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#### CHOCCOLOCCO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (TALLADEGA NATIONAL FOREST AND CHOCCOLOCCO STATE FOREST) AND MOUNTAIN LONGLEAF NWR SEGMENT (USFWS) ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES (Calhoun and Cleburne Counties)

# ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES **DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES** Hunting Regulations – September 2018 – August 2019

**PERMITS**: Season map/permits will be used for all gun deer hunts including the Special Opportunity Hunt; Youth Hunt, and the Primitive Weapons hunts as well as all other scheduled hunting seasons. Permits may be obtained by writing Area Biologist Brandon Howell, 1639 Joseph Springs MTWY, Anniston, Al. 36207 (phone [256-435-5422]) or the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Office, 4101 Hwy. 21 N., Jacksonville, Al. 36265. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Season permits are available online at <u>www.outdooralabama.com</u> (both pages of the internet map/permit must be in possession to be valid). They are also available at check stations and kiosk on WMA, the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Office in Jacksonville between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, and local license agents. Trapping permits must be obtained from the Area Biologist or District II Office

HARVEST: All harvests of small game, deer and turkey should be recorded as directed so that accurate data can be collected. Mandatory check in of Deer at the Check Stations only are required at Zone A (intersection of Forest Service Roads 500 and 553) on Nov. 3-4, Nov. 17-18, Nov.30-Dec. 1, and Dec.14-15. Zone B (intersection of Forest Service Rd. 522 and AL Hwy. 9) Nov. 3-4, Nov. 23-24, Dec. 7-8, and Dec. 21-22. All deer harvested on these days must be presented at the check station. At all other times self- service game harvest recording is required for deer, turkey and small game harvested at either the check stations or at one of three kiosks located at Skeeter Branch Hunt Camp, East End Hunt Camp or Bains Gap Road or other data collection stations.

RESTRICTIONS: Antlered Buck Restrictions Apply for all archery and scheduled deer hunting on WMA except the Youth Hunt scheduled Nov. 10-11; Bucks must have at least four points on one antler; points must measure at least one inch in length.

On the Mountain Longleaf NWR hunters under the age of 16 must have passed a state approved hunter education course, must be supervised by an adult 21 years or older, and must remain in sight and normal voice contact with the adult. The adult may supervise no more than two youths.

- NOTE:• As per 220-2-.55 (10) A Wildlife Management Area License (required for deer, turkey and waterfowl), PLUS the applicable Resident or Non-Resident Hunting License [for Alabama residents 16 through 64 years of age and for non-residents 16 years of age and older], PLUS a Wildlife Management Area Permit [free of charge], are required for hunting on AREAS; provided however, that properly licensed persons under the "Wildlife Heritage License" may hunt legal small game except waterfowl on AREAS without the other licenses described herein. PLUS, in order to hunt waterfowl on AREAS, all persons must have, in addition to the otherwise required licenses and permit, a HIP and
  - valid State (ages 16 through 64) and a valid Federal (ages 16 and over) Waterfowl Stamp.
    Youth hunters on youth deer and turkey hunts must be less than 16 years of age. Supervisors must be 21 years old or older, or a parent, and must be properly licensed. Youth must remain within 30 feet of supervisors at all times.
  - Statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies to all WMAs.
  - Administrators of the hunt shall have the right to distribute the hunters and to inspect all vehicles or other equipment while on the areas. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and landowners, who are making the hunting possible, hereby put each hunter on notice that he hunts at his own risk and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and such landowners shall not be responsible for any accidents or injuries that may occur.

All hunters utilizing the Big Oak Physically Disabled Segment must have in possession certification as physically disabled by completed application through the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries; Wildlife Section; 64 N. Union Street, Suite 584; Montgomery, Alabama 36130.

# HUNTING DATES (Including Big Oak Physically Disabled Area):

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DEER:	
Zone A & B	
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(Gun)	Special Early Hunt- Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 3-4. One antlered buck per day. *Antlered buck restrictions apply.
	Check station (Zone A) at the intersection of FS 500 & 553 and Check Station (Zone B) at intersection of Hwy. 9 & FS 522 open Nov. 4-5 for data collection.
(Primit	ive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): Nov. 12-15. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
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	*Antlered buck restrictions apply. No hunting on days of Youth Deer Hunt. Archery hunting is permitted in zone closed to gun deer hunting.
	Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations if hunting in Zone open to gun deer hunting.
Zone A (Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 17-19, Nov.30-Dec. 2, and Dec. 14-16. One antlered buck per day. *Antlered buck restrictions apply.
	Check station at intersection of Forest Service Road. 500 and Forest Service Road. 553 will be open for data collection on Nov. 17-18, Nov.30 -Dec. 1, and Dec
	14-15. ALL DEER HARVESTED ON THESE DATES MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THE CHECK STATION.
<u>Zone B</u> (Gun)	
	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): Nov. 24. Two deer per day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions
	apply. Check station at intersection of Forest Service Road 522 & Al. Hwy. 9 will be open for data collection on Nov. 23-24, Dec. 7-8 and
	Dec.21-22. ALL DEER HARVESTED ON THESE DATES MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THE CHECK STATION.

\* To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have 4 points one inch or longer on at least one main beam.

Zones A & B			
TURKEY:	(Youth)	Mar. 16-17 (Daylight hours). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station or kiosk.	
	(Physically Disabled)	Mar. 22 (Daylight Hours). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station or kiosk.	
	(Regular)	Mar. 23-Apr. 30 (Daylight hours). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station or kiosk.	
DOVE:*	5	State Season (12:00 noon until sunset). * Closed on Mt. Longleaf NWR Segment.	
QUAIL:		Nov. 3-Feb. 28. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun and primitive weapon deer hunts.	
RABBIT:		Sep.15-Mar. 3. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun and primitive weapon deer hunts.	
SQUIRREL:	(Gray)	Sep. 15-Mar. 3. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun and primitive weapon deer hunts.	
	(Fox)	Closed.	
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:*		Sep.1 – Mar.3. (Nighttime hours only except on nights preceding and nights of any gun and primitive weapon deer hunts);	
		(Fox Hunting - Dogs Only; No Weapons); * <b>Daylight hours only and no dogs on Mt. Longleaf NWR Segment.</b>	
BOBCAT, COYO	TE, FERAL SWINE & FOX:	Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts; (No dogs allowed; Daylight	
		hours only); One fox per day.	
WOODCOCK:		Dec. 14-Jan.27. No hunting on days of scheduled gun deer hunts.	
FERAL SWINE:		Oct.2-10 and Mar. 1-10. Permitted firearms and archery equipment and hunter orange requirements same as for gun deer hunts on the	
(Special Season)		WMA. No buckshot. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.	
FURBEARER TRAPPING:*		Nov.3- Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter's orange while trapping on days of gun	
(Excluding Feral Swine)		deer hunts. * Closed on Mt. Longleaf NWR Segment.	

### HUNTING DATES for Mountain Longleaf NWR Segment: Same as above except:

RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX: Sep.1 – Mar.4 (Daylight hours only – No dogs). No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

Archery hunting only within area designated as Anniston City limits on front of this permit for all game species.

#### **BAG LIMITS:**

Deer: Gun, Archery, Youth, and Primitive Weapons Hunts-One a day on all hunts except Nov.24. Either sex on Archery; Youth Hunt Nov.11-12, Primitive Weapons Hunt Nov.13-16, and Gun Hunt Zone B Nov.25. All other hunts are Antlered bucks only. Turkey (Gobblers only) - 1 a day; 5 per season; Squirrel - 8 a day; Quail - 8 a day; Rabbit - 8 a day; Raccoon and Opossum - No Limit; Dove - 12 a day; Fox – 1 a day. Falconry: Falconry will be legal on all scheduled area hunts for legally permitted falconers (must possess state and management area hunting licenses and management area permit).

## PERMITTED FIREARMS, BOW AND ARROW, & FALCONRY:

As defined in Alabama Regulations legal arms and ammunition in 220-2-.02(2), (excluding buckshot) and archery equipment in 220-2-.03. Deer: Stalk Hunts: Primitive Weapons: Using only muzzle loading rifles (.40 caliber or larger), muzzle loading shotguns, air-powered guns (.30 caliber or larger) or archery equipment as defined in 220-2-.03. As defined in 220-2-.02(3), except no center-fire pistols. Turkey: Special Feral Swine Hunts: Same as Stalk Deer Hunts (Hunter Orange Requirements Apply). Remainder of Seasons: Legal arms and ammunition as defined in 220-2-.02 and archery equipment in 220-2-.03. As Defined in 220-2-.30(2), except no .22 magnums are allowed. Trapping: legal on al ea scheduled hunts for legally permitted falconers: following the dates Falconrv v those seasons are open on each area.

### **IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL:**

- To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, ammunition, traps or bow and arrow, or crossbows without a valid permit. A permit is valid only during scheduled management and refuge area seasons during legal hunting hours and only with weapons and ammunition permitted for hunting the wildlife listed on permit. See (21) below. To use dogs for stalk hunting of deer, turkey or feral swine. (Leashed dogs may be used for the expressed purpose of retrieving wounded deer, limited to two dogs per tracking event).
- To use dogs for hunting, training or any purpose from the end of conventional small game season until August 31. 3.
- For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on the management area unless accompanied at all times by adult who is either 21 years or older or the parent and who possesses licenses to hunt on WMA.
- 5. For any person to carry firearms in or on vehicle with ammunition in the magazine, breech or clip attached to firearms, or black powder weapons with primer, cap or flash powder in place or cocked crossbows.
- To camp in the management area except in designated sites. UNLESS EXCEPTED by US Forest Service rules specific to a unit—see local Forest Service rules. On Choccolocco Wildlife Management Area located on U.S. 6. Forest Service lands, this camping restriction applies from Oct. 1-Apr. 30. Individuals or groups may camp on the management area for a period not to exceed nine (9) days in any 30 day period. Campfires must be extinguished before departing. No warming fires shall be permitted away from camping area. (U.S. Forest Service regulations prohibit the possession of alcoholic beverages in the Coleman Lake and Pine Glen camping areas). No camping on Mountain Longleaf NWR Segment.
- To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting.
- To discharge fireworks at any time or to use fire to smoke out game. 8
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- To discharge firearms for target practice except on the designated range (year-round access to range by Old Edwardsville Road and U.S. Forest Service Road 548 only). To hunt or discharge firearms within 150 yards of any camping area, dwelling, dam or timber operation, or within 100 yards of any paved public road, highway, or within a posted safety zone, or within one-half mile of a 10. church on Sunday or from within the right-of-way of any developed U.S. Forest Service road (paved or unpaved), which is open for vehicular traffic. For any person to possess any firearms while archery hunting. This prohibition shall not apply to the possession of handguns by lawfully authorized persons for personal protection.
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- To transport deer or turkey killed during the hunts from the area before being examined at the checking station for scientific data on required dates or recorded at check station or kiosk when check station is closed. 12.
- For any person except authorized personnel to operate any motor driven vehicle behind, under or around any locked gate, barricaded road or sign which prohibits vehicular traffic. 13.
- For any unauthorized person to possess and/or operate ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE on Choccolocco WMA. 14.
- For any person to hunt deer on days of scheduled gun, flintlock, feral swine, or primitive weapons hunts without wearing above the waist a minimum 144 square inches of hunter orange color, or either a full-size hunter orange hat or cap. The hunter orange must be of solid color, except for a small logo on the front of the cap, and visible from any angle. 15.
- For any person except authorized personnel to park in front of a closed gate, block or otherwise stop traffic on any road by parking a vehicle in such a way that inhibits traffic. 16.
- To deposit, distribute or scatter grain, salt, litter, or any other materials on any area. 17.
- For any person to damage or remove any artifacts, trees, crops, plants, dirt, gravel or sod from management area. 18.
- To hunt from an elevated stand or platform without attaching themselves to the tree or platform with a full body safety harness capable of supporting their weight. 19.
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- For any unauthorized person to ride or possess horses except in areas, on roads open to vehicular traffic, and trails designated as open to horses. Nothing in this regulation prohibits or requires a wildlife management area permit for the possession of handguns by lawfully licensed persons for personal protection, provided the handguns are not used to hunt or take 21. or to attempt to take wildlife except as otherwise provided by this regulation.
- Users should refer to WMA Regulation 220-2-.55 for the complete list of WMA specific regulations. 22. The following regulations will apply to the Mountain Longleaf NWR Segment. It shall be unlawful:
- 23.
- To use or possess alcoholic beverages while hunting. All tree stands and ground blinds must be removed daily.

WMA is provided by the Wildlife Section of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, Alabama Forestry Commission, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.