

# LITTLE RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (Cherokee & DeKalb Counties) ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES HUNTING REGULATIONS- September 2018 – August 2019

**PERMITS:** Season permits will be valid for Archery, Youth, Gun and Primitive Weapons deer hunts as well as all other scheduled hunting seasons. Antlered Buck Restrictions Apply for all archery and scheduled deer hunting on WMA (except Nov.10-11 youth hunt); Bucks must have 3 points (one inch or longer) on at least one main beam. The checking station will be open from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. as indicated on check station schedule below. The check station is located on Cherokee County Road 103, one-half mile from the intersection with Highway 35. Kiosks are located on Cherokee County Road 861, 34 mile from the intersection of Highway 35 and intersection of Dekalb County Roads 78 and 153. These season permits may be obtained at most local license agents; or writing Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, 4101 AL Hwy. 21 North, Jacksonville, AL 36265. Send request with stamped, selfaddressed envelope or online at www.outdooralabama.com (both pages of the internet map/permit must be in possession to be valid). Permits will be issued from the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Office in Jacksonville between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday except holidays. Trapping permits may be obtained from the Area Biologist or District Office.

- 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 through64) 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.

HUNTERS USE MAP PERMITS FOR ALL HUNTS-All harvest (big and small game) must be recorded at check station or kiosk on days when check station is closed. \* To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have 3 points one inch or longer on at least one main beam.

# HUNTING DATES:

DEER:	(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 10-11. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
		All hunters must record their harvest at the check station or kiosk on days when check station is closed.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 17, Nov. 23-25 and Dec. 7-9. One deer per day (one unantlered deer or one antlered buck). Antlered
		buck restrictions apply. Mandatory Check in of Deer at the Check Station required on: Nov. 17, Nov. 23-24 and Dec. 7-8.
		Hunters must record all harvested deer at check station or kiosk on days when check station is closed.
		Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 14-16, Jan. 4-6 and Jan. 18-20. One antlered buck per day. Mandatory Check in of Deer at
		the Check Station required on: Dec. 14-15, Jan. 4-5, Jan. 18-19. Hunters must record all harvested deer at check station or kiosk on
		days when check station is closed. Antlered buck restrictions apply.
	(Primitive Weapon)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 12-15 and Dec. 23-31. Antlered buck restrictions apply.
		One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. All hunters must record their harvest at the check station or kiosk.
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 15-Feb. 10. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. All hunters
	-	must record their harvests at the check station or kiosk. Archery hunters must harvest antlered bucks on days of antlered buck only
		gun deer hunts. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt. Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days
		of gun deer hunts. Antlered Buck Restrictions Apply.

### Turkey and small game hunters must record all harvest at check station or kiosk.

TURKEY: (Youth)	Mar. 9-10. Daylight until 1:00 pm. Gobblers only.
(Physically Disabled)	Mar. 15. Daylight until 1:00 pm. Gobblers only.
(Regular)	Mar. 16-Apr. 30. Daylight until 1:00 pm. Gobblers only.
	Turkey hunters must record their harvests at the check station or kiosk.
DOVE:	State Season (12:00 noon until sunset). No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.
QUAIL:	Nov. 3-Feb. 28. No hunting on days of youth, gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	Sep. 15-Mar. 3. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX:	Sep. 1Mar. 3 (Nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights of and nights preceding scheduled youth, gun or primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox Hunting - Dogs Only; No Weapons.
BOBCAT, COYOTE,	
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.
WATERFOWL:	State Season. No hunting on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.
FURBEARER TRAPPING:	
(excluding feral swine)	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 deer hunts.

BAG LIMITS: Deer/Gun – Hunter's Choice – One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck; Deer/Archery – One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck; Deer/Gun – Bucks Only – one antlered buck per day; Antlered Buck Restrictions Apply for all archery and scheduled deer hunting on WMA(except Nov. 11-12 youth hunt); Bucks must have must have 3 points (one inch or longer) on at least one main beam. Turkey (Gobblers only) - 1 a day (5 per season); Squirrel - 8 a day; Quail - 8 a day; Rabbit - 8 a day; Raccoon & Opossum - No Limit; Fox - 1 a day; Waterfowl - state bag limit. 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:

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:

Falconry will be legal on all AREA scheduled hunts for legally permitted falconers; following the dates those seasons are open on each AREA.

# IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL: USE of ATV'S is PROHIBITED WITHIN LITTLE RIVER CANYON NATIONAL PRESERVE BOUNDARY.

- To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, ammunition, traps or archery equipment 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 or for turkey hunting. (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.
- 4. For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on the management area unless accompanied at all times by an adult who is either 21 years or older or the parent and who possesses all license to
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- 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 crossbow. See (21) below.
- 6. To camp in the management area except in designated sites. 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. To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting.
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- To discharge fireworks at any time. 8.
- To discharge firearms for target practice. 9.
- 10. 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 church on Sunday or from within the right-of-way of any developed road open to vehicular traffic.
- 11. To possess open alcoholic beverages outside designated camping areas.
- 12. To transport deer or turkey killed from the management area before being examined at the checking station (when open) for scientific data or recorded at kiosk.
- 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.
- 14. For any unauthorized person at any time to operate any unlicensed motor driven vehicle on the management area except on regularly used roads open for public use by four wheel vehicle traffic.
- 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.
- For any person to hunt deer on days of scheduled gun, flintlock, or primitive weapons hunts without wearing an outer garment above the waist containing a minimum 144 square inches of hunter 16. 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.
- To deposit, distribute or scatter grain, salt, litter, or any other materials on management area. 17.
- 18. For any person to damage or remove any artifacts, trees, crops, plants, dirt, gravel or sod from management area.
- 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.
- For any unauthorized person to ride or possess horses except in areas, roads, and trails designated as open to horses. Riding or possession of horses is prohibited on any AREA on days of 20. scheduled gun deer hunts and during legal hours of turkey hunting. Possession or riding of horses restricted to holders of a current and valid WMA license and a valid WMA permit.
- 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 21. not used to hunt or take or to attempt to take wildlife except as otherwise provided by this regulation.
- 22. Users should refer to WMA Regulation 220-2-.55 for the complete list of WMA specific regulations.

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 National Park Service, Alabama State Parks Division and the Forever Wild Land Trust.