

### MARTIN COMMUNITY HUNTING AREA

(Tallapoosa County)

# ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES

**Hunting Regulations - September 2018 - August 2019** 

**PERMITS**: Season permits for small game, archery, and turkey may be obtained in person between the hours of 8:00AM and 5:00PM, Monday through Friday or by mail from Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries office, 4101 AL Hwy. 21 N, Jacksonville, AL 36265. Send your request with a stamped self-addressed envelope; by phoning 256-435-5422; or by printing from the internet at www.outdooralabama.com (both pages of the internet map/permit must be together to be valid). Trapping permits are available from the District II 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.

• 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.

#### **HUNTING DATES:**

DEER:

(Archery Only) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: **Oct. 15– Feb. 10.** One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: **Sep. 15-Mar. 3.** Fox squirrel season closed in February and March.

TURKEY: *(Youth) (Regular)*Mar. 9 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.

Apr. 1 - 30 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.

 QUAIL:
 Nov. 3 – Feb. 28

 WOODCOCK:
 Dec. 14 – Jan. 27

 CROW:
 Sept. 8 – Mar.3

FERAL SWINE, COYOTE: Open during any other scheduled WMA hunting season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts.

No Dogs Allowed.

WATERFOWL: State Season.

**BAG LIMITS:** Deer - Hunter's Choice - One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck; Turkey - (Gobblers only) - 1 a day (5 per season); Squirrel - 8 a day; Rabbit - 8 a day; Quail - 8 a day; Woodcock - 3 a day; Crow - no limit; Feral Swine and Coyote - No Limit; Waterfowl - State Season.

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

Deer: Archery Stalk Hunts: As defined in Alabama Regulations legal for archery equipment in 220-2-.03.

Turkey: As defined in 220-2-.02(3), except no center-fire pistols.

Remainder of Seasons: Legal arms and ammunition as defined in 220-2-.02 and archery equipment in 220-2-.03.

Trapping: As Defined in 220-2-.30(2), except no .22 magnums are allowed.

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:

- 1. To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, ammunition, traps, or bow and arrow, without a valid permit. A permit is valid only during scheduled management area seasons during legal hunting hours and only with weapons and ammunition permitted for hunting the wildlife listed on permit.
- 2. To use dogs for deer or turkey hunting. (Leashed dogs may be used for the expressed purpose of retrieving wounded deer, limited to two dogs per tracking event).
- 3. To use dogs for hunting, training, or any purpