received more than \$25 million from the federal government as our state's distribution from the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration and Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration acts. Those funds are derived through excise taxes on outdoors-related products from firearms and ammo to fishing tackle and certain boat engines.

Our state's distribution from those funds is directly tied to the number of hunting and fishing licenses sold through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. License sales and matching federal funds determine the annual budgets for the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries and Marine Resources Divisions.

Whether you plan to hunt or fish this year, I ask you to consider buying a hunting or fishing license to contribute to the efforts to make sure future generations enjoy Alabama's outdoors.

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- ✓ Download the new OUTDOOR AL app. Note the Pocket Ranger Outdoor Alabama App will no longer work.
- ✓ Hunters cannot bring any deer carcass into Alabama unless it has been properly prepared (page 14).
- ✓ Unantlered Deer Season Boundary in zone C has been reduced in size (page 22 & 23).
- ✓ Crossbows added to legal arms for Turkey (page 27).
- ✓ Handguns removed as legal arms for Turkey (page 27).
- ✓ Spear removed as legal arms for Whitetail Deer (page 27).
- ✓ Opening date of Spring Turkey Season has moved to March 16 (page 28).
- ✓ Increased Pintail from 1 to 2 (page 31).
- ✓ Prohibition of harvest of Walleye in the Mulberry Fork River and its tributary streams in Blount, Cullman, Lawrence, Walker or Winston counties (page 68).
- ✓ Beginning March 1, 2019, use of any deer urine products prohibited. Fully synthetic deer urine products are allowed. (Proposed)
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- **FAIL TO REPORT HARVEST:** Many warnings were issued by the state's Conservation Enforcement Officers during the last hunting seasons for violations of the Game Check Regulation. This season any violation of this regulation will result in the issuance of citations which have monetary fines attached to them. See page 16 for further information on the Game Check System.
- **IMPORT PROHIBITED DEER PARTS:** It is unlawful for persons hunting outside of Alabama to bring deer, elk, moose or caribou carcasses, hides or antlers back to Alabama from any other location unless all meat has been deboned and skull plates and hides have been thoroughly cleaned of all brain and spinal cord tissue. See page 14.

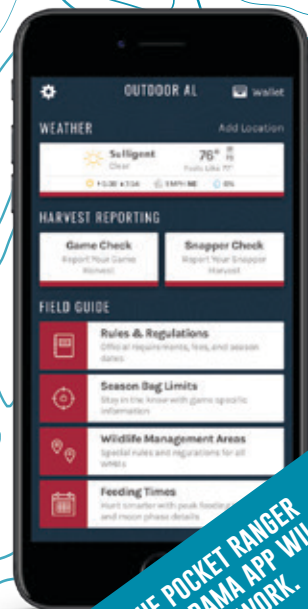
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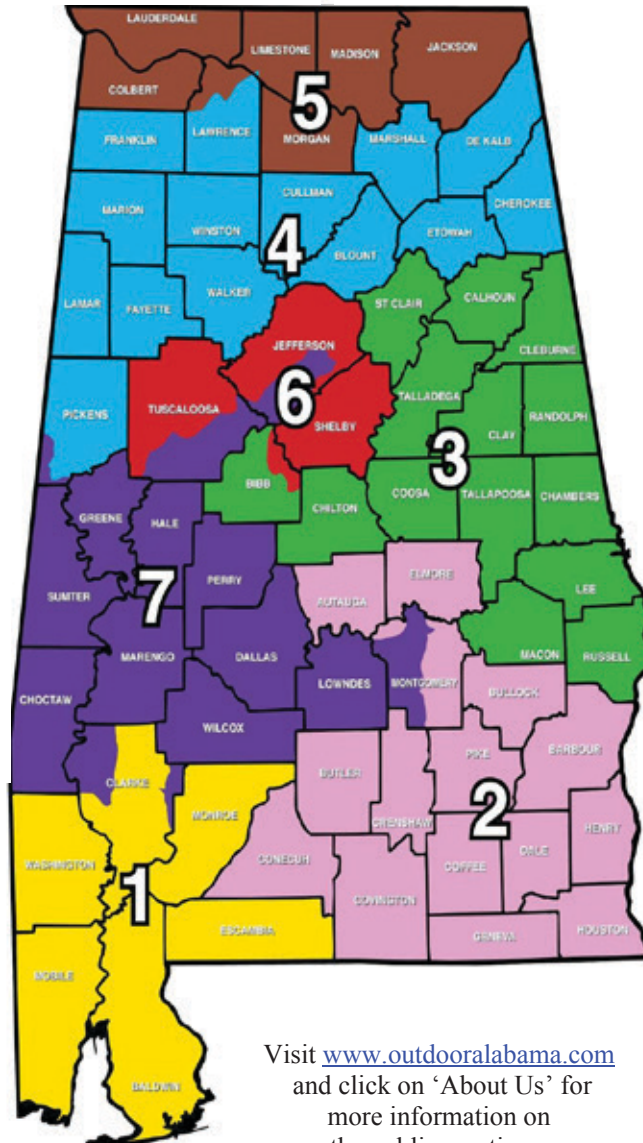
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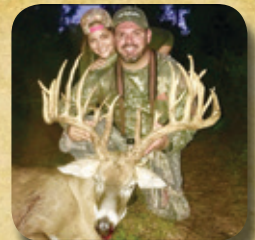
The Wildlife Section of the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) began acquiring lands to secure public hunting opportunities in the Wildlife Management Area (WMA) system as early as the 1940's. The Division historically accomplished this effort utilizing hunting license revenue leveraged with monies from a federal program, termed the Wildlife Restoration Program, as described in the Pittman-Robertson Act (PR) of 1937. This federal revenue fund source stems from an excise tax placed on manufacturers in the production of firearms, ammunition, bow and arrows, for the dedicated purpose of assisting state game and fish agencies in funding wildlife conservation programs. Programs are limited in allowed scope to wildlife



research, surveys and inventories, introduction of wildlife species into suitable habitat, development and maintenance of public use hunting areas and shooting ranges, hunter education and the acquisition and improvement of lands for wildlife habitat. The PR funds, managed and distributed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), are provided to the states through an annual apportionment based on the number of state hunting license sold and by the total square miles of land coverage of the state.

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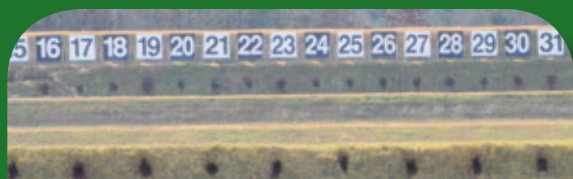
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Up until a few years ago, the acreage of privately-owned leased lands managed within the WMA system exceeded 200,000 acres. These landowners graciously allowed the use of their lands to be incorporated into the WMA system for years but as business models and needs gradually changed, many of these landowners withdrew their tracts on several of the WMAs. This resulted in significant acreage losses to some of our existing WMAs, losing more than half of Coosa WMA and a total loss of some long-standing WMAs (such as Boykin and Scotch). If it wasn't for the portion of the Coosa WMA being purchased through the Forever Wild Land

Trust (FWLT) Program in 2006, Coosa WMA would have been dissolved of public hunting opportunities.

In an effort to reduce this loss in available public hunting lands, the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division presented a proposal to the Forever Wild Land Trust Board of Trustee's to partner with them and cooperatively purchase FWLT program nominations that would serve to add additional acreage to existing or create new public hunting opportunities. This proposal involved the FWLT program providing the required 25% State matching funds with the Wildlife Restoration Program (PR), administered by ADCNR, Wildlife Section, providing the remaining 75% funding a land tracts appraised value.

This partnership began with the re-establishment of the Autauga WMA. Years ago, the privately-owned leased lands making up the Autauga WMA were removed for the same reasons mentioned earlier. Years passed and under new ownership, these same land tracts were nominated to the FWLT program for consideration and ranked high in the WMA category. This provided an opportunity for partnership and opportunity to put those puzzle pieces back together in State ownership re-establishing the historically and currently popular WMA.

Prior to this financial collaboration, the FWLT purchased multiple tracts outright that have consistently added acreage into the WMA system. The second FWLT purchase in program history in 1994 contributed to adding 640 acres to Barbour WMA. Since then, FWLT purchases have led to the creation of 3 WMAs (Grand Bay Savanna, Perdido and Yates) and additions to Coosa, Freedom

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In an effort to facilitate opportunities for young hunters and their mentors, our wildlife biologists coordinate the WFF Youth Dove Hunt Program every year, utilizing multiple WMAs fields and through coordinating with a collection of conservation-minded private landowners that donate the use of their fields for this occasion. During the fall of 2017, 32 youth dove fields were enrolled in this program, with over 700 youth hunters, age 15 years old or younger, and their supervising adult mentor, 21 years old or older or their parent, taking advantage of this free hunting excursion to kick off their season. To learn more about the WFF Youth Dove Hunting Program, visit the Hunting Section of the www.outdooralabama.com webpage. If you're a private landowner in-

terested in participating in this program, please contact your local district office's supervising wildlife biologist or the administration Office in Montgomery at (334) 242-3469 for more information.

In addition to the Youth Program events, several WMAs throughout the State manage fields specifically for providing public dove hunting opportunities throughout the season for anyone to enjoy. These opportunities are typically in the form of planted dove fields or agricultural fields with crops rows left intentionally to attract these fast flying migrators. Always be alert to any congregations of doves flushed when traveling through any early successional areas within the WMA, such as recently harvested stands of timber and clear-cuts, as they have the potential to produce hunting conditions parallel to that of the most manicured dove fields. Common native species occupying these areas such as pokeweed, croton, ragweed and a variety of grasses all represent excellent food sources that attract mourning doves like magnets when casting seed. Don't restrict your hunting only to prepared dove fields to bag a limit, just keep it simple and hunt where they you find the birds. So if you're searching

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HUNTING OUT OF STATE? BEFORE YOU RETURN TO ALABAMA YOU NEED TO KNOW...



It is unlawful for persons to bring deer, elk, moose or caribou carcasses, hides or antlers into Alabama from any state, territory or province unless all meat has been deboned and skull plates and hides have been completely cleaned of all brain and spinal cord tissue. The presence of these materials in Alabama poses a serious threat to Alabama's deer herd.

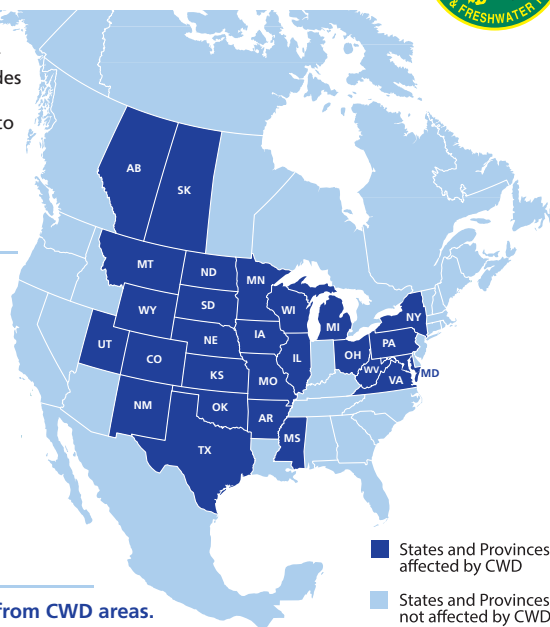
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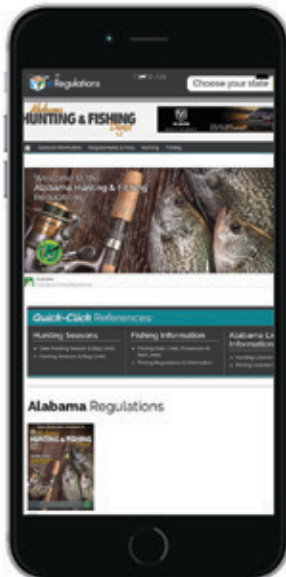
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STEP 1 BEFORE YOU GO HUNTING:

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 Harvest Record online at 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.

DURING YOUR HUNT:

You must always carry your Harvest Record and your hunting license.

You must fill out the Harvest Record with the date and type of animal taken **BEFORE** moving the animal. This includes all deer and turkeys.

MANUAL VS ELECTRONIC HARVEST RECORD – WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

MANUAL HARVEST RECORD: The hunter must complete the information prior to moving the animal, then record your harvest in the Game Check System and put the confirmation number on the harvest record.

VS

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

MANDATORY GAME CHECK FOR ALL DEER AND TURKEY HUNTERS



STEP 2 AFTER THE HUNT: EVERY HUNTER MUST REPORT THEIR HARVEST OF DEER AND TURKEY WITHIN 48 HOURS OF HARVEST: (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/contact-us/mobile-apps>
2. Online at www.outdooralabama.com/gamecheck
3. Call 1-800-888-7690

*The Conservation Identification (CID) is a permanent 6-digit number that is unique to each hunter, and can be used to record deer or turkey harvests in the Game Check System. (See page 6 for more information.)

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Every Hunter **MUST** have a Physical Harvest Record in their possession or the Outdoor AL App installed on a smart phone and in their possession.

Alabama 2018-2019 Harvest Record

Since 2013, all deer and turkey hunters must:

- Have Harvest Records in possession when hunting.
- Fill-out Harvest Record before moving the animal.

Name: _____ License No. _____

ANTLERED BUCK – One of the three must have 4 pts, 1" or longer on one side

Harvest Date:	Points:	Confirmation No.:
____/____/____	R: _____ L: _____	_____
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NOTE: For Barbour County – minimum of 3 points, 1" or longer, on one antler for all antlered bucks. Further restrictions apply on certain management areas. See Wildlife Management Area information.

UNANTLERED DEER

Harvest Date:	Confirmation No.:
____/____/____	_____
____/____/____	_____
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Use back or attach handwritten version to record additional unantlered deer

TURKEY

Harvest Date:	____/____/____		____/____/____		____/____/____		____/____/____		____/____/____
Confirmation No.:	_____		_____		_____		_____		_____

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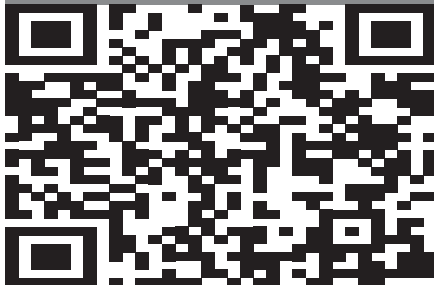


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IMPORTANT NOTES:

- All deer and turkey hunters are required to report their harvest using Game Check and have a deer / turkey harvest record (either paper or app form) in possession. See page 16 for more information.
- All persons hunting on private lands of another must have written permission from the landowner with few exceptions.
- Legal hunting hours for deer are 30 minutes before official sunrise time until 30 minutes after official sunset time. See page 49.
- All required hunting and fishing licenses and waterfowl stamps must be in possession when hunting or fishing (either paper or digital form).
- See hunter orange requirement and definition of open permit – public land. Consult management area map permit for special rules and regulations and seasons before hunting State Wildlife Management Areas.
- Any party controlling hunting rights may, by choice, be more restrictive on seasons and bag limits than those stipulated below.

DEER

ANTLERED BUCKS

Male deer with bare antlers visible above natural hairline – Statewide – one a day.

White-Tailed Buck Limit

Three per hunter during all combined seasons. One of the three must have at least 4 antler points 1" or longer on one antler (except for Barbour County). A point is defined as an antler projection of at least one inch in length from base to tip. Main beam tip shall be counted as a point regardless of length.

Exceptions:

1. **Barbour County Antler Restriction** – white-tailed deer bucks must have a minimum of three points on one side, (except on the statewide special youth deer hunting dates during which any antlered buck may be taken).
2. **Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Bonus Buck** – One per hunter during all combined seasons will be allowed to be harvested from a select collection of WMA's on specific hunt dates depicted on the WMA map permits that will not count towards the hunter's State 3 buck limit. Must be validated at WMA check station by WFF personnel.

UNANTLERED DEER

During the Unantlered Deer Gun, Special Muzzleloader, Bow and Arrow and Special

**Hunting by the aid of bait
remains illegal in Alabama
(see Area Definition on page 25).**

Youth (under 16) Seasons, one unantlered deer may be taken per day in addition to one antlered buck per day. See Special Exception #3 for selected areas with one deer per day limit on U.S. Forest Service Lands.

SPECIAL YOUTH (under 16) DEER HUNTING

Statewide, (includes all Privately Owned, Leased Lands and Open Permit – Public Lands (except Wildlife Management Areas) on November 9–12. Dog hunting in those counties or parts of counties where and how it is allowed during the regular dog deer hunting season. Same legal arms and ammunition apply as in Deer season, in accordance with Rule 220-2-.119. See the current Wildlife Management Area Map Permits for youth deer hunting dates and other information.

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

If notes 1, 2, or 3 appear by the county listed, see the special exceptions on pages 24 and 25. Note (1) relates to dog deer hunting. Note (2) relates to U.S. Corp of Engineers Lands. Note (3) relates to U.S. Forest Service Lands.



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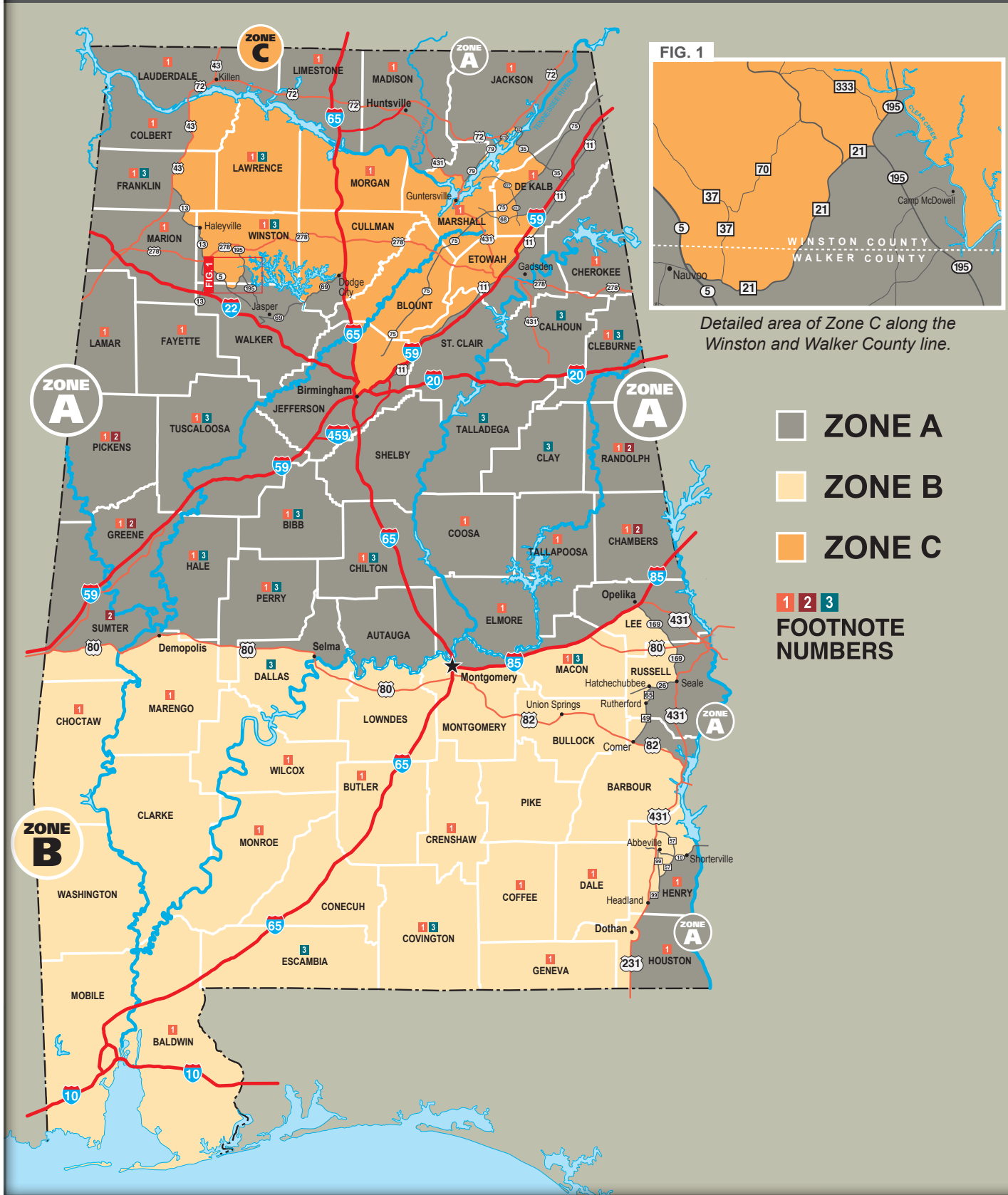
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2018-2019 Deer Season Zone Map



Hunting Activity By Zone

ZONE A

BOW AND ARROW – STALK HUNTING

Either sex: October 15, 2018 - February 10, 2019

GUN DEER-STALK HUNTING:

ON PRIVATELY OWNED OR LEASED LAND ONLY

Either sex: November 17, 2018 - February 10, 2019

ON OPEN PERMIT-PUBLIC LAND

Antlered Bucks Only: November 17, 2018 - February 10, 2019

Either sex: December 15, 2018 - January 1, 2019

DOG DEER HUNTING: WHERE ALLOWED

Either sex: November 17, 2018 - January 15, 2019

ZONE B

BOW AND ARROW – STALK HUNTING

Antlered Bucks only: October 15, 2018 - October 24, 2018

Either sex: October 25, 2018 - February 10, 2019

GUN DEER-STALK HUNTING:

ON PRIVATELY OWNED OR LEASED LAND ONLY

Either sex: November 17, 2018 - February 10, 2019

ON OPEN PERMIT-PUBLIC LAND

Antlered Bucks: November 17, 2018 - February 10, 2019

Either sex: December 15, 2018 - January 1, 2019

DOG DEER HUNTING: WHERE ALLOWED

Either sex: November 17, 2018 - January 15, 2019

ZONE C

BOW AND ARROW – STALK HUNTING

Either sex: October 15, 2018 - February 10, 2019

GUN DEER-STALK HUNTING:

ON PRIVATELY OWNED OR LEASED LAND ONLY

Antlered Bucks Only: November 17, 2018 - February 10, 2019

Either sex: November 17, 2018 - November 25, 2018
and December 22, 2018 - January 1, 2019

ON OPEN PERMIT-PUBLIC LAND

Antlered Bucks Only: November 17, 2018 - February 10, 2019

Either sex: December 22, 2018 - January 1, 2019

DOG DEER HUNTING: WHERE ALLOWED

Antlered Bucks: November 17, 2018 - January 15, 2019

Either sex: November 17, 2018 - November 25, 2018
and December 22, 2018 - January 1, 2019

ALL ZONES

SPECIAL MUZZLELOADER AND AIR RIFLE

Privately Owned or Leased Land

and U.S. Forest Service Land -

Stalk Hunting Only (No Dogs)

Either sex: November 12-16, 2018

DEER SEASON ZONE A: Those areas north or east of a line described as: Beginning at the intersection of the Mississippi state line and US Hwy. 80 in Sumter County follow US Hwy. 80 east to the US Hwy. 80 Bypass and Alabama River; upstream along the Alabama River to I-65; south along I-65 to the intersection with I-85; north along I-85 to AL Hwy. 169 (exit 60); south along AL Hwy. 169 to AL Hwy. 1/US Hwy. 431; south along AL Hwy. 1/US Hwy. 431 to AL Hwy. 26; west along AL Hwy. 26 to Russell County Rd. 65; south along Russell County Rd. 65 to Russell County Rd. 4; west along Russell County Rd. 4 to Russell County Rd. 49; south along Russell County Rd. 49 to US Hwy. 82; east along US Hwy. 82 to the Chattahoochee River; south along the Chattahoochee River to AL Hwy. 10; west along AL Hwy. 10 to Henry County Rd. 57; south along Henry County Rd. 57 to Henry County Rd. 99; south along Henry County Rd. 99 to US Hwy. 431; south along US Hwy. 431 to Ross Clark Circle (bypass around Dothan); east along Ross Clark Circle to US Hwy. 231 to the Alabama/Florida state line. Excludes Zone C description below.

DEER SEASON ZONE B: Those areas south or west of a line described as: Beginning at the intersection of the Mississippi state line and US Hwy. 80 in Sumter County follow US Hwy. 80 east to the US Hwy. 80 Bypass and Alabama River; upstream along the Alabama River to I-65; south along I-65 to the intersection with I-85; north along I-85 to AL Hwy. 169 (exit 60); south along AL Hwy. 169 to AL Hwy. 1/US Hwy. 431; south along AL Hwy. 1/US Hwy. 431 to AL Hwy. 26; west along AL Hwy. 26 to Russell County Rd. 65; south along Russell County Rd. 65 to Russell County Rd. 4; west along Russell County Rd. 4 to Russell County Rd. 49; south along Russell County Rd. 49 to US Hwy. 82; east along US Hwy. 82 to the Chattahoochee River; south along the Chattahoochee River to AL Hwy. 10; west along AL Hwy. 10 to Henry County Rd. 57; south along Henry County Rd. 57 to Henry County Rd. 99; south along Henry County Rd. 99 to US Hwy. 431; south along US Hwy. 431 to Ross Clark Circle (bypass around Dothan); east along Ross Clark Circle to US Hwy. 231; south along US Hwy. 231 to the Alabama/Florida state line.

UNANTLERED DEER SEASON ZONE C: Those areas of Blount, Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Morgan, Marshall, St. Clair, Walker, and Winston Counties inside the following boundaries: begin at the intersection of US Hwy 431 and AL Hwy. 79 in Marshall County; north on US Hwy. 431 to Paint Rock River; Paint Rock River (Marshall County/Madison County line) to Tennessee River; west on Tennessee River to US Hwy. 43; south on US Hwy. 43 to intersection with AL Hwy. 13; south on AL Hwy. 13 to AL Hwy. 5; south on AL Hwy. 5 to Nauvoo, Walker County; east/north on Poplar Springs Road to Winston County Road 21; north on Winston County Road 21 to AL Hwy. 195; north on AL Hwy 195 to Clear Creek; south on Clear Creek to Sipsey Fork; south on Sipsey Fork to US Hwy. 69; north on US Hwy. 69 to Interstate 65; south on Interstate 65 to Interstate 59; north on Interstate 59 to US Hwy. 11; north on US Hwy. 11 to AL Hwy. 68; west on AL Hwy. 68 to AL Hwy. 227; north on AL Hwy. 227 to AL Hwy. 75; north on AL Hwy. 75 to AL Hwy. 35; north on AL Hwy. 35 to US Hwy. 72; west on US Hwy. 72 to AL Hwy. 279; south on AL Hwy. 279 to AL Hwy. 79; south on AL Hwy. 79; ending at the junction of US Hwy. 431 and AL Hwy. 79.

Be sure to report your harvest using
GAME CHECK. See page 16 for instructions.

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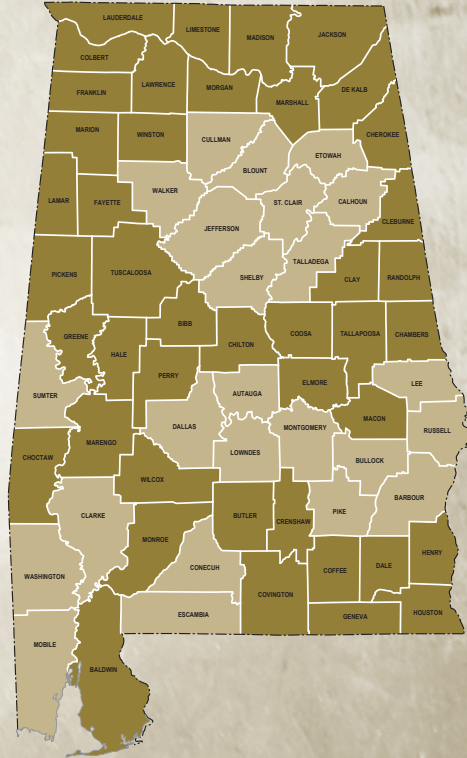
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DOG DEER HUNTING RESTRICTIONS AT A GLANCE

- These counties have areas where dog deer hunting is prohibited or restricted by special permit.
- Entire counties are open to dog deer hunting except for WMAs.

See **1** for exact details on dog deer areas.



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SPECIAL EXCEPTION:

1 DOG DEER HUNTING:

Dog Deer Hunting Prohibited Except by Special Permit from the Department:

Baldwin; Chambers; Choctaw (that area south of AL Hwy. 10 and west of AL Hwy. 17 and north of County Rd. 18 from AL Hwy. 17 to County Rd. 14 then north of County Rd. 14 to the Mississippi state line); **Colbert** (that area inside the following boundaries: from the intersection of the Natchez Trace Parkway and US Hwy. 72 west along US Hwy. 72 to the Mississippi State line, north along the Mississippi State line to the Tennessee River, east along the Tennessee River to the intersection of the Natchez Trace Parkway, south along the Natchez Trace Parkway to the intersection of US Hwy. 72); **Coosa; Covington** (north of US Hwy. 84); **Elmore** (that area inside the following boundaries: from the Coosa County/Elmore County line at the east bank of Lake Jordan, to AL Hwy. 9, south along AL Hwy. 9 to the intersection of US Hwy. 231, south along US Hwy. 231 to the intersection of AL Hwy. 14, west along AL Hwy. 14 to the east bank of the Coosa River, north along the east bank of the Coosa River to Lake Jordan, back to the Coosa County/Elmore County line); **Geneva; Henry; Macon** (that area inside the following boundaries: from County Rd. 24 at the Lee County line, west and south to County Rd. 26, west to County Rd. 10, southeast to County Rd. 5, south to County Rd. 47, south to County Rd. 2, east to the Russell County line); **Marengo; Mon-**

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roe; Pickens (north of US Hwy. 82); **Tallapoosa** and **Wilcox** counties. Individual property owners in **Chambers** and **Coosa** counties may hunt with dogs on their own property without special permit. No dog deer hunting allowed on Open Permit-Public Land (see 220-2-.85).

By Stalk Hunting Only, (No Dogs): Bibb and Perry: (that area inside the following boundaries: east of AL Hwy. 219, south of US Hwy. 82 and north of AL Hwy. 183); **Butler** (that area south of AL Hwy. 106 and east of I-65); **Cherokee; Chilton; Cleburne; Coffee** (that area inside the following boundaries: AL Hwy. 134 from the Covington County Line, east to County Rd. 460, south to the Geneva County line, east to the Dale County line, north to AL Hwy. 134, west to AL Hwy. 87 north to US Hwy. 84, west to AL Hwy. 189, south to AL Hwy. 141, north to US Hwy. 84, west to the Covington County line); **Crenshaw** (north of AL Hwy. 10 and that area inside the following boundaries, from the east city limit of Luverne, US Hwy. 29 east to the junction of County Rd. 57, County Rd. 57 south to the junction of Davis Rd., Davis Rd. west to County Rd. 41, County Rd. 41 south to US Hwy. 331, US Hwy. 331 north to County Rd. 41, County Rd. 41 north to County Rd. 39, County Rd. 39 north to the Luverne city limit); **Dale** (that area inside the following boundaries: Judy Creek south to Dale County Rd. 36, east to AL Hwy. 27, north to the Henry County line, north to the Barbour County line, west to Judy Creek); **DeKalb; Elmore** (that area inside the following boundaries: east of US Hwy. 231, south of AL Hwy. 14, west of Tumkeehatchee Creek and north of the Tallapoosa River); **Fayette** (that area inside the following

boundaries: west of US Hwy 43 and some USACE areas are north of AL Hwy. 18); **Franklin; Hale and Perry:** (that area inside the following boundaries: from County Rd. 32 at the Hale County Line, west to the intersection of AL Hwy. 25, AL Hwy. 25 north until it intersects with the Talladega National Forest boundary, following the boundary south until it intersects the Perry County line, following the National Forest boundary east to Perry County Rd. 23, south to the intersection of Perry County Rd. 29, south to the Spring Hill Church Road, Spring Hill Church Road west to the junction of Perry County Rd. 23 and AL Hwy. 14, west to the Hale County line); **Greene; Pickens; and Tuscaloosa:** (that area inside the following boundaries: in Pickens County from the intersection of US Hwy. 82 and County Rd. 63, south on County Rd. 63 to Benevola, County Rd. 2 (commonly known as the Romulus Road) east through Greene County to US Hwy. 82 in Tuscaloosa County); **Houston; Jackson; Lamar; Lauderdale; Lawrence; Limestone; Madison; Marion; Marshall; Morgan; Randolph; Tuscaloosa** (that area north of US Hwy. 82); and **Winston** (that area east of AL Hwy. 5 from the Walker County line to Natural Bridge and all that area north of US Hwy. 278).

2 U.S. CORP OF ENGINEERS LANDS:

U.S. Corp of Engineers Lands in **Chambers, Greene; Pickens; Randolph and Sumter** counties special muzzleloader and air rifle and unantlered deer season same as privately owned or leased lands in those counties.

Be aware to consult U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regulations regarding hunting activities and boat ramp use prior to hunting USACE regu-

lated areas. Special Permits from the USACE may be required and some USACE areas are closed to hunting. For complete information concerning hunting on the Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway (TTWW), visit the website at <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Recreation/TennesseeTombigbee-Waterway/> or contact the TTWW office at (662) 327-2142.

3 U. S. FOREST SERVICE (USFS): (same as open permit for county), except Wildlife Mgmt. Areas – one deer per day.

Stalk Hunting Only – No Dogs (except for USFS Lands within Calhoun, Clay & Talladega counties): Same season and dates as open permit-public lands.

Dog Deer Hunting - Calhoun, Clay & Talladega counties during the Dog Deer Season on open permit-public lands - Antlered bucks only; on Thursdays and Fridays until 2:00 p.m.; on weekends during legal shooting hours. No Dog Deer hunting on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of each week unless a holiday falls on those days; No Dog Deer hunting on the Piney Woods/Ivory Mountain Area, the borders of which are defined as: bounded by the Cleburne County line to the north running east and west, then to the west by Clay CR 3 running south to State Rte. 49; The south border is Clay CR 66 running east and west from State Rte. 49 to Hwy. 9; The eastern border is Hwy. 9 running north from Clay CR 66 to the Cleburne County line.

"AREA DEFINITION" IS IN EFFECT

Despite what many have heard or seen on social media, the "Baiting Bill" did not pass this year. The "Area Definition" is still in effect. Regulation 220-2-.157, "as it applies to the hunting of deer and feral swine, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that any bait or feed located beyond 100 yards from the hunter and not within the line of sight of the hunter, is not a lure, attraction, or enticement to, on, or over the area where the hunter is attempting to kill or take the deer or feral swine. "Not within the line of sight" means being hidden from view by natural vegetation or naturally occurring terrain features." The area definition does not apply on public land or for any other game animal such as turkey. During turkey season, all feed must be removed or consumed at least 10 days prior to hunting.

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for a dove hunt this coming Fall, don't overlook one of Alabama's WMAs to kick off your hunting season and then return throughout the season in pursuit of this iconic gamebird.

Below is a list of WMAs any interested dove hunting enthusiast should consider this upcoming season. Hunt days and hours are also listed on the WMA Map Permit, which is required to be in possession of each hunter. Be sure to review those hunt dates and times as dove hunting, along with small game hunting, is not allowed during any youth, gun or primitive weapons deer hunt. Good luck this season!

DISTRICT I — NORTHWEST ALABAMA

- **Swan Creek:** Open to dove hunting from 12 noon until sunset on opening day then all day for the remainder of the state season. Contact wildlife biologist Drew Able at (256) 353-2634.
- **Seven Mile Island:** Open to dove hunting from 12 noon until sunset on opening day then all day for the remainder of the state season. Contact wildlife biologist Daniel Toole at (256) 353-2634.
- **Freedom Hills:** Open to dove hunting all day on Wednesdays and Saturdays, throughout the state season in designated fields. Contact wildlife biologist Daniel Toole at (256)-353-2634.

DISTRICT II — NORTH CENTRAL – NORTHEAST ALABAMA

- **Jackson County Waterfowl Area:** Open to dove hunting all day on Friday–Sunday and 1/2 hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon, on Monday–Thursday, throughout the state season. Contact

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DEER

- Rifles using centerfire, mushrooming ammunition.
- Air powered guns, .30 caliber or larger.
- Shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller using buckshot, slugs, or single round ball.
- Muzzleloaders and Black Powder Handguns: .40 caliber or larger.
- Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows in conformance with regulation 220-2-.03.
- Handguns or pistols using centerfire, mushrooming ammunition.
- Hunting with fully automatic firearms is prohibited.

TURKEY

- Shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller using standard No. 2 shot or smaller.
- Long bows, compound bows and crossbows in conformance with regulation 220-2-.03.
- Nothing in this section is intended to prohibit the possession of rifles, shotgun/rifle combinations (drilling) or buckshot and

slugs when the hunter is stalk hunting both deer and turkey provided no person shoots or attempts to shoot turkey with the rifle or shotgun using buckshot or slugs.

MIGRATORY BIRDS

- Shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller, plugged with a one piece filler incapable of removal without disassembling the gun or otherwise incapable of holding more than 3 shells using shot compositions and shot sizes that are approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Waterfowl hunters shall not possess any size lead shot.
- Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM

- Nighttime hunting: Shotguns using No. 6 shot or smaller; rimfire firearms.
- Daytime hunting: see *Other Game Birds Or Animals*.

BOBCAT, GROUNDHOG, UNPROTECTED WILDLIFE, FOX, COYOTE & FERAL SWINE

- Rifles of any caliber.
- Handguns or pistols.
- Shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller.
- Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows.
- Spear or sharpened blade.

BULLFROG AND PIG FROG

- Air powered rifles .25 caliber or smaller.
- Gig or spear.
- Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows.
- Hand or dip net.

OTHER GAME BIRDS OR ANIMALS

- Rifles using rimfire ammunition or those operated by air.
- Muzzleloaders and black powder handguns of any caliber.
- Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows.
- Shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller, using standard No. 4 shot or smaller.
- Handguns or pistols.
- Blowguns using darts propelled by the hunter's breath only.
- Sling shots.

SPEAR

- FERAL SWINE may be taken by hand thrown spear.
- The hand thrown spear shall have a minimum of two sharpened edges of 7/8 inch minimum diameter in width.
- The spear shall only be hand thrown.

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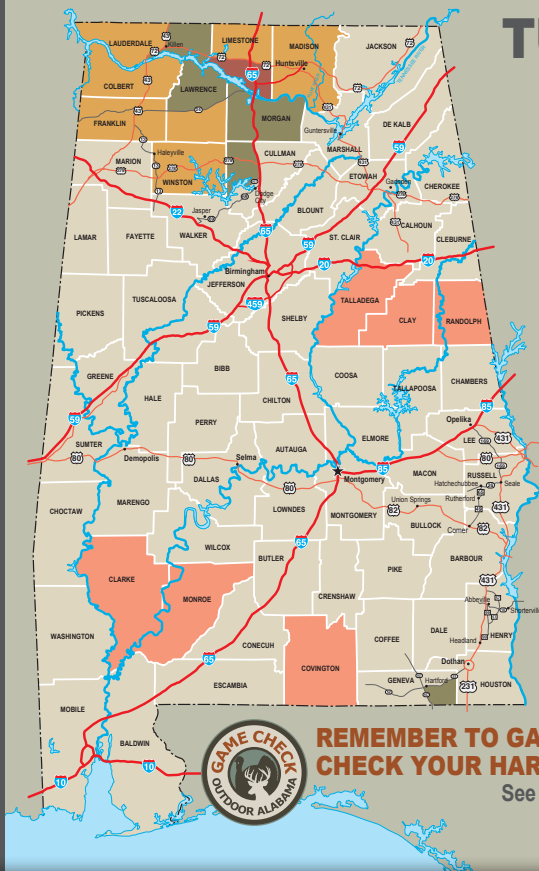
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Alabama Turkey Hunting Season Dates



TURKEY SEASON ZONES

- ZONE 1** MARCH 16 - APRIL 30
- ZONE 2** MARCH 30 - APRIL 30
- ZONE 3** APRIL 20 - APRIL 24
- ZONE 4**
NOVEMBER 17 - NOVEMBER 29 (FALL)
DECEMBER 15 - JANUARY 1 (FALL)
MARCH 16 - APRIL 30 (SPRING)
- ZONE 5** NO SEASON

GOBBLERS ONLY

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SPECIAL YOUTH HUNT

Saturday & Sunday the week prior to opening of spring season.

SPECIAL DISABLED HUNT

One day prior to all opening days. Participants must meet medical requirements of regulation 220-2-.109(2)(d).

DELAYED TURKEY SEASON

Barbour, J.D. Martin-Skyline, Hollins, Oakmulgee, Lowndes, Choccolocco, Perdido River is March 23 – April 30, 2019

Revised 05-22-2018

**REMEMBER TO GAME
CHECK YOUR HARVEST!**
See Page 16

MOURNING & WHITE-WINGED DOVE

NORTH ZONE (All counties except those listed below in south zone.)

- Limit 15 a day (90 days)
 - **September 8 – October 14**
September 8: 12 O'clock noon until Sunset (Afternoon Shooting Only)
September 9 – October 14: One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)
 - **November 17 – November 25**
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)
 - **December 15 – January 27**
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)

SOUTH ZONE

Baldwin; Barbour; Coffee; Covington; Dale; Escambia; Geneva; Henry; Houston; and Mobile.

- Limit 15 a day (90 days)
 - **September 15 – October 21**
September 15: 12 O'clock noon until Sunset (Afternoon Shooting Only)
September 16 – October 21: One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)
 - **November 17 – November 25**
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)
 - **December 15 – January 27**
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)

OPEN PERMIT-PUBLIC LAND

Open Permit-Public Land is defined as governmentally owned land open for public hunting and/or lands made available to the public on an individual basis whether for a fee or not. Examples of such lands would be U.S. Forest Service Lands, land owned by lumber companies and utility companies available for use by hunters either through free permits, fee permits or no permit requirement. This does not include Alabama's Wildlife Management Areas. See the current Wildlife Management Area Map Permit for information.

For details on recommended planting dates for grains, see www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/A/ANR-1467/ANR-1467-low.pdf.

NOTICE: At the time of printing, Federal Guidelines were not final concerning all migratory birds, including dove season dates. Check www.outdooralabama.com for updates prior to September.

BOBWHITE QUAIL

November 3 – February 28

- 8 a day — 8 in possession

RABBIT

September 15 – March 3

- 8 a day — 8 in possession
- No running of dogs during daytime or after 3:00 a.m. during and in areas of spring turkey season.

SQUIRREL

September 15 – March 3

- 8 a day – 8 in possession

RACCOON

No Closed Season

- May be hunted daytime or nighttime hours
- Private Owned and Leased Lands: No Bag Limit
- Open Permit-Public Land: 5 Per Party
- No running of dogs during daytime or after 3:00 a.m. during and in areas of spring turkey season.
- Check with USFS for further restrictions.

OPOSSUM

No Closed Season

- May be hunted daytime or nighttime hours
- No Bag Limit
- No running of dogs during daytime or after 3:00 a.m. during and in areas of spring turkey season.
- Check with USFS for further restrictions.

BOBCAT & OTTER TAGGING REQUIREMENT 220-2-30

All bobcat and otter, regardless of method of harvest, are required to be tagged by a representative of the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division within 14 days of harvest or may be left with a taxidermist with a completed tagging form, and the taxidermist is required to have the bobcat or otter tagged within 14 days of receipt.

BOBCAT^(1,3), COYOTE⁽²⁾, FERAL SWINE⁽²⁾ AND FOX⁽³⁾: (Daytime Hours Only)

No Bag Limit

No Closed Season

See page 49 for legal hunting hours. Dogs cannot be used to hunt during and in areas of spring turkey season.

1. Bobcat - See tagging requirement (above).
2. Coyote and Feral Swine – trapping by landowner or his agent.
Feral Swine – upon capture, it shall be unlawful to release any live feral swine. See regulation 220-2-.86
3. Bobcat and Fox – See page 32 for information.
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Hunters are **not** required to wear hunter orange when:

- hunting from a stand elevated twelve (12) feet or more from the ground
- hunting in an enclosed box stand
- traveling in an enclosed vehicle
- traveling on foot no more than twenty (20) feet directly between an operating enclosed vehicle and a stand where the hunter is exempt from the hunter orange requirement. The hunter orange must be worn when traveling on foot between an operating enclosed vehicle and exempt stand when the distance is more than a direct distance of twenty (20) feet.

A small logo and/or printing is permitted on the front of hunter orange caps; otherwise, hunter orange must be of solid color and visible from any angle. Only hunter orange, commonly called blaze orange, ten-mile cloth, etc., is legal. The various shades of red as well as camo orange are not legal.

FERAL SWINE (2019): (PRIVATELY OWNED AND LEASED LANDS ONLY)

SPECIAL NIGHTTIME SEASON

May 1 – August 31

- No Bag Limit – May be hunted during nighttime hours
- Dogs only – no firearms allowed.

Note: Permit may be obtained through your local district office for nighttime nuisance control hunting outside of the dates of deer and turkey season.

BEAVER, NUTRIA, AND GROUNDHOG

No Closed Season

- No Bag Limit — Daylight Hours Only

STARLINGS, CROWS & ENGLISH SPARROWS

No Closed Season

- No Bag Limit — Daylight Hours Only

BEAR, MOUNTAIN LION & RUFFED GROUSE

No Open Season

WOODCOCK

December 14 – January 27

- 3 a day
- Shooting Hours: One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.



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November 10 – February 24

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CLAPPER RAIL, VIRGINIA RAIL, SORA AND GALLINULE

September 8 – September 23

November 23 – January 15

- Note: At time of printing, federal guidelines were not final. See *Alabama Waterfowl Hunting Guide*.
- 15 a day
- Shooting Hours: One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.

ALLIGATOR (2018)

- By Special Permit Only
- Must register on-line at www.outdooralabama.com between June 5 (8:00 a.m.) and July 11 (8:00 a.m.).
- Must be Alabama Resident or lifetime license holder to register.

Sunset August 9 – Sunrise August 12

Sunset August 16 – Sunrise August 19

- West Central Zone: Dallas; Monroe (north of US Hwy. 84) and Wilcox (nighttime only)

Sunset August 9 – Sunrise August 12

Sunset August 16 – Sunrise August 19

- Southwest Zone - Baldwin; Clark; Mobile; Monroe (east of US Hwy 43 and south of US Hwy 84); and Washington counties (nighttime only)

Sunset August 11 – Sunrise September 3

- Southeast Zone: Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, and Russell counties (nighttime only)

Sunset August 17 – Sunrise October 1

- Lake Eufaula Zone: Alabama State Waters Only (daytime and nighttime)

BULLFROG AND PIG FROG

No Closed Season

- May be hunted daytime or nighttime hours
- Limit 20 frogs in aggregate per person from 12 Noon to 12 Noon the following day.

SPECIAL YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS

November 17 and February 2

- Note: At time of printing, federal guidelines were not final. See *Alabama Waterfowl Hunting Guide*.
- Same shooting hours, bag limits, and legal arms and ammunition apply as in regular waterfowl season, in accordance with Rule 220-2-.119.

SPECIAL TEAL SEASON

September 8 – September 23

- Note: At time of printing, federal guidelines were not final. See *Alabama Waterfowl Hunting Guide*.
- 6 a day
- Shooting Hours: One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.

DUCK, COOT, MERGANSER

November 23 – November 24

December 1 – January 27

- Note: At time of printing, federal guidelines were not final. See *Alabama Waterfowl Hunting Guide*.
- Shooting Hours: One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.

DUCK

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

COOT

- 15 a day

MERGANSER

- 5 a day, only 2 may be a Hooded Merganser.

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GEESE

- **Note:** At time of printing, federal guidelines were not final. See *Alabama Waterfowl Hunting Guide*.
- Statewide (including Southern James Bay Population Zone).
- Shooting Hours: One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.

SPECIAL GOOSE SEASON

September 1 – September 30

ALL GEESSE:

- The aggregate special early season bag limit of 5 dark geese (Canada, White-fronted, Brant) shall not include more than 1 Brant. Additionally, an aggregate bag limit of 5 light geese (Snow, Blue, Ross's) may be harvested per day.

October 13 – October 27

November 23 – November 24

December 1 – January 27

DARK GEESSE (CANADA, WHITE-FRONTED, BRANT)

- Limit 5 a day, the aggregate bag limit of 5 shall not include more than 3 Canada Geese and 1 Brant, all five may be White-Fronted Geese.

LIGHT GEESSE (SNOW, BLUE, ROSS'S)

- The aggregate bag limit shall be 5 a day.

TRAPPING:

BOBCAT, FOX, MINK, MUSKRAT, OTTER & STRIPED SKUNK

November 3 – February 28

BEAVER, COYOTE, NUTRIA, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON AND OPOSSUM

No Closed Season

Note: Permit may be obtained through your local district office for the trapping of nuisance furbearers outside the dates of trapping season.

WFF has collaborated with the AL Trappers and Predator Control Assoc., The Safari Club and the USDA Wildlife Services to host adult and youth trapping workshops throughout the state. Go to www.outdooralabama.com for dates and locations.

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- Standing crops.
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- Lands planted as pasture improvements or for the purpose of grazing livestock. (The Fish and Wildlife Service will not make a distinction between agricultural fields planted with the intent to gather a crop and those planted without such intent provided the planting is carried out in a manner consistent with the recommendations of State Extension Specialists).
- Standing or manipulated natural vegetation.
- A blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with natural vegetation.

For further clarification, see www.fws.gov/le/huntfish/whatislegal.htm.

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System recommends planting dates for some top sown grains between August 1 and November 30 depending on individual circumstances. For details see www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/A/ANR-1467/ANR-1467-low.pdf.



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This publication is provided as a popular guide to Alabama hunting and sport fishing laws and regulations. The *Code of Alabama* and the *Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Regulation Book* are the final authorities on laws and regulations relating to hunting and fishing and can be accessed online at outdooralabama.com/hunting/seasons-and-bag-limits. Contact the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division, District Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Offices or any Conservation Enforcement Officer if you have a legal question not adequately covered in this booklet.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

To qualify for a resident hunting or fishing license, a person must be a bona fide resident of Alabama for a minimum of 90 days continuously immediately prior to purchasing any such license or be a member of U.S. military stationed in Alabama. **For the purpose of buying hunting and fishing licenses, residency is determined by the Driver's License issuance.** Resident and nonresident annual hunting and fishing licenses are valid from September 1 through August 31 each year. Successfully completing an approved hunter education course is mandatory for all hunting

license buyers born on or after August 1, 1977, see page 50 for exemptions. Licenses must be in possession while hunting or fishing. A deer and turkey harvest record (either paper or app form) must be in possession every time a person is hunting deer or turkey. It is unlawful to utilize or possess more than one harvest record.

It is illegal to kill or cripple any species of game bird, game animal or game fish without making a reasonable effort to retrieve same and include it in the daily bag or creel limit, except all game fish not meeting legal length regulations, and protected species. An individual should not trail or retrieve game on property they do not have permission to enter. All game bags, hunting coats, camping equipment, live boxes, automobiles and such used in hunting and fishing will be open for inspection by officers of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

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MIGRATORY BIRD HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM

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GENERAL INFORMATION LICENSE FEES

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WHEN A GAME OR FISH LAW IS BROKEN THINGS HAPPEN



Fred Harders, Assistant Director of the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division, briefs Director Chuck Sykes as he receives information on law violations from the public.

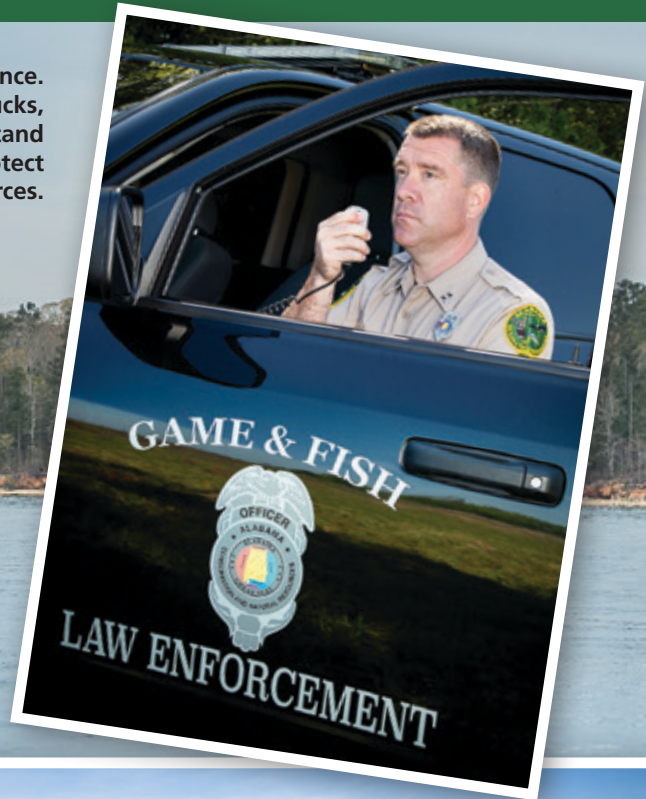


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RESIDENT HUNTING LICENSES: Valid: 9/1/18 – 8/31/19 (unless otherwise indicated)


CATEGORY	LICENSE TYPE	DESCRIPTION/INFO	FEE
HUNTING LICENSE <small>** Hunter Education required if license buyer is born on or after August 1, 1977. Hunting license buyers have the option to hunt under the 'supervision required' status in lieu of passing the hunter education course. (see page 50)</small>	State: All Game*	Valid for all legal game, to include deer and turkey. Includes privileges of Wildlife Heritage License.	\$27.10
	State: Small Game*	Valid for all legal game, except deer and turkey. Includes privileges of Wildlife Heritage License.	\$18.00
PHYSICALLY DISABLED HUNTING LICENSE	Annual All Game (totally disabled)	Present certification of permanent disability benefit to your local Probate/License Commissioner Office for issuance. Includes privileges of Wildlife Heritage License.	\$6.15
50% PHYSICALLY DISABLED MILITARY VETERAN'S APPRECIATION HUNTING LICENSE	State: All Game	Present certification by the U.S. Veterans Administration to be 50% or more disabled to your local Probate/License Commissioner Office for issuance.	\$14.10
100% PHYSICALLY DISABLED MILITARY VETERAN'S APPRECIATION HUNTING LICENSE	State: All Game	Present certification by the U.S. Veterans Administration to be 100% disabled to your local Probate/License Commissioner Office for issuance.	\$3.10
PHYSICALLY DISABLED MILITARY VETERAN'S APPRECIATION 3-DAY HUNTING EVENT LICENSE	State: All Game	Event must be sanctioned by DCNR Commissioner. Allows up to 10 US military veterans, 50% or more disabled, to hunt on one event license. Must present certification by the U.S. Veterans Administration.	\$136.20
GAME CHECK H.E.L.P. NUMBER	Annual	H.E.L.P. License number to be used by license exempt residents to record deer and turkey harvest. NOTE: NOT NEEDED IF PURCHASING ANY OTHER ANNUAL RECREATIONAL PRIVILEGE.	N/C
WILDLIFE HERITAGE LICENSE	Annual	Allows residents to fish in freshwater statewide with hook and line from the bank, fish in WFF operated Public Fishing Lakes (daily lake permits required), hunt small game, except waterfowl, on WFF WMA (WMA permit required), shoot on WFF managed shooting ranges, and support wildlife. These privileges are also included in all resident hunting and freshwater fishing licenses, including lifetime licenses.	\$11.20
DUCK STAMPS	State	—	\$11.00
	Federal	Valid: 7/1/18 – 6/30/19. Available online at: https://store.usps.com/store/browse/subcategory.jsp?categoryld=duck-stamps	\$25.00
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA LICENSE	Annual	Required for hunting big game (deer or turkey) and waterfowl on Management Areas, in addition to the appropriate hunting license and a Management Area Permit (free). Shooting range users on Wildlife Management Areas are required to have a valid hunting license, the Management Area License, or Wildlife Heritage License.	\$18.00
FUR CATCHERS LICENSE	Annual	90 day resident proof required. Valid: 10/1/18 – 9/30/19	\$22.10
COMMERCIAL FOWL HUNTING PRESERVE LICENSE	7-Day	In lieu of a regular hunting license, a resident may purchase for \$8.00, plus a \$2.00 issuance fee, a 7-day commercial fowl hunting preserve license that allows that person the privilege of hunting only artificially propagated or pen-raised fowl on a licensed commercial fowl hunting preserve. Check with the hunting preserve for information.	\$10.00

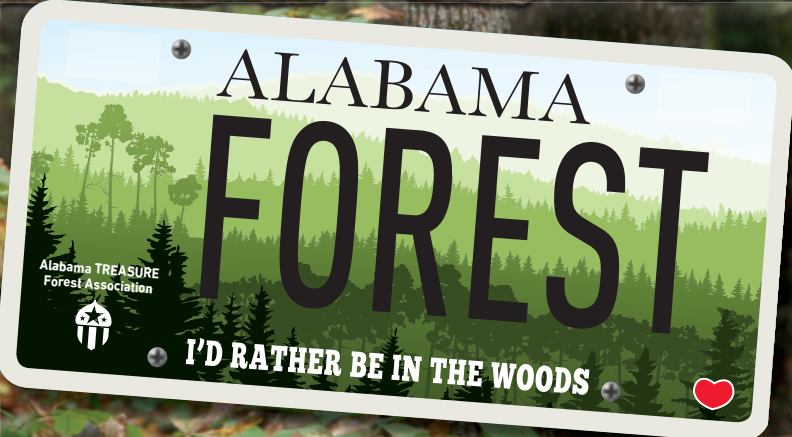
For more information on resident licenses, see the notes on page 37.

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NONRESIDENT HUNTING LICENSES

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CATEGORY	LICENSE TYPE	DESCRIPTION/INFO	FEE
HUNTING LICENSE <small>** Hunter Education required if license buyer is born on or after August 1, 1977. Hunting license buyers have the option to hunt under the 'supervision required' status in lieu of passing the hunter education course. (see page 50)</small>	All Game: Annual	Valid for all legal game, to include deer and turkey.	\$312.45
	All Game: 10-Day Trip	Valid for all legal game, to include deer and turkey. Valid for 240 consecutive hours.	\$193.00
	All Game: 3-Day Trip	Valid for all legal game, to include deer and turkey. Valid for 72 consecutive hours.	\$136.20
	Small Game: Annual	Valid for all legal game, except deer and turkey.	\$102.05
	Small Game: 10-Day Trip	Valid for all legal game, except deer and turkey. Valid for 240 consecutive hours.	\$62.30
	Small Game: 3-Day Trip	Valid for all legal game, except deer and turkey. Valid for 72 consecutive hours.	\$45.20
PHYSICALLY DISABLED MILITARY VETERAN'S APPRECIATION 3-DAY HUNTING EVENT LICENSE	State: All Game	Event must be sanctioned by DCNR Commissioner. Allows up to 10 US military veterans, 50% or more disabled, to hunt on one event license. Must present certification by the U.S. Veterans Administration.	\$136.20
GAME CHECK H.E.L.P. NUMBER	Annual	H.E.L.P. License number to be used by nonresidents 15 years and younger to record deer and turkey harvest. NOTE: NOT NEEDED IF PURCHASING ANY OTHER ANNUAL RECREATIONAL PRIVILEGE.	N/C
DUCK STAMPS	State	—	\$11.00
	Federal	Valid: 7/1/18 – 6/30/19. Available online at: https://store.usps.com/store/browse/subcategory.jsp?categoryId=duck-stamps	\$25.00
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA LICENSE	Annual	Required for hunting on Management Areas, in addition to the appropriate hunting license and a Management Area Permit (free). Shooting range users on Wildlife Management Areas are required to have a valid hunting license or the Management Area License.	\$18.00
FUR CATCHERS LICENSE	Annual	Same as nonresident license in applicant's resident state, please call 334-242-3465. Valid: 10/1/18 – 9/30/19	Varies
COMMERCIAL FOWL HUNTING PRESERVE LICENSE	7-Day	In lieu of a regular hunting license, a nonresident may purchase for \$8.00, plus a \$2.00 issuance fee, a 7-day commercial fowl hunting preserve license that allows that person the privilege of hunting only artificially propagated or pen-raised fowl on a licensed commercial fowl hunting preserve. Check with the hunting preserve for information.	\$10.00

NOTE: Please see 'General Information for Hunting and Fishing Licenses' on page 37.

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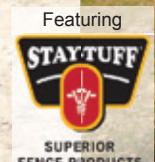


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CATEGORY	LICENSE TYPE	DESCRIPTION/INFO		FEE
SPORT FISHING LICENSE	Freshwater: Annual*	Required for residents 16 years of age and under 65 years of age who fish with rod and reel, hook and line, or from a boat in public waters. This license is not required to fish with ordinary hook and line, only from bank in county of legal residence.	Includes privileges of Wildlife Heritage License.	\$13.55
	Saltwater: Annual*		—	\$23.80
	Saltwater: 7-Day Trip		Trip licenses are valid for 168 consecutive hours.	\$9.95
PUBLIC FISHING LAKES DAILY FISHING LICENSE (SEE PAGE 72)	Public Fishing Lakes	In lieu of a regular fishing license, a resident may purchase to fish for 1 day at any WFF Division owned Public Fishing Lake. (Not valid in other public reservoirs, lakes and rivers.)	Trip is valid for 1 day	\$6.20
PHYSICALLY DISABLED FRESHWATER FISHING 3-DAY EVENT LICENSE	Freshwater Trip	Event must be sanctioned by DCNR. Allows up to 20 physically disabled persons and their assistant to fish on one event license. \$5.00 for each additional participant.	—	\$100.00
DISABLED FISHING LICENSE	Freshwater Annual (totally disabled)	Present certification of permanent disability benefit to your local Probate/License Commissioner Office for issuance.	Includes privileges of Wildlife Heritage License.	\$3.00
	Veterans Appreciation (20% disabled)	Present certification by the U.S. Veterans Administration to be 20% or more disabled to your local Probate/License Commissioner Office for issuance.	Includes privileges of Wildlife Heritage License.	\$3.10
	Saltwater Annual (totally disabled)	Present certification of permanent disability benefit to your local Probate/License Commissioner Office for issuance.	—	\$3.00
FRESHWATER COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE	Annual	12 month residency proof required. Required for use of any commercial gear. Valid: 10/1/18 – 9/30/19		\$100.00
	Retail Freshwater Fish Dealer	Required to sell commercial or nongame fish direct to the consumer. Valid: 10/1/18 – 9/30/19		\$11.00
	Wholesale Freshwater Fish Dealer	Required to sell commercial or nongame fish for resale. Valid: 10/1/18 – 9/30/19		\$26.00
FRESHWATER MUSSEL LICENSE	Catcher	12 month residency proof required. Valid: 10/1/18 – 9/30/19		\$251.00
	Dealer or Buyer	12 month residency proof required. Valid: 10/1/18 – 9/30/19		\$101.00
SPEAR FISHING LICENSE	Annual	Valid for fresh and saltwater. Must also have appropriate sportfishing license.		\$6.00

* Residents 64 years of age purchasing a hunting or fishing license are issued the license on a lifetime basis. Saltwater fishing license also required when saltwater fishing by use of any artificial bait, fly, lure, gig, cast net, bow, crab trap (five or less) or spear.

Game fish may not be caught by any method other than ordinary hook and line, fly, troll, or spinner. The sale or purchase of game fish taken from public water is prohibited by law in Alabama.

NOTE: Residents 65 years of age and over are exempt from buying freshwater and saltwater fishing licenses, hunting licenses, wildlife management area license or state duck stamp (federal stamp required), provided said resident has on his person, while hunting or fishing, a driver's license or proof of permanent Alabama residence and age. If fishing in saltwater, residents 65 and over are required to register in the Saltwater Angler Registry each year.



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NONRESIDENT FISHING LICENSES: Valid: 9/1/18 – 8/31/19 (unless otherwise indicated)

CATEGORY	LICENSE TYPE	DESCRIPTION/INFO		FEE
SPORT FISHING LICENSE	Freshwater: Annual	Required for nonresidents 16 years of age and older. Required in any public water regardless of tackle used. Special fishing license fees may apply to residents of Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, & Tennessee.	—	\$52.00
	Freshwater: 7-Day Trip		Trip licenses are valid for 168 consecutive hours.	\$29.25
	Saltwater: Annual		—	\$50.95
	Saltwater: 7-Day Trip		Trip licenses are valid for 168 consecutive hours.	\$28.20
PUBLIC FISHING LAKES DAILY FISHING LICENSE (SEE PAGE 72)	Daily	In lieu of a regular fishing license, a nonresident may purchase to fish at any WFF Division owned Public Fishing Lake. (Not valid in other public reservoirs, lakes and rivers.)	Trip is valid for 1 day	\$7.30
	Annual		Expires August 31	\$12.60
FRESHWATER FISHING FAMILY TRIP LICENSE	Freshwater Trip	Allows nonresidents to add up to 4 additional immediate family members to their Sport Fishing License.	Trip is valid for 3 days	\$29.25
PHYSICALLY DISABLED FRESHWATER FISHING 3-DAY EVENT LICENSE	Freshwater Trip	Event must be sanctioned by DCNR. Allows up to 20 physically disabled persons and their assistant to fish on one event license. \$5.00 for each additional participate.	—	\$100.00
FRESHWATER COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE	Freshwater Commercial	Same as nonresident license in applicant's resident state, please call 334-242-3465. Valid: 10/1/18 – 9/30/19		Varies
	Retail Freshwater Fish Dealer	Required to sell commercial or nongame fish direct to the consumer. Valid: 10/1/18 – 9/30/19		\$11.00
	Wholesale Freshwater Fish Dealer	Required to sell commercial or nongame fish for resale. Valid: 10/1/18 – 9/30/19		\$26.00
FRESHWATER MUSSEL LICENSE	Catcher	Includes residents with less than 12 month residency proof. Valid: 10/1/18 – 9/30/19		\$751.00
	Dealer or Buyer	Includes residents with less than 12 month residency proof. Valid: 10/1/18 – 9/30/19		\$301.00
SPEAR FISHING LICENSE	Annual	Valid for fresh and saltwater. Must also have appropriate sportfishing license.		\$8.50
	7-day trip			\$3.50

NOTE: Please see 'General Information for Hunting and Fishing Licenses' on page 37.

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Weight: _____

Address: _____

Height: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home (____) _____ - _____ Work (____) _____ - _____ Cell (____) _____ - _____

Eyes: _____

Hunter Education ID Number: _____

Hair: _____

License Privilege (by age)	Under 2	2-11	12-49	50 & over	New	Upgrade
Hunting*	<input type="radio"/> \$342.05	<input type="radio"/> \$455.75	<input type="radio"/> \$569.40	<input type="radio"/> \$342.05	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
State Duck Stamp	<input type="radio"/> \$151.00	<input type="radio"/> \$191.00	<input type="radio"/> \$231.00	<input type="radio"/> \$151.00	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Freshwater Fishing*	<input type="radio"/> \$171.45	<input type="radio"/> \$228.30	<input type="radio"/> \$285.20	<input type="radio"/> \$171.45	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Saltwater Fishing	<input type="radio"/> \$285.20	<input type="radio"/> \$342.05	<input type="radio"/> \$398.90	<input type="radio"/> \$285.20	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hunting & State Duck Stamp	<input type="radio"/> \$492.05	<input type="radio"/> \$645.75	<input type="radio"/> \$799.40	<input type="radio"/> \$492.05	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hunting & Freshwater Fishing*	<input type="radio"/> \$512.65	<input type="radio"/> \$569.40	<input type="radio"/> \$796.85	<input type="radio"/> \$512.65	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hunting & Saltwater Fishing*	<input type="radio"/> \$626.25	<input type="radio"/> \$796.85	<input type="radio"/> \$967.45	<input type="radio"/> \$626.25	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Freshwater Fishing & State Duck Stamp	<input type="radio"/> \$321.45	<input type="radio"/> \$418.30	<input type="radio"/> \$515.20	<input type="radio"/> \$321.45	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Freshwater & Saltwater Fishing*	<input type="radio"/> \$455.75	<input type="radio"/> \$569.40	<input type="radio"/> \$683.15	<input type="radio"/> \$455.75	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Saltwater Fishing & State Duck Stamp	<input type="radio"/> \$435.20	<input type="radio"/> \$532.05	<input type="radio"/> \$628.90	<input type="radio"/> \$435.20	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Saltwater Fishing & Wildlife Heritage*	<input type="radio"/> \$512.40	<input type="radio"/> \$569.25	<input type="radio"/> \$626.10	<input type="radio"/> \$512.40	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Heritage & State Duck Stamp*	<input type="radio"/> \$378.30	<input type="radio"/> \$418.30	<input type="radio"/> \$458.30	<input type="radio"/> \$378.30	<input type="radio"/>	N/A
Hunting, State Duck Stamp & Freshwater Fishing*	<input type="radio"/> \$662.65	<input type="radio"/> \$759.40	<input type="radio"/> \$1,026.85	<input type="radio"/> \$662.65	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hunting, Fresh & Saltwater Fishing*	<input type="radio"/> \$796.85	<input type="radio"/> \$910.55	<input type="radio"/> \$1,194.85	<input type="radio"/> \$796.85	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hunting, State Duck Stamp & Saltwater Fishing*	<input type="radio"/> \$776.25	<input type="radio"/> \$986.85	<input type="radio"/> \$1,197.45	<input type="radio"/> \$776.25	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Freshwater, Saltwater Fishing & Duck Stamp*	<input type="radio"/> \$605.75	<input type="radio"/> \$759.40	<input type="radio"/> \$913.15	<input type="radio"/> \$605.75	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Saltwater Fishing, Wildlife Heritage & State Duck Stamp*	<input type="radio"/> \$662.40	<input type="radio"/> \$759.25	<input type="radio"/> \$856.10	<input type="radio"/> \$662.40	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hunting, State Duck Stamp, Fresh & Saltwater Fishing*	<input type="radio"/> \$946.85	<input type="radio"/> \$1,100.55	<input type="radio"/> \$1,424.85	<input type="radio"/> \$946.85	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Heritage*	<input type="radio"/> \$228.30	<input type="radio"/> \$228.30	<input type="radio"/> \$228.30	<input type="radio"/> \$228.30	<input type="radio"/>	N/A
Replacement Lifetime License	<input type="radio"/> \$5 <u>OR</u>	<input type="radio"/> N/C (current license must be returned)				

Freshwater Fishing and Hunting Lifetime License include the Wildlife Heritage Privileges — see page 40.

* Upgrading / Replacement: Enter Current Lifetime License Number _____

If enrolled in day care or school without driver's license, provide proof of enrollment and attach copy of parent's driver's license.

If not enrolled in day care or school, provide 2 proofs of residency (see residency flyer) and attach copy of parent's driver's license.

This is to certify under penalty of law, that applicant named above is a bona fide Alabama resident having resided continuously in Alabama a minimum of 90 days immediately preceding this date as required by State Law. NOTE: It is a violation of Alabama law for any nonresident to **attempt** to purchase an Alabama lifetime hunting / fishing license.

Submit: (1) completed application, (2) check or money order, and (3) copy of driver's license to:

Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Div., Attn: License Sales, PO Box 301456, Montgomery, AL 36130-1456, or by walk-in or express mail requests: 64 N Union Street, Ste 567, 36104.

Questions: (334) 242-3465 or DCNR.WFFLicense@dcnr.alabama.gov

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Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Check to be ☐ excluded from DCNR email updates **and** ☐ excluded from list sold by DCNR **If blank, you will be included.**

⁽¹⁾ DCNR is now required by Section 30-3-194(a) Code of Alabama 1975 to collect social security numbers on all recreational licenses being issued/renewed.

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wildlife biologist Courtenay Conring at (256) 437-2788.

- **Skyline:** Open to dove hunting afternoons only, 12 noon until sunset, on Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout the state season. Contact wildlife biologist Frank Allen at (256) 587-3114.
- **Hollins:** Open to dove hunting all day on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, throughout the state season. Contact wildlife biologist Steven Mitchell (256) 435-5422.

DISTRICT III — CENTRAL – WEST CENTRAL ALABAMA

- **David K. Nelson (Demopolis):** Open to dove hunting afternoons only, 12 noon until sunset, throughout the state season. Contact wildlife biologist Justin Gilchrist at (334) 289-8030.
- **Mulberry Fork:** Open to dove hunting afternoons only, 12 noon until sunset, throughout the state season. Contact wildlife biologist Chas Moore at (205) 339-5716.
- **Oakmulgee:** Open to dove hunting afternoons only, 12 noon until sunset, throughout the state season. Contact wildlife biologist Drew Tinchler at (205) 339-5716.

- **Lowndes:** Open to dove hunting afternoons only, 12 noon until sunset, on Wednesdays and Saturdays, throughout the state season. Contact wildlife biologist Jeff Makemson at (334) 339-5716.
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- **Autauga:** Open to dove hunting afternoons only, 12 noon until sunset, on Wednesdays and Saturdays, throughout the state season. Contact wildlife biologist Jeff Makemson at (334) 339-5716.

DISTRICT IV — SOUTH CENTRAL – SOUTHEAST ALABAMA

- **Barbour:** Open to dove hunting all day on Wednesdays and Saturdays, throughout the state season. Contact wildlife biologist Adam Pritchett at (334) 529-3222.

DISTRICT V — SOUTHWEST ALABAMA

- **Perdido River:** Open to dove hunting afternoons only, 12 noon until sunset, on Thursdays and Saturdays, throughout the state season. Contact wildlife biologist Chris Nix at (251) 626-5474. ♦

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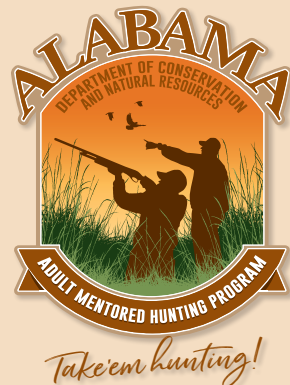
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- Times in table are for Birmingham (downtown)
Location: WO86O49',N33O32'
- Add one hour when on Daylight Savings Time
- PLEASE BE AWARE that sunrise/sunset times for other locations in the state—both north to south and east to west—may vary by as much as ten minutes or more from the times given in the table for downtown Birmingham. Times are specific to a given location's coordinates of longitude and latitude, as well as day-of-the-year.
- **Legal hunting hours for deer are 30 minutes before official sunrise time until 30 minutes after official sunset time.**

	SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET
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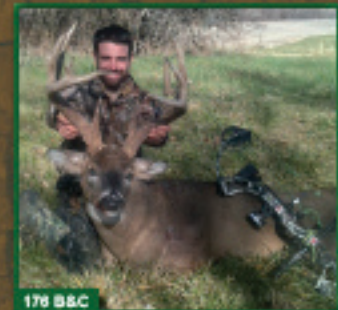
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WHO NEEDS HUNTER EDUCATION?

All license buyers (16 or older) born after August 1, 1977 must successfully complete an approved hunter education course. Exceptions include: APOST certified law enforcement officers employed in the state, active duty U.S. Military personnel and Alabama residents who are active members of the AL National Guard.

There are two ways to obtain your hunter education class: an in person class, also called a traditional class, or an all online option. The in person hunter education course is free; whereas the internet course providers charge a fee. 100% of the fee goes to the course provider to pay for the cost of providing and maintaining the online

course. Students taking hunter education must be ten years of age or older.

For those born after August 1, 1977 and have yet to complete an approved hunter education course but would still like to hunt, there is the option of purchasing a "Supervision Required" hunting license. This license requires the hunter to be under the direct supervision of a properly licensed adult hunter while in the field. Hunters under supervision MUST be under normal voice control, not to exceed 30 feet away from a properly licensed hunter 21 years of age or older. Under no circumstance shall the supervising person be the holder of a "supervision required" license.

A list of classes along with more information about hunter education can be found on our website www.outdooralabama.com/hunting/hunter-education-alabama.

HUNTING DEFINED

Hunting includes pursuing, shooting, killing, capturing and trapping wild animals, wild birds, and all lesser acts, such as disturbing, harrying or worrying, or placing, setting, drawing or using any device used to take wild animals, wild birds, whether they result in taking or not, and includes every act of assistance to any person in taking or attempting to take wild animals or wild birds.

HUNTING PERMISSION REQUIREMENT

It is illegal to hunt, trap, capture, injure, kill or destroy any wild game on another person's land without having in possession the written permission of the landowner or person in control of such land, unless accompanied by the landowner or unless a guest of the landowner.

HUNTING LANDS

Land is divided into two categories:

- **Private owned and leased land** is defined as that which is not open to the general public.
- **Open permit-public land** is defined as governmentally owned land open for public hunting and/or lands made available to the public on an individual basis whether for a fee or not. Examples of such lands would be U.S. Forest Service Lands and lands owned by lumber or utility companies available for use by hunters either through free permits, fee permits or no permit requirement.

LEGAL HUNTING HOURS

Legal hunting hours for resident game birds and game animals including deer during open season are daylight hours (defined as beginning 30 minutes before official sunrise time until 30 minutes after official sunset time.) only. Migratory game birds and waterfowl are as specified for each species. Game animals may be hunted in open season during daylight hours only, except as specified for fox, raccoon, opossum, feral swine, bullfrog, pig frog and alligator under seasons. Certain restrictions apply for running dogs during spring turkey season (see individual species).

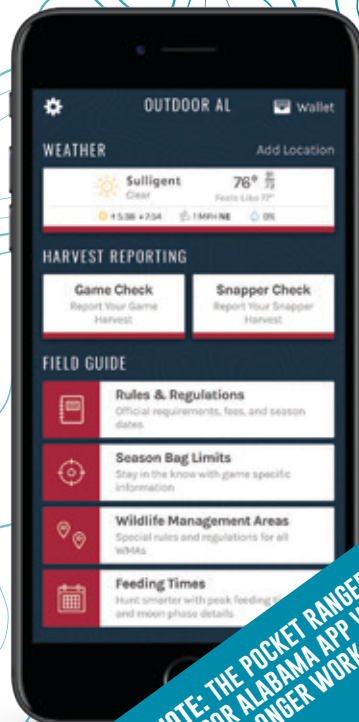
HUNTER ORANGE REQUIREMENT FOR HUNTING

During dates and in areas open by regulation to gun deer season, including youth deer season and muzzleloader deer season, all persons hunting any wildlife species, except foxes, raccoons, and opossums during legal nighttime hours or turkey or migratory birds (including crows), are required to wear an outer garment above the waist with a minimum of 144 square inches of hunter orange or either a full-size hunter orange hat or cap. Hunters are not required to wear hunter orange when hunting from a stand elevated twelve (12) feet or more from the ground, when hunting in an enclosed box stand, when traveling in an enclosed vehicle, or when traveling on foot no more than twenty (20) feet directly between an operating enclosed vehicle and a stand where the hunter is exempt from the hunter orange requirement. The hunter orange must be worn when traveling on foot

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between an operating enclosed vehicle and exempt stand when the distance is more than a direct distance of twenty (20) feet. A small logo and/or printing is permitted on the front of hunter orange caps; otherwise, hunter orange must be of solid color and visible from any angle. Only hunter orange, commonly called blaze orange or ten-mile cloth, etc., is legal. The various shades of red, as well as camo-orange, are not legal.

WATERFOWL HUNTING

Refer to the *Alabama Waterfowl Hunting Guide* and the *Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Regulation Book*, as well as federal regulations, for details on waterfowl hunting requirements and seasons. A "Special Early" September teal and goose season has been scheduled. See seasons and bag limits section for information.

GAME ANIMALS

The following are designated as game animals in Alabama: bear, beaver, coyote, deer, fox, opossum, eastern cottontail rabbit, swamp rabbit, raccoon, squirrel, nutria, mountain lion (cougar), red wolf, groundhog, bobcat, feral swine (wild hog) and alligator. See *Protected Species* below.

GAME BIRDS

The following are designated as game birds in Alabama:

- **Resident species:** bobwhite quail, ruffed grouse, wild turkey.
- **Migratory species:** wild duck, wild goose, brant, clapper and virginia rail, sora, coot, common snipe, woodcock, mourning dove, gallinule and merganser.

PROTECTED SPECIES

All birds except English sparrows, crows, collared doves, starlings and blackbirds (except rusty) are protected by state law. Game birds and game animals may only be taken during open season for hunting. There is no open season in Alabama for **bear, mountain lion (cougar) and ruffed grouse**. Other wildlife species are protected by the nongame species regulation.

FURBEARING ANIMALS

The following are designated as furbearing animals in Alabama: beaver, bobcat, fox, mink, muskrat, nutria, opossum, otter, raccoon, striped skunk, coyote and feral swine.

ARCHERY AND SPEAR SPECIFICATIONS FOR HUNTING

Legal bows for hunting is defined as either a longbow, recurve bow, compound bow or crossbow. Longbows, recurve bows and compound bows must have a minimum peak tension of 30 lbs. Crossbows must have a minimum peak tension of 85 lbs at normal draw length. Arrows or bolts shall be equipped with broadhead having two sharpened edges and minimum cutting diameter of 7/8 inches. Attachments to the bow which project visible light are prohibited.

RUNNING DOGS

Deer may be run with dogs during the closed season only from October 1 to the opening of gun deer season in those counties/regions having an open dog deer season. Squirrel and rabbit may be run during closed season by licensed hunters (no guns). No running of dogs during daytime or after 3:00 am in areas open to turkey hunting.

SALE OF GAME BIRDS & GAME ANIMALS

It is illegal in Alabama to sell any game bird or game animal or any part of the animal, except lawfully taken deer hides, deer hooves and squirrel skins, hides and tails.

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Finished product items such as gloves, shoes, clothing, jewelry, tanned deer hides and similar products may be sold. Exceptions also apply to certain animals classified as both game animal and furbearing animal.

LIVE DEER AND ELK MAY NOT BE IMPORTED INTO ALABAMA

It is illegal to import any live member of the deer family (Cervidae) including deer, elk, caribou, moose, etc. This is our best defense against diseases that could devastate Alabama's deer herd. Recognizing the serious threat that the illegal transportation of live Cervidae into Alabama poses, the Alabama legislature increased the maximum fine for each violation to \$5000. Should you become aware of any live deer being transported within Alabama, it is important to notify the Division at (800) 272-4263 immediately. It is also prohibited to import deer carcasses from ANY other state, territories or possessions of the U.S. unless all meat and antlers have been cleaned of spinal cord and brain tissue.

Alabama's deer herd is an extremely important segment of our wildlife resources. The white-tailed deer is the most popular game animal from both a recreational and economic viewpoint. This herd, through proper management, has the potential to produce high quality deer. It is extremely important that this herd receives protection from sources that could cause harm. This is one reason it is illegal to import deer from outside Alabama. Any time a deer is moved, all its bacteria, viruses, diseases and parasites such as worms and ticks go along. Provisions such as "health certificates" do not ensure that animals are disease free. Diseases of concern to our deer populations are unlikely to move into Alabama unless they come here with infected deer. This risk of disease transmission to our native herd is too great. Recent outbreaks of both chronic wasting disease, commonly referred to as CWD, and bovine tuberculosis in other parts of the country demonstrate the wisdom of that ban. Many other states have recently banned or are in the process of banning the importation of deer.

REPORT BANDS

To properly manage migratory birds, biologists must know migration patterns, harvest and survival rates, and ecological processes. Reporting banded bird recoveries will help provide the needed information. All band reports are very important. To report a recovery, email bandreports@patuxent.usgs.gov. Your help will greatly benefit migratory birds.

ALABAMA'S HUNTING & FISHING TRAIL FOR PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

Alabama has a statewide network of hunting, fishing, and shooting sites for people with physical disabilities. There are no requirements to preregister to use the fishing and shooting facilities but those using the hunting sites (see below) must be approved in advance including certification that they meet disability guidelines. Users must be properly licensed and abide by all laws and regulations. Call (334) 242-3469 for additional information.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

The Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division manages 34 WMAs to provide public hunting opportunities. Consult the *Wildlife Management Area map permits* and the *Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Regulation Book* or www.outdooralabama.com for hunting dates and regulations governing hunting on these areas. Before hunting, hunters are required to have proper hunting licenses and management area permits.

In addition, WMA hunters must also possess the wildlife management area license for hunting deer, turkey or waterfowl. Shooting range users on WMAs are required to have a valid hunting license, management area license or wildlife heritage license (residents only). For locations, see map on page 66.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREAS

The Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division, Wildlife Section manages 6 SOAs, providing a different public land hunting opportunity through a limited quota random computerized draw process. These areas provide a selected hunter and guest(s) the opportunity to hunt a specific unit within an SOA for two (2) to four (4) days all by themselves.

To learn more about the various SOAs, available hunts and how to register visit the www.outdooralabama.com website. Visit the Hunting page and look for the Special Opportunity Area link.

DESIGNATED AREAS FOR PHYSICALLY DISABLED HUNTERS

Specific areas are reserved primarily for use by physically disabled hunters. These areas are open to deer hunting on designated days during gun deer season. To hunt these areas, hunters must possess proper hunting license, certificate of qualification and reserve hunting dates in advance. Application forms and information on these designated areas are available from the Wildlife Section, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 64

N. Union St., Suite 584, Montgomery, AL 36104, (334) 242-3469.

SPECIAL YOUTH HUNTS

Youth who have not yet reached their sixteenth birthday have the opportunity to participate in special hunts. The special deer hunt is scheduled for the Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday before the opening of gun season. Each youth or youth hunting party (maximum of 2 youth) must be accompanied by a non-hunting, properly-licensed adult 21 years of age or older, or the parent of the youth, and wear hunter orange (adult must also).

The opportunity for youth to hunt turkey is offered the Saturday and Sunday prior to the regular spring season opening days. The same regulations apply as for the youth deer hunt, except hunter orange does not have to be worn while hunting turkey.

A special youth waterfowl hunt is offered statewide. The *Alabama Waterfowl Hunting Guide* should be referred to for rules and regulations.

Those interested in any of these special youth hunts should contact the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division's Wildlife Section at (334) 242-3469 for more details.

YOUTH DOVE HUNTS

Fields located throughout Alabama will offer exclusive youth dove hunts on selected Saturday afternoons beginning on the opening date. To participate, an adult (21 years of age or older or the youth's parent) must be accompanied by youth(s) less than 16 years old. These hunts are designed to maximize youth participation and foster mentoring by the adults. Information advertising the various hunts can be attained by calling the nearest district office (see page 2) or at www.outdooralabama.com.

SHOOTING AND ARCHERY RANGES

The Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division recognizes the need for public facilities where individuals can safely discharge firearms. The Division operates and maintains 12 shooting ranges open to the public. Most ranges offer shooting opportunities from 25 to 100 yards.

The Division also operates 14 archery ranges in partnership with local entities. Archery ranges consist of stationary targets from 5 to 50 yards. Most facilities also have a 12-foot shooting platform for bowhunters to practice shooting from an elevated position.

Ranges are constructed with revenue from the sale of hunting licenses, and firearms and ammunition sales. To use any of the Division's ranges, a wildlife man-

agement area license or hunting license is required. For residents only, freshwater fishing license or wildlife heritage license can also be used.

For exact range location, please refer to the map on page 66. For more information, please call the Hunter Education Office at (334) 242-3620.

ALWAYS WEAR A FULL BODY HARNESS

Falling from treestands is the leading cause of injuries to hunters in Alabama. Injuries from treestand accidents could be minimized or prevented by wearing a full body harness. Alabama regulations now require all hunters utilizing a treestand on wildlife management areas to wear a full body harness.

Always use a pull-up rope to pull equipment from the ground to your treestand. Never carry a gun, bow, or other equipment while climbing up or down a tree. Always pull guns up to your treestand unloaded. The use of portable treestands is highly recommended. Never erect permanent stands without landowner permission.

DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Alabama Cooperative Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) was developed in 1984 to assist those who wish to intensify deer management on their lands. Over 100 landownerships and hunting clubs covering more than 200,000 acres are enrolled as DMAP cooperators. Wildlife biologists are assigned to help cooperators develop deer management plans and harvest strategies. Conservation Enforcement Officers assist with legal aspects of the program. Cooperators collect biological information from deer taken on their lands each year. Analysis of the data results in a status report and deer management recommendations which are provided to each cooperator before the following hunting season. For more information, contact the nearest Wildlife Section district office (page 2).

FOREVER WILD PROGRAM

The Forever Wild Program was adopted by Alabama voters in November 1992 to set aside land for permanent state ownership using a portion of the interest earned on profits from the sale of offshore natural gas. The land, to be used for hunting, fishing, camping, outdoor recreation, natural resource protection and research and preservation of unique sites, will be acquired from willing sellers at no taxpayer cost and will belong to you, the public.

The 15-member Forever Wild Board reviews all nominated tracts for purchase and establishes a priority purchase authorization. The Forever Wild Program will allow a steady acquisition effort to build a public land base to meet the needs of Alabama citizens and provide natural resource protection and management to accommodate hunters, hikers, campers and other outdoor recreationists. For further information, contact the Lands Division at (334) 242-3484 (see page 36).

NONGAME WILDLIFE PROGRAM

Since 1984, the Nongame Wildlife Program has been charged with the conservation of the nongame animals of this state—animals that are neither caught, hunted nor trapped. With over 900 nongame vertebrate species of animals native to this state, as

well as thousands more invertebrates such as butterflies, crayfish, mussels and snails, this is a formidable task indeed. Funding for the Nongame Wildlife Program does not include any state general funds—not a penny of taxpayer dollars. Conservationists support the program through the nongame checkoff on state tax returns, direct donations, and from hunting license and wildlife heritage license fees.

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TREE STAND SAFETY RECOMMENDATION

Falls from tree stands are the most common hunting accidents. Serious injury or death are likely to occur from such a fall. It is strongly recommended that no one hunt from an elevated stand without using a full body safety harness and haul line. Be sure to properly attach the tether before climbing and remain attached until you return safely to the ground. Never climb with anything in your hands or on your back. If you think you are high enough, you are. Do not climb any higher than you feel comfortable.

HUNTER SAFETY RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that hunters use a small pen light while traveling to and from their stands or hunting area. This recommendation does not legalize the use of lights to hunt game animals.

Legal hunting hours for deer are 30 minutes before official sunrise time until 30 minutes after official sunset time.

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Prohibited Methods Of Hunting



The following are prohibited methods of hunting in the State of Alabama as condensed from the laws and regulations. Consult the *Alabama Game, Fish and Wildlife Law Book* and the *Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Regulation Book* for the entire law or regulation.

It is ILLEGAL to:

1. Fail to report all deer and turkey harvested on your harvest record (either paper or app form) and in Game Check.
2. Hunt any game animal which does not exhibit wild characteristics or under conditions where animals do not have opportunity for escape.
3. Hunt any exotic game such as wild goat, wild sheep, deer other than whitetail or fallow or elk except those certified prior to 2006.
4. Hunt deer or turkey without a deer or turkey harvest record (either paper or app form) and in his/her possession or move any deer or turkey before recording kill on harvest record. See page 16.
5. Hunt any area where baiting/feeding has occurred until 10 days after all bait/feed has been removed or consumed. See page 25 for Area Definition.
6. Hunt any game animal or bird with a gun or bow and arrow except during daylight hours, with the exception of those species with legal night time seasons.
7. Shoot or hunt a turkey from an elevated treestand with a firearm. All other legal game animals and birds may be taken with a bow and arrow or firearm from an elevated treestand.
8. Take a deer, whether dead or alive, from the waters of this State.
9. Use live decoys for migratory birds and turkey.
10. Use electronic dove, turkey or waterfowl calls. Electronic calls may be used to call predators during daylight hours only during open hunting season for that species.
11. Hunt by the aid of fire or smoke, whether man-made or natural.
12. Hunt resident birds or animals on any floodwaters or backwaters, or islands less than 40 acres created by such.
13. Hunt or discharge a firearm from, upon or across any public road or railroad, or the right-of-way of any public road or railroad. You may not hunt or discharge a firearm within 50 yards of the right-of-way of any public road, highway, or railroad with a centerfire rifle, a shotgun using slugs or shot larger than number four (4) shot or a muzzle loading rifle .40 or larger.
14. Willfully throw or cast the rays of a spotlight, headlight or artificial light from any motor vehicle while the vehicle is on any highway or public road and casting said light on any real property, between the hours of sunset and sunrise.
15. Concentrate, drive, rally, molest, hunt, take, capture or kill any bird or animal from or by the aid of any automobile, ATV, airplane, train, motor boat, sailboat or any other type mechanically propelled device. Persons may hunt from a floating craft or motor vehicle once the motor is shut off and all forward motion has ceased. It is not legal to hunt from a vehicle on a public road.
16. Use gasoline or other noxious chemical to drive wildlife from their burrows, dens or retreats.
17. Kill unantlered deer except during unantlered deer seasons as set by the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division.
18. Hunt with dogs during day time or after 3:00 a.m. during spring turkey season.
19. Take or attempt to take or have in possession more than the daily bag limit of any game bird or animal.
20. Import, possess, sell or offer to sell live: any species of mongoose, any species of wild rabbit or hare and any deer, raccoon, fox, skunk, coyote, wild turkey, wild rodents and any wild goat, sheep, antelope or other exotic game from any area outside of Alabama. (Also, see Sale of Game Birds and Game Animals, page 51) or any fish from the genus *Clarias*, *Serrasalmus* or *Mylopharyngodon*.
21. Release any tame or wild turkey into any of the wild areas of the state.
22. Utilize firearms for hunting deer during the preliminary archery only season, except handguns may be possessed for personal protection.
23. Hunt using laser sights, attachments and light sources to project a beam forward of a gun or bow, except for legally blind hunters.
24. Hunt or take wildlife using poison, explosives or chemicals to include deer blocks, molasses blocks, mineral blocks, chemical licks, and similar products. Deer may be hunted over plain salt licks containing no other minerals or chemicals.
25. Have in possession or keep in captivity any protected live wild bird or wild animal.
26. Trail wounded game onto property where the hunter does not have permission to enter.
27. Possess live feral pig or release any live feral or domestic pig or hog captured by trap or dog.
28. Hunt within 100 yards of any dwelling without the permission of the owner or lessee or discharge a firearm while hunting so that any projectile strikes any dwelling or building used for human occupation, or any commercial vessel, without the permission of the owner or lessee. This does not apply to a landowner or member of his/her immediate family hunting on his/her own property provided that no projectile strikes the above property of another without the permission of the owner or lessee.

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ADULT MENTORED HUNTING PROGRAM



Millions of dollars are being spent nationwide in an attempt to slow the continued gradual decline in hunting license sales. R3 programs, that focus on the recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters, have been one of the main focal points of all state agencies to address this concern. Like most agencies, the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) has continued to conduct various programs designed to either recruit new hunters or engage lapsed hunters for decades. Unfortunately, most of these programs have only achieved limited success.

One of the great attributes of Alabama is its vibrant hunting culture. While this sets a reassuring tone with seasoned hunters, it unfortunately, can make for an intimidating and embarrassing environment for adults seeking guidance on a subject that most of us assume everyone has extensive subject matter knowledge. In an effort to overcome this major speedbump obstructing interested individuals, WFF, with assistance from the Alabama State Lands Division, Mobile County School System, and the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf), initiated the Adult Mentored Hunting (AMH) Pro-

gram. The AMH Program breaks the mentoring mold in that it concentrates efforts on adults. These are adults who either did not have or missed the opportunity while growing up to partake in hunting activities, but still retain a strong yearning to learn about this alluring subject, with the desired end product, to become a hunter. The Program was initiated to satisfy this need, by providing a safe and judgement-free environment, structured in a manner to prevent newcomers from being intimidated.

Interest in the AMH Program in the initial year was much more than anticipated with over 120 adults from six different states submitting applications to be considered for one of the limited hunting opportunities provided in Dallas County at the Cedar Creek Special Opportunity Area or in Mobile County at the Frey and Russell Road Properties. Of those applicants, 71 were selected as participants for big game and small game hunts. Applicants came from all walks of life, including engineers, a communications director, an army reserve trainer, a radio show producer, and a gastroenterologist and possessed varying reasons for enrolling in the program. Though a common theme among all participants was the desire to be

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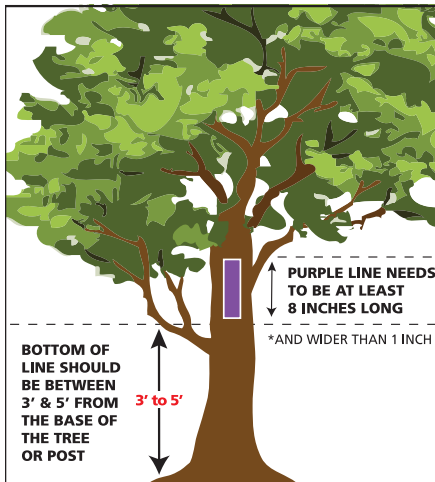
PURPLE PAINT PROTECTS PROPERTY

During the 2016 Legislative Session, Alabama lawmakers adopted a rule allowing landowners to paint purple stripes on trees or fence posts as an alternative to no-trespassing signs. Properly posted no-trespassing signs remain lawful.

Purple paint's advantages include low cost, high visibility and difficult to remove.

Alabama is one of several states recognizing purple paint as a valid no-trespassing marker.

According to the Code of Alabama, vertical stripes of purple paint must be longer than 8 inches, wider than 1 inch, 3–5 feet from the ground, readily visible to people approaching the property, 100 feet or less apart on forestland and less than 1,000 feet on non-forestland.



HAVE YOU SEEN ME IN A STREAM IN NORTH ALABAMA?



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ALABAMA WATERS ALIEN INVASION



We're being invaded by alien fish imported from Asia. War has been waged against these intruders as they slowly, but steadily encroach on the waters of Alabama.

Who are these aliens? Four species of Asian carp have invaded the United States: silver carp, bighead carp, grass carp, and black carp. Three of these have already been documented in Alabama, with the exception being the black carp; however, black carp were recently found in Kentucky Lake which is just one navigational lock away from Alabama's Pickwick Reservoir.

SILVER CARP

Silver carp, the wild and crazy jumping fish, have been well documented on internet videos slamming into boats and conducting aerial acrobatics injuring boaters. An escapee from aquaculture ponds along the Mississippi River, this alien invader has meandered its way throughout the Mississippi River drainage. Silver carp filter both zooplankton and phytoplankton from the water. These filter feeders compete with our native fishes such as paddlefish, gizzard shad, threadfin shad, bream, and even small bass. Their large schooling behavior can overwhelm river systems and available resources.

BIGHEAD CARP

Bighead carp have been found throughout the Alabama portion of the Tennessee

River. This alien invader can exceed 100 pounds, but are not the jumping threat like their cousin the silver carp. Bighead carp feed primarily on zooplankton, so they compete with native fishes to a lesser degree and do not have the tendency to overwhelm river systems like the silver carp.

GRASS CARP

Grass carp (white amur) have been around for over half a century and are popular with private pond owners for maintaining undesirable aquatic vegetation in their ponds. They have been stocked in some reservoirs to manage nuisance aquatic vegetation such as hydrilla and milfoil. Grass carp do not devastate river systems like the silver carp.

BLACK CARP

Black carp have now been documented in Kentucky Lake. This alien invader is another species that concerns biologists. They appear very similar to grass carp and may have been mistakenly brought into the United States with shipments of grass carp. Black carp feed almost solely on snails and mussels (mollusks). Alabama has many mollusks that are already of conservation concern. If black carp become established, these threatened mollusks could disappear along with animals that rely on mollusks for food. Mollusks are nature's water purifiers, so if their abundance is reduced, water quality problems are likely to result.

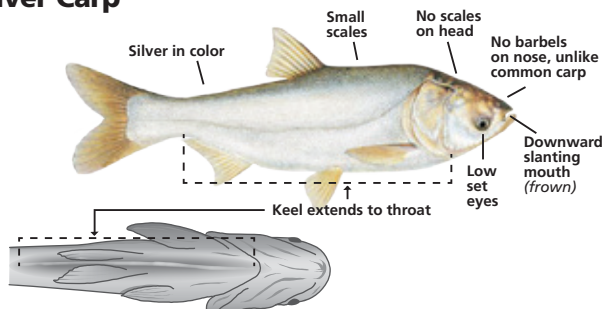
Commercial net angling and bow fishing are currently the only means of managing carp. In order to entice commercial netters to target these fish, there needs to be a viable market. Electric barriers have been used in some areas of the U.S. to deter up-river migrations, but barriers do not stop humans from moving carp from one body of water to another. Young Asian carp are difficult to identify and are similar in appearance to skipjack herring, gizzard shad, and threadfin shad, and could mistakenly be transferred to new areas by live bait anglers.

To minimize the potential spread of these fish, follow these simple steps.

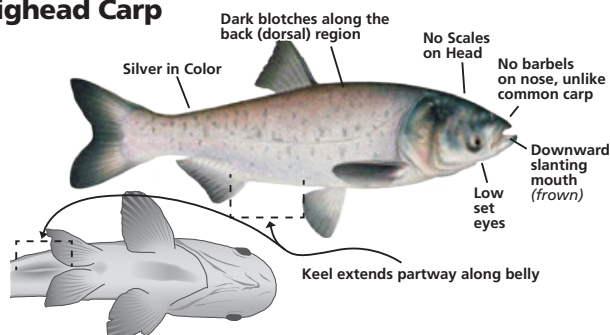
- Never move live fish from one water body to another — it is illegal!
- Don't harvest bait or transport water from infested water bodies.
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash, NOT in lakes and rivers.
- Drain all of the water from your boat (including the bilge and live well) and all equipment away from waterways and storm drains.
- Learn how to identify Asian carp.

If you think you have found or captured a silver, bighead, or black carp, contact the District 1 Office at 256-353-2634. Do not release the fish back into the water, but instead remove the fish and dispose of it properly.

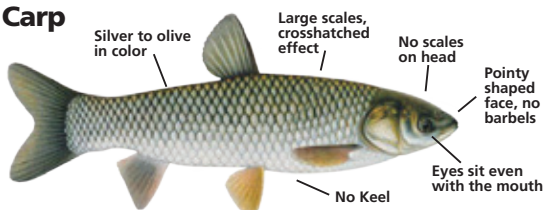
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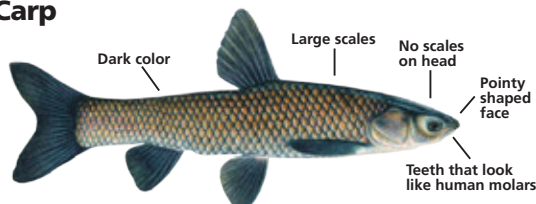
Bighead Carp



Grass Carp



Black Carp





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SEASONS

All public streams, lakes and ponds are open to fishing throughout the year except some state-owned and managed Public Fishing Lakes (PFL).

PRIVATE LANDS AND WATERS

It is illegal to fish in public waters on or from posted private land without the owner's permission. It is illegal to fish in private waters without permission from the owners.

MEANS OF CATCHING GAME FISH

It is illegal to take, catch or kill, or attempt to take, catch or kill any game fish by any means other than ordinary hook and line, artificial lure, live bait, troll or spinner in any of the public waters of this State. It is unlawful to use electrical devices, explosives, poisons or firearms to take fish of any species from these waters.

GAME FISH

The following shall be named and designated as game fish in Alabama: rainbow trout, all members of the sunfish family to include: largemouth, smallmouth, spotted, shoal, and those species formerly known as "redeye" bass, which are now known separately as Coosa, Warrior, Cahaba, Tallapoosa, and Chattahoochee bass, based on their respective drainages and the Alabama bass which was formerly known as spotted bass in the Mobile drainage; those fish commonly referred to as bream which include rock bass, flier, shadow bass, warmouth, redbreast, bluegill, longear, and redear (shellcracker); black and white crappie; all members of the temperate bass family to include: saltwater striped, white, and yellow bass and any hybrids thereof; all members of the pike family to include chain, redbfin, and grass pickerel; the following members of the perch family: sauger (jack), walleye, and yellow perch.

THE BASS ANGLERS INFORMATION TEAM (BAIT) PROGRAM

BAIT is a voluntary partnership between bass clubs and the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (ADWFF). The program summarizes information on bass fishing and is used by ADWFF fisheries biologists, in combination with their reservoir surveys, as the basis for fisheries management decisions. BAIT data allows biologists to identify trends in bass populations and helps them better understand the mechanisms that influence them. This data may also be used by participating bass clubs to select tournament locations.

Following a tournament, a club member fills out a data form that provides details regarding the tournament format, the number of participants, and the numbers and weight of bass weighed-in. The results are then compiled and analyzed for each Alabama reservoir and an annual report is published. The report ranks each reservoir based on five fishing quality indicators and determines an overall ranking.

In order to assist in the BAIT process, tell your fellow club members and tournament directors their participation is needed. If your club is already participating in this program, we thank you for your continued support. If your club is not participating, but would like to, simply complete and submit a BAIT card following each tournament. All participating clubs receive a printed copy of the annual report.

For more info, contact the Fisheries Section at (334) 242-3471, email Kyle.Bolton@dcnr.alabama.gov or visit www.outdooralabama.com/bass-fishing-quality-bait-reports.

ANGLER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Alabama's Angler Recognition Program is intended to honor individuals who catch large sportfish from Alabama waters and to provide biologists with useful statistics on the number of large fish caught from our reservoirs. The program includes four categories: Master Angler, Trophy Angler, Lake Record and State Record. Anglers can submit applications for Master Angler and Trophy Angler status based upon their fish's total length or total weight, but not both, and may submit an unlimited number of applications. Applications, specific requirements, and instructions can be obtained from any District Fisheries office or from www.outdooralabama.com/freshwater-fishing/state-record-angler-recognition. Qualified anglers will receive a certificate commemorating their catch and a window decal.

CREEL AND POSSESSION LIMITS AND SIZE LIMITS

Detailed information on creel and possession limits and size limits is provided on page 68. Please familiarize yourself thoroughly with this information. You should also notice that size limits for the various fish species are not the same on all public waters. Be sure and check this information for each body of water you plan to fish. Should you have questions, you may contact any Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division Fisheries Biologist or Conservation Enforcement Officer or call (334) 242-3471 for assistance.

USE OF BREEM FOR BAIT

All species of bream may be used as bait as long as a person does not have in his possession total bream numbers in excess of the daily creel limit, regardless of size, and they are harvested legally. Other native game fish may not be used for bait.

SALE OF GAME FISH

It is unlawful to sell or purchase any game fish from Alabama or in Alabama from another state except (1) game fish raised in hatcheries and sold for stocking ponds and lakes; (2) non-native game fish (trout, salmon, etc.) raised for human consumption or (3) largemouth bass, shellcracker, yellow perch and bluegill bream raised in farm ponds, which may be sold under permit from the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division. For more information, contact your local District Office (page 2).

TROT LINES

It is illegal to fish trotline or snag line, set line, commercial fishing net, slat boxes or wire baskets within one-half mile below any lock, dam or powerhouse. All recreational licensed fisherman utilizing trotlines are limited to 100 hooks total. All trotlines must have a plastic or metal tag attached containing the owners name and either their address, fishing license number or phone number. Trotlines operated under commercial fishing licenses are not limited in number of hooks.

WIRE BASKETS

Wire baskets may be used only in certain counties to harvest nongame fish for personal consumption only. Persons holding a commercial fishing license may not fish with wire baskets. No fish taken in wire baskets may be sold or offered for sale. All game fish taken in the baskets must be immediately returned to the water. All baskets must be clearly marked with the valid wire basket license number and name of person using and owning the basket. It is illegal for any one person to fish with more than four wire baskets. Consult the *Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Regulation Book* or local Conservation Enforcement Officer (see District Offices, page 2) to determine number of baskets and locations where wire baskets are legal.

GIGS OR GRABBLING

Commercial or nongame fish may be legally taken by gigs or by grabbling by hand by persons possessing a valid sport fishing license.

FILLETING FISH

It is unlawful to fillet a fish or remove heads while fishing or to possess fillets of fish while on public waters, except when fish are being prepared for immediate cooking and consumption; provided, however, that the fish may be drawn or gutted with heads left attached.

SPEARFISHING

The spearing of nongame or commercial fish solely for the purpose of sport in all waters of this state, both fresh and salt, is legal provided that the person engaged in the act of spearing is completely submerged and possesses the appropriate sport fishing and spearfishing licenses. This license is issued by the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division, Marine Resources Division and online. For more information and application packet, call (334) 242-3465 or visit our website at www.outdooralabama.com.

SNAGGING

It is unlawful to take fish by snagging on the Chattahoochee River or its impoundments, the Tennessee River or its impoundments, and State-owned public fishing lakes. Further, it is unlawful to take or attempt to take fish by snagging within 800 feet of any dam on the Coosa River or its impoundments.

HAVE YOU CAUGHT AN AMERICAN EEL?

The Rivers and Streams Fisheries Program of the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries is seeking information from the public regarding the catch or observation of American Eel in Alabama.



If you catch an American eel, please provide the following information:

location (GPS latitude/longitude coordinates), approximate length, date and time it was caught, how it was caught, type of bait used, and any photos.

Please consider donating the specimen for further age and growth studies. Please keep it on ice and place it in a plastic bag in the freezer as quickly as possible.



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BOWFISHING EQUIPMENT

Bow fishing with any longbow, recurve bow, compound bow or crossbow using barbed arrows attached by line to the bow, float, vessel or shooter is legal for the taking of commercial or non-game fish.

TAKING MINNOWS AND SHAD FOR BAIT

It is legal for licensed anglers to take minnows, shad, and certain suckers from certain public waters by the use of a cast net, minnow jug, minnow basket, not to exceed 24 inches in length, 12 inches in diameter, with funnel entrance not more than one inch in diameter, dip net or minnow seine, the length of which shall not exceed 25 feet and the width or depth of which shall not exceed 4 feet for the purpose of taking shad or minnows for the exclusive use as fish bait. No seines may be used in un-impounded tributary streams and creeks. All game fish and all commercial or nongame fish taken by nets or seines must be immediately returned to the water from whence they came with the least possible injury. Dip nets may be used to land legally caught fish.

MUSSEL HARVEST FOR BAIT

Licensed anglers may use their hands, a rake or dip net not wider than 24 inches to collect the Asiatic Clam *Corbicula* for fish bait.

ZEBRA MUSSEL ALERT

The zebra mussel is an exotic species of freshwater mussel that has colonized many southern bodies of water, including the Tennessee River system. These mussels can disrupt freshwater food chains and may cause major changes in some fish populations. Boaters are one of the major contributors to the spread of zebra mussels from infested to uninfested waters. To report zebra mussel sightings or for more information, contact: Alabama Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division at (334) 242-3471.

PUBLIC WATER STOCKING

It shall be unlawful to intentionally stock or release any fish, mussel, snail, crayfish or their embryos, including bait fish, into the public waters of Alabama under the jurisdiction of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries as provided in Rule 220-2-.42

except those waters from which it came without the written permission of a designated employee of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources authorized by the Director of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries to issue such permit. The provisions of this rule shall not apply to the incidental release of bait into the water during the normal process of fishing.

LIFE JACKET REQUIREMENTS BELOW DAMS

It is unlawful for any person to operate any vessel on the waters of Alabama within 800 feet below a hydroelectric dam and/or navigation lock and dam unless each person aboard, including the operator, is wearing a securely fastened U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device Type I, II, III or V.

PUBLIC BOATING ACCESS AREAS

Public access areas include state-owned and/or operated boat launching ramps, associated parking lots, piers and any real or personal property within the boundaries of such areas. Such public access areas are for the uses of pleasure boating, hunting and fishing. Picnicking is allowed only where tables are provided. The following is a synopsis of regulations for use of such areas, and is intended as a general guide for the boating public. Please refer to the *Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Regulation Book* for specific interpretation.

AT PUBLIC BOATING ACCESS AREAS, IT IS ILLEGAL TO:

- Litter
- Camp or build fires
- Loiter
- Discharge firearms, except as otherwise provided by law
- Consume alcoholic beverages
- Swim, dive, jump or sunbathe within 50 yards of any ramp or pier
- Block ramp, pier or the approach with vehicles or trailers
- Operate any unlicensed vehicle such as ATVs, except those driven by mobility impaired persons in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Solicit, sell, advertise or install signs
- Destroy, damage, cut or remove any tree, bush, shrub, plant or flower
- Operate commercial, industrial or construction equipment such as barges without written approval obtained from the Fisheries Section, 64 N. Union St., Suite 551, Montgomery, AL 36104.

All other state laws apply and are enforced on public access areas. Boating access information is available online at: www.outdooralabama.com.

COMMERCIAL FISHING

This pamphlet covers only freshwater sport fishing laws and regulations. For information on freshwater commercial fishing or musseling, visit our website at www.outdooralabama.com, call (334) 242-3465 or visit the nearest District Office (page 2).

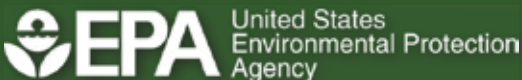
COMMUNITY FISHING PROGRAM

In 1995, a major initiative to bring fishing opportunities to urban dwellers became a reality when the Division launched the Community Fishing Program in cooperation with Alabama municipalities. Recognizing the shift in population from rural to urban areas, the program promotes fishing as wholesome fun for youth in Alabama cities and towns. From small communities to sprawling metropolitan areas, towns and cities throughout the State are all eligible to participate.

Good Fishing Depends on Clean Water

Many of our rivers, lakes, and coastal areas are experiencing algae blooms that cover our favorite fishing spots with green slime and cause fish kills and "dead zones" where no aquatic life can survive. The cause is usually nitrogen and phosphorus pollution that comes from farm and lawn fertilizers, septic systems, animal waste, and sewage treatment plants. Everyone can do their part for clean water by reducing fertilizer use, preserving plants along shorelines, and picking up pet waste. Supporting water quality protection supports great fishing!

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The Division partners with local communities or civic groups. The Division provides expertise, block off nets and loaner tackle. Communities and/or civic groups provide a location, volunteers and fish. The result is a lot of fun for everyone. Community events attracting participants are proof of the success of this program. To learn how to have a community fishing event in your community, contact your local district fisheries supervisor or Doug Darr, Fisheries Section, 64 N. Union Street, Montgomery, AL 36104, (334) 242-3884. Our web address is www.outdooralabama.com.

BOATING OPERATOR LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

The Roberson-Archer Act and The Boating Safety Enhancement Act of 2001 mandates that no one under the age of 12 may operate a motorized vessel, and that every vessel operator be licensed and have the license in possession at the time of operation.

For information on obtaining a vessel operator's license, contact the ALEA Marine Trooper Division at (334) 517-2930, or visit www.outdooralabama.com and click on Boating.

BOATING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALABAMA RESIDENTS

Must be 12 years old or older, but cannot operate alone until the age of 14. Operators 12 or 13 years old, after obtaining the vessel operator's license, can only operate if an adult 21 years old or

older with a vessel operator's license in possession, is onboard and seated in a position to take immediate control of the vessel if necessary. A licensed operator, 14 years old or older, may legally operate without supervision. Possession of a certificate of completion for a boating course is not a vessel license.

BOATING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR NONRESIDENTS

Nonresidents 12 years old and older, may operate on Alabama waters up to 45 days per calendar year without obtaining a vessel operator's license. However, operators 12 or 13 years old, can only operate if an adult 21 years old or older who either has a vessel operator's license in possession or who falls under the 45 day exemption period, is onboard and seated in a position to take immediate control of the vessel if necessary. If operating a vessel for more than 45 days, the nonresident must get an Alabama Nonresident Vessel Operator's License. Nonresidents who have obtained a vessel certification or license from their home state, may use that in lieu of the Alabama Nonresident Vessel Operator's License.

SALTWATER FISHING

For information on saltwater fishing license requirements, size and possession limits, contact the Marine Resources Division, PO Drawer 458, Gulf Shores, AL 36547, (251) 968-7576.

POND MANAGEMENT

Ponds provide more fishing opportunities than most types of waters in Alabama. Alabamians utilizing ponds for fishing provide needed funding for sport fish restoration. There are more than 275,000 fish ponds in Alabama. Manmade fish ponds greatly allevi-

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ate the fishing pressure on our public streams and lakes. Therefore, the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division is vitally interested in this popular resource. Proper stocking and management will provide years of excellent fishing for bass, bluegill and shellcracker.

Sustaining good fishing in ponds requires proper design, stocking with appropriate fish species and ongoing fish management. Ponds should be thought of as gardens because all the basic gardening principles also apply to pond management.

Technical assistance is also provided to pond owners at no cost regarding proper management practices such as fertilization, liming, weed control and fish harvest. These management practices are essential to maintaining good fishing in ponds. In particular, proper fertilization results in an abundant food supply for bass and bream, ensuring that they will be abundant and in good condition. Contact a Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division Office for assistance (page 2).



NON-NATIVE AQUATIC PLANTS

It is prohibited to introduce, place or cause the introduction or placement of any non-native aquatic plant into any public waters of the State. For further information, contact the local District Fisheries Biologist (see page 2).

FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES

Fish from most waters in Alabama are safe for human consumption. For those locations of concern, fish consumption advisories are provided by the Alabama Department of Public Health. For a current list of advisories call: (800) 201-8208 or visit www.adph.org.

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Hills, Jackson County, Lauderdale, Lower Delta, Lowndes, River-ton, Skyline and Upper Delta WMAs. Also saving long standing Cahaba and Mulberry WMAs back in 2009 resulted from FWLT purchasing the recreation (hunting) rights for those properties, as they were nearing a point of being withdrawn from the WMA, again for the same reasons mentioned earlier. To date, the FWLT program has contributed over 228,000 acres to the WMA system.

Recent land purchases in Dallas and Russell Counties have allowed for the development of a new public land hunting program termed the **Special Opportunity Areas (SOA)**. These new properties, along with previously DCNR owned Fred T. Stimpson and Upper State Sanctuaries Areas in Clarke County and Department of Transportation's wetland mitigation land in Jackson County became the first tracts to implement this limited quota permit program.

So, what is a SOA? It's a smaller public hunting area, typically 3,000–7,000 acres in size, that's divided into individual hunt units comprising 300–500 acres in size. Access for hunting is limited to those that are successful in attaining a limited quota permit through the limited quota randomized selection process administered through the www.outdooralabama.com website. Each SOA has specific hunts, typically 2–4 days in length, for a collection of game species including deer, turkey, waterfowl and small game. Applicants apply by selecting the desired hunt date windows on a specific SOA, and if selected, the successful applicant and allowed guest(s) will be assigned a specific hunt unit for their exclusive use during that hunt duration. The hunt unit will be dedicated to them, for their sole use, throughout the hunt dates assigned to them. This program is unlike any other in the State providing a hunt with attributes far exceeding that of many private hunting clubs. Judging from the feedback from the initial year's hunters, it's a success that will not only continue but expand in the coming years.

SOA land tracts include:


- 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 and times throughout the season for a permit holder and three guests.
- Cedar Creek (6,400 acres) and Portland Landing (4,744 acres) in Dallas County and Uchee Creek (4,735 acres) in Russell County offers deer and turkey throughout those seasons for the permit holder and one guest and small game hunting on selected dates for the permit holder and 3 guests.
- Fred T. Stimpson (7,200 acres) and Upper State Sanctuary (1,920 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 permit holder, and squirrel hunts for a permit holder, youth and up to five guests (at least one additional guest must be a youth). Fred T. Stimpson also provides a limited quota opportunity for a youth waterfowl hunt. A valid state hunting license, either all game or small game, depending on which hunt participating, and a Wildlife Management Area License are required to hunt any of the SOA limited quota hunts.

How do I get to be a hunter on one of the new SOA hunting opportunities? When registration opens, just take a visit to the www.outdooralabama.com website and follow the "Hunting" link to "Special Opportunity Areas" and begin the registration process. On this page you will find the registration process in easy-to-follow steps, frequently asked questions and be able to click on a link to view the various upcoming hunts.

The 2018-2019 hunting season SOA registration dates are:

- For various deer hunts will begin July 16 and close August 21.
- The youth squirrel hunts at Fred T Stimpson SOA and adult waterfowl hunt at Crow Creek SOA registration will begin September 4th and close October 4th (Crow Creek SOA youth waterfowl hunt registration will be in January 2019).
- The turkey hunts offered at Cedar Creek, Portland Landing and Uchee Creek SOAs will begin December 3rd and close January 3rd, 2019.

This upcoming season be sure take advantage of some of your public land hunting opportunities in Alabama, either through the traditional WMA route or by applying for the Special Opportunity Area hunts. ♦



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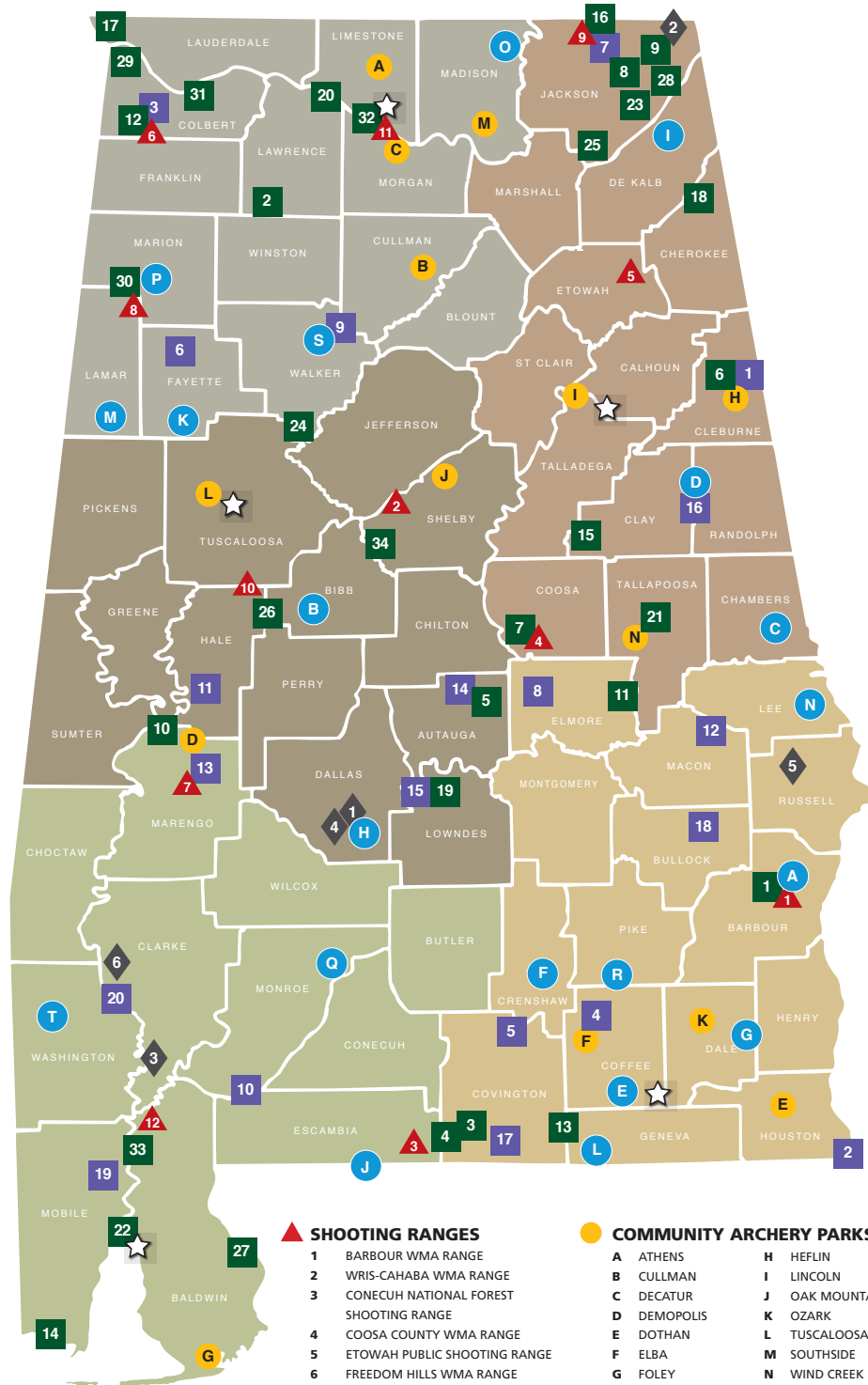


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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division Facilities Map



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PUBLIC FISHING LAKES

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★ DISTRICT OFFICES

ALABAMA, MISSISSIPPI AND TENNESSEE RECIPROCAL FISHING LICENSE AREAS

PICKWICK DAM

PICKWICK LAKE

TENNESSEE RIVER

TENNESSEE

MISSISSIPPI

ALABAMA

LAUDERDALE COUNTY, AL

TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MS

OLD RIVERTON LOCK

MILE MARKER 226.6

BEAR CREEK

SOUTHERN RAILROAD BRIDGE

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AREA WHERE ALABAMA, MISSISSIPPI AND TENNESSEE FISHING LICENSE ARE HONORED.

FISHING REGULATIONS OF EACH STATE MUST BE ADHERED TO WHILE FISHING IN THE STATES WATERS.

AREA WHERE EITHER ALABAMA OR MISSISSIPPI FISHING LICENSE ARE HONORED.

ALABAMA FISHING LICENSE ONLY

RECIPROCAL LICENSE NOT HONORED.

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1. The following seasons for taking fish in accordance with the below stated times, places, manners and restrictions are hereby established. Unless noted below, the seasons for all designated game and commercial fish are open continuously.
2. It shall be unlawful for any person to take or have in possession more than the daily limit for any fish as established herein. This shall not apply to fish held live for release by the sponsor or its designated agent after a bonafide fishing tournament provided they are released unharmed to the public waters from which they were taken as soon as reasonably possible on the same day they were taken. This does not obligate the sponsor or its designated agent to release dead or dying fish.
3. Except as otherwise noted, it shall be unlawful to possess any fish less than or greater than size restrictions as established herein. Size restrictions on all fish are determined by measuring from the front of the mouth to the tip of the tail with both mouth and tail closed. Except as otherwise provided for State and Federally owned and/or managed fishing lakes and ponds, the daily creel, possession limits and size restrictions for fish in all public waters of this State shall be as follows:

The creel and possession limits for fish in all public waters of this state, except as otherwise provided for certain State and Federally owned and/or managed fishing lakes and ponds, shall be as follows:

SPECIES	DETAILS	LIMIT
Black Bass	Includes combinations of largemouth, smallmouth, spotted, Alabama, shoal and those species formerly known as "redeye" bass, which are now known separately as Coosa, Warrior, Cahaba, Tallapoosa and Chattahoochee bass, based on their respective drainages. The Alabama bass was formerly known as spotted bass in the Mobile drainage. No more than 5 of the daily creel limit of 10 may be small-mouth bass. See exceptions for shoal bass in specific tributaries of the Chattahoochee River.	10
Walleye	It shall be illegal to take or attempt to take walleye by any method from Sweetwater Lake located in the Talladega National Forest, Cleburne County, from White Plains Lake (also known as Whitesides Mill Lake), Calhoun County and from Shoal Creek upstream of White Plains Lake, Calhoun and Cleburne Counties. It shall also be illegal to take or attempt to take walleye by any method from Lake Mitchell on the Coosa River between Mitchell Dam and Lay Dam or from its tributary streams; Walnut Creek in Chilton County, Hatchet Creek in Coosa and Clay Counties and Weogufka Creeks in Coosa County, Mulberry Fork River or any of its tributary streams in Blount, Cullman, Lawrence, Walker or Winston Counties. Any walleye taken in these lakes or streams shall immediately be released back into the waters from which they were taken with least possible harm.	2
Sauger	It is illegal to possess any Sauger less than 15 inches in total length.	5
White Bass	—	15
Yellow Bass	—	15
Saltwater Striped Bass and Hybrids or Combinations	No more than five of the 15 may exceed 22 inches in total length. See exceptions for Lewis Smith, Inland, Yates, and Thurlow reservoirs and Lake Martin.	15
Crappie	It is illegal to possess any Crappie less than nine inches in total length taken from Alabama public waters, including Aliceville Reservoir and Pickwick Reservoir. Waters exempt from the nine-inch Crappie limit include impoundments less than 500 surface acres, and the reciprocal waters of the Chattahoochee River and Impoundments and their tributaries, Bear Creek Reservoir (Big Bear Lake of the B.C.D.A. Lakes), Lake Jackson at Florala and Weiss Reservoir. See exception for Weiss Reservoir.	30
Yellow Perch	—	No Limit
Catfish (under 34 inches)	—	No Limit
Catfish (over 34 inches)	This size limit shall not apply to catfish harvested from the Perdido, Conecuh, Blackwater, Yellow, Choctawhatchee, Chipola, and Chattahoochee rivers basins. It shall be unlawful to transport live catfish 34 inches in length or greater beyond the boundaries of this State.	1
Bream	—	50
Rainbow Trout	It shall be unlawful to cull from the creel any trout caught from the Sipsey Fork from Lewis Smith Dam downstream to the confluence with the Mulberry Fork. Culling is defined as removing and releasing a trout from the creel (live well, stringer, basket, bucket, cooler or other container) whether or not it is replaced with another trout.	5
Alligator Gar	—	1
Sturgeon	All sturgeon must be immediately returned to water with least possible harm.	Closed Season
Paddlefish or Spoonbill	Except for those holders of special commercial harvest permits, all paddlefish must be immediately returned to water with least possible harm.	Closed Season

IMPORTANT NOTES

- The creel and possession limits provided for above shall **not** apply to fish held live for release by the sponsor or its designated agent after a bona fide fishing tournament provided they are released unharmed to the public waters from which they were taken as soon as reasonably possible on the same day they were taken. This does not obligate the sponsor or its designated agent to release dead or dying fish.
- **Total length** of fish measured from the front of the mouth to the tip of the tail with both mouth and tail closed.
- It is a violation of Alabama law for any person to transport more than one day's creel limit of any species of fish beyond the boundaries of this state. It is a violation of Alabama law for any person to fillet freshwater fish while on public waters except when fish are being prepared for immediate cooking and consumption, provided however, that fish may be drawn or gutted with heads left attached.
- It shall be unlawful for any angler to fish with more than three rods and reels, or poles, or any combination thereof on Weiss or Neely Henry Reservoir at any time.
- There is no closed season on any freshwater game fish.
- It shall be unlawful to fish any trotline, snag or snare line without plastic or metal tag attached containing the owner's name and either their address, fishing license number or phone number.
- It shall be unlawful for any fisherman other than a licensed commercial fisherman to fish one or more trotline, snag or snare line or combination thereof containing more than 100 hooks total.

SIZE LIMITS

As provided for above, as posted in State and Federally owned and/or managed public fishing lakes and ponds, and as follows:

Chattahoochee River Tributaries - It is illegal to possess shoal bass in Little Uchee, Uchee, Osanippa, Halawakee and Wacoochee creeks.

Chattahoochee River and its Impoundments and Tributaries - Special creel limits apply in reciprocal waters as specified under regulation 220-2-.122.

Demopolis Reservoir - It is illegal to possess any black bass less than 14 inches in total length.

Guntersville Reservoir and its Tributary of Town Creek - It is illegal to possess any largemouth or smallmouth bass less than 15 inches in total length.

Harris Reservoir - It is illegal to possess any largemouth bass between 13 inches and 16 inches in total length.

Lake Jackson at Florala - Creel limit of five black bass greater than 12 inches in total length. Only one of the five can be over 22 inches in total length.

Inland Reservoir - It is illegal to possess more than two saltwater striped bass that exceed 22 inches in total length in the daily creel limit and only one of those may exceed 30 inches in total length.

Lewis Smith Reservoir - It is illegal to possess more than two saltwater striped bass that exceed 22 inches in total length in the daily creel limit. It shall be unlawful to intentionally cull from the creel any saltwater striped bass from June 15th to October 15th. Culling is defined as removing and releasing a saltwater striped bass from the creel (live well, stringer, basket, bucket, cooler or other container) whether or not it is replaced with another striped bass.

Lewis Smith Reservoir - It is illegal to possess any black bass between 13 inches and 15 inches in total length unless permitted in writing by the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Little Bear Creek Reservoir of the B.C.D.A. Lakes - It is illegal to possess largemouth bass between 13 inches and 16 inches in total length.

Lake Martin - It is illegal to possess more than two saltwater striped bass that exceed 22 inches in total length in the daily creel limit. It shall be unlawful to intentionally cull from the creel any saltwater striped bass from June 15th to October 15th. Culling is defined as removing and releasing a saltwater striped bass from the creel (live well, stringer, basket, bucket, cooler or other container) whether or not it is replaced with another striped bass.

Pickwick Reservoir - It is illegal to possess any smallmouth bass or largemouth bass less than 15 inches in total length.

Thurlow Reservoir - It is illegal to possess more than two saltwater striped bass that exceed 22 inches in total length in the daily creel limit and only one of those may exceed 30 inches in total length.

Walter F. George Reservoir (Lake Eufaula) and its Tributaries - It is illegal to possess any largemouth bass less than 14 inches in total length.

Weiss Reservoir - It is illegal to possess crappie less than 10 inches in total length.

West Point Reservoir and its Tributaries - It is illegal to possess any largemouth bass less than 14 inches in total length.

Wheeler Reservoir - It is illegal to possess any smallmouth bass less than 15 inches in total length.

Wilson Reservoir and its Tributaries of Big Nance and Town Creeks - It is illegal to possess any smallmouth bass less than 15 inches in total length.

Yates Reservoir - It is illegal to possess more than two saltwater striped bass that exceed 22 inches in total length in the daily creel limit and only one of those may exceed 30 inches in total length.

“Culling” shall be defined as removing and releasing a fish from the creel (live well, stringer, basket, bucket, cooler, or other container) whether it is replaced or not.

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ALABAMA GAME FISH



Black Crappie



White Crappie



Sauger



Walleye



Yellow Perch



Chain Pickerel

ALABAMA NON-GAME FISH



Channel Catfish



Blue Catfish



Flathead Catfish



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Freshwater Drum

Public Fishing Lakes

State-owned Public Fishing Lakes (PFLs) include all land and waters under the direct supervision of the Fisheries Section of the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division. The lakes are as follows:

PUBLIC FISHING LAKE	MANAGER	LAKE PHONE #	CLOSED DAYS
Barbour	Ray Windham	(334) 775-1054	State-owned Public Fishing Lakes (PFLs) are typically open six days a week from February 1 through June 30 each year. From July 1 until November 30, some lakes are only open five days a week. During the months of December and January, many PFLs are closed or operate on a limited basis. Information and schedules may change without notice, so please call the Lake Manager or the appropriate Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries District Office for the current operating schedule.
Bibb	Cindy Holder	(205) 938-2318	
Chambers	Ted and Mike Craig	(334) 864-8145	
Clay	Gene Simmons	(256) 488-0038	
Coffee	City of Elba, Ricky Mularz	(334) 447-2384	
Crenshaw	City of Luverne, Lee Simmons	(334) 335-3103	
Dale	City of Ozark, Steve Sherrill	(334) 774-0588	
Dallas	Anthony Fail	(334) 874-8804	
DeKalb	Steven Simmons	(256) 657-1300	
Escambia	Allison Lee Devine	(251) 809-0068	
Fayette	Closed for renovation		
Geneva	Daniel Drake	(334) 684-0361	
Lamar	Kathy Parker	(205) 695-8283	
Lee	Chris and Tina Wright	(334) 745-6563	
Madison	Chris and Cole Coultas	(256) 776-4905	
Marion	Barbara Goggans	(205) 921-7856	
Monroe	Tammy Ikner	(251) 789-2104	
Pike	City of Troy, Bart Pettus	(334) 674-2480	
Walker	Charlie Skalnik	(205) 221-1801	
Washington	Closed for renovation		

AT ALL STATE OWNED PUBLIC FISHING LAKES, IT IS ILLEGAL TO:

- Stock fish, including minnows used as legal bait
- Sell any fish that was caught from Public Fishing Lakes
- Use any minnow as bait except for goldfish, shiners or toughies (fatheads)
- Operate gasoline outboard motors except where permitted
- Camp (except where permitted), swim, wade or use sailboats
- Launch any boat without a permit
- Be unruly or disorderly
- Solicit, sell or advertise
- Remove shrubs, wildflowers, trees or plants
- Deface or destroy state property
- Exceed posted speed limits
- Operate unlicensed vehicles such as ATVs
- Hunt, trap, pursue, catch or sell any wild bird or wild animal
- Fish without a permit if age 12 or older



NOTE

All anglers 12 years old and older must have a valid permit in possession to legally fish. No child younger than 12 years old can legally be left unaccompanied by an adult at a Public Fishing Lake (PFL). All daily creel, possession and size limits are posted at each lake. Fishing time is limited to daylight hours or as specified by lake manager. No method other than hook and line with natural or artificial bait may be used at PFL. All anglers must exhibit their catch, fishing permit and fishing license to Conservation Officer or Lake Manager upon demand. All fish must be carried to the Lake Manager who must count and weigh them. All PFLs are designated as wildlife sanctuaries. Following is a synopsis of regulations for state-owned Public Fishing Lakes and is intended as a general guide. Please refer to the *Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division Regulation Book* for complete regulations.



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PROCEDURES FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF ALABAMA STATE RECORD FRESHWATER FISH

- Fish must be caught in Alabama waters by legal means.
- Fish must be identified by Alabama Fisheries Section biologist or other certified fisheries biologist.
- Fish must be weighed on certified scales.
- Weighing must be witnessed by two people.
- Application must be submitted on an official application form within three months of the catch (request a form by dialing 1-334-242-3471).
- Application form must be notarized.



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SPECIES	WEIGHT	DATE	LOCATION	ANGLER/HOMETOWN
Bass, Largemouth	16 lbs., 8 oz.	11/3/87	Mountain View Lake, Shelby Co.	Thomas "T.M." Burgin / Birmingham
Bass, Redeye (b)	3 lbs., 2 oz.	3/8/00	Choccolocco Creek	William Terry Johnson / Oxford
Bass, Rock	1 lb., 6 oz.	5/6/95	Paint Rock River	James R. Stewart / Scottsboro
Bass, Shoal	6 lbs., 11 oz.	2/25/96	Halawakee Creek	Darrell Trawick / Salem
Bass, Smallmouth (c)	10 lbs., 8 oz.	10/8/50	Wheeler Dam Tailwater	Owen F. Smith / Fairfield
Bass, Spotted (b)	8 lbs., 15 oz.	3/18/78	Lewis Smith Reservoir	Phillip C. Terry / Decatur
Bass, Striped (a)	69 lbs., 9 oz.	2/28/13	Bankhead Reservoir	James Bramlett / Dora
Bass, Striped Hybrid	25 lbs., 15 oz.	9/13/96	Sipsey Fork, Warrior River	E. H. Hodges / Chelsea
Bass, White	4 lbs., 9 oz.	2/14/87	Warrior River	Ben DeMott / Bessemer
Bass, Yellow (a)	2 lbs., 8 oz.	4/12/00	Guntersville Reservoir, Jackson Co.	Dennis M. Woebbeking / Pisgah
Bowfin	18 lbs., 6 oz.	7/31/05	Lake Tuscaloosa	Nelson Ray Sansing / Sawyerville
Buffalo	57 lbs.	4/13/90	Guntersville Reservoir	Ralph B. Lowery / Albertville
Bullhead	3 lbs., 13 oz.	4/8/84	Private Pond, Montgomery Co.	Charles A. Lane / Montgomery
Carp	35 lbs.	4/19/80	Bear Creek, Colbert Co.	Darrin Jackson / Double Springs
Carp, Grass (White Amur)	73 lbs.	4/10/12	Guntersville Reservoir	Bradley D. Bridges, Sr. / Bryant
Catfish, Blue	120 lbs., 4 oz.	3/9/12	Holt Reservoir	John Paul Nichols / Northport
Catfish, Channel	40 lbs.	6/17/67	Inland Lake	Donald R. Cox / Oneonta
Catfish, Flathead	80 lbs.	6/22/86	Alabama River, Selma	Rick Conner / Selma
Catfish, White	10 lbs., 5 oz.	4/3/81	Chambers Co. Public Fishing Lake	Roy T. Britton / Opelika
Crappie, Black (tie)	4 lbs., 5 oz.	3/27/07	Ft. Payne Reservoir	Shelley Meadows / Mentone
	4 lbs., 5 oz.	6/2/97	Private Pond, Jefferson Co.	William D. Webb / Birmingham
	4 lbs., 4 oz.	3/18/84	Paint Creek	Sherril Harris / Sylacauga
Crappie, White (tie)	4 lbs., 9 oz.	5/8/00	Lake Martin, Tallapoosa Co.	Jeremy S. White / Alexander City
	4 lbs., 8 oz.	4/4/74	Guntersville Reservoir	Jack Grant / Altoona
Drum, Freshwater (b)	41 lbs., 8 oz.	7/24/49	Wilson Reservoir	Wilson Brock / Birmingham
Eel, American	5 lbs., 8 oz.	5/11/89	Lake Shechi, Chilton Co.	Tod A. Groover / Montevallo
Gar, Alligator (tie)	151 lbs., 9 oz.	8/13/09	Tensaw River	Richard Johnson / Bay Minette
	151 lbs., 5 oz.	8/13/04	Tensaw River	Michael Houseknecht / Mobile
Gar, Longnose	32 lbs., 14 oz.	4/18/85	Jordan Reservoir	Gary Smyth / Pelham
Gar, Spotted	8 lbs., 12 oz.	8/26/87	Cotaco Creek	Winston Baker / Alexander City
Herring, Skipjack	3 lbs., 4 oz.	5/2/12	Mulberry Fork	Bobby Lee Davis / Bessemer
Muskellunge	19 lbs., 8 oz.	12/31/72	Wilson Dam Tailwater	Steve Leatherwood / Haleyville
Paddlefish	52 lbs., 12 oz.	3/18/82	Wilson Dam Tailwater	Susan Holland / Muscle Shoals
Perch, Yellow	2 lbs., 2 oz.	3/7/15	Yates Reservoir	Gary Lee Grove, Jr. / Opelika
Pickereel, Chain	6 lbs., 6 oz.	6/24/76	Dyas Creek, Baldwin Co.	Michael P. Ryan / Bay Minette
Pickereel, Redfin (tie)	14 oz.	9/4/17	Baggett Creek / Washington Co.	Henry Merrit / Deer Park
	13 oz.	7/7/14	Armstrong Creek / Washington Co.	Frank Lambert Dickey / Chatom
Redhorse, Silver (a)	14 lbs., 14 oz.	4/24/95	Wilson Dam Tailwater	Chris Stephenson / Birmingham
Sauger	5 lbs., 2 oz.	3/5/72	Wilson Dam Tailwater	William F. Huntley / Athens
Sunfish, Bluegill (a)	4 lbs., 12 oz.	4/9/50	Ketona Lake, Birmingham	T. S. Hudson / Birmingham
Sunfish, Green	1 lb., 9 oz.	8/10/05	McLamore Pond, Walker County	Caleb Miller / Parrish
Sunfish, Longear	8 oz.	5/12/90	Yellow River	Jerry Jones / Ozark
Sunfish, Redbreast	1 lb., 4 oz.	6/12/10	Choctawhatchee River	Archie Russ / Brantley
Sunfish, Redear (b)	4 lbs., 4 oz.	5/5/62	Chattahoochee State Park	Jeff Lashley / Gordon
Trout, Rainbow	9 lbs., 1 oz.	4/22/06	Mud Creek, Tannehill State Park	Otha G. Hamm / Alexandria
Walleye	10 lbs., 14 oz.	6/24/80	Weiss Reservoir	Julia Hurley / Cedar Bluff
Warmouth	1 lb., 12 oz.	4/25/86	Farm Pond	Jimmy A. Barfield / Dothan

(a) World Record

(b) Previous World Record - Rod and Reel

(c) Previous World Record - Any Method

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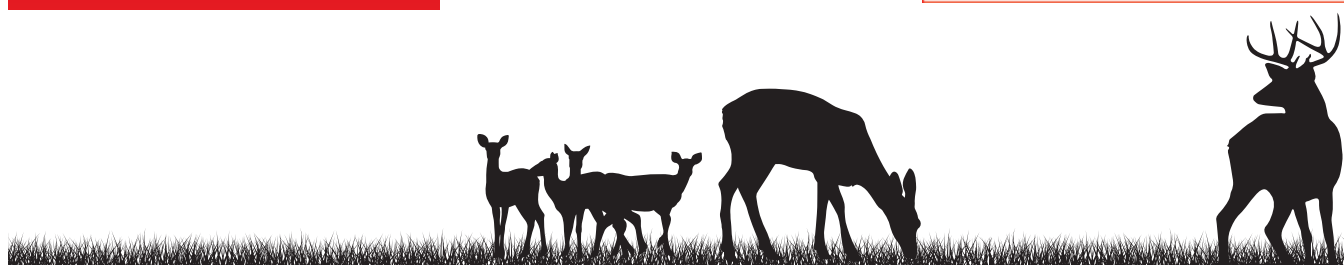
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more in control of providing themselves a healthy food source and the desire to learn something they could share with their loved ones that would allow them to spend more quality time outdoors.

Success wasn't measured by the number of animals harvested during the events, but it certainly added to the experience for the participants. Under the tutelage of seasoned mentors, an overwhelming 40% of participants harvested their first deer, turkey, rabbit, or squirrel during a mentored hunt. Each mentored hunt provided participants with the opportunity to learn about firearm or archery safety, scouting techniques, stand selection, blood trailing, field dressing, game cleaning, wild game cooking and the vital role hunters play in wildlife conservation. When participants harvested an animal, it provided opportunities for the whole group to get hands-on experience, which they participated with a fervor. This collection of lecture and field experiences allowed the participants to leave the program with a much better understanding of what it means to be a well-rounded hunter.

Generous sponsorships from outdoor recreation-based companies equipped the new hunters with camouflage clothing and a generous gift bag of essentials to start their hunting gear collection. In addition, the Alabama Wildlife Federation's (AWF) winning Wild Game Cook Off teams graciously provided a Saturday night's feast for the new hunters and mentors on several of the deer hunts, highlighting the full culinary potential of the wild game which they pursue.

The AMH Program is no doubt a labor-intensive and expensive program to conduct. However, WFF staff realizes beyond a shadow of a doubt, it is well worth the extended effort. Despite the fact we are only impacting a limited number of participants, the bottom line is we are creating hunters. And in turn, these new hunters are having positive conversations with their peers about the benefits and enjoyment of hunting and how our department is providing this service.

However, state agencies and conservation groups can't do this alone. As hunters, everyone needs to take it upon ourselves to mentor new hunters if we want to see this pastime we value continue. Many of the first-year participants had friends who were avid hunters, but didn't feel comfortable asking

them to teach or take them hunting, nor did they receive an invite to go. That statement should be a wake-up call to all hunters. Look around you at work, church, the ball field, or any place you have repeated contact with the same group of people and be a proactive mentor. Don't forget, someone who wants to learn to hunt isn't always a child. Thousands of adults would jump at the opportunity to go hunting with and learn from a seasoned hunter.

With hunting licenses being purchased by less than 5% of the residents of Alabama, there's likely an abundant untapped market of potential hunters out there. Be part of the solution and reach out to these individuals to enlighten them and open the door on the great sport of hunting we all enjoy.

If this experience sounds appealing and you want more information about participating as a mentor, a new hunter, or if you'd like to assist by hosting a mentored hunt on your property, please visit our website www.outdooralabama.com/hunting/adult-mentored-hunting-program for more program information or contact Justin Grider, North-Central Hunter Education Coordinator, via email at Justin.Grider@dcnr.alabama.gov or give him a call at 334-590-4084. ♦



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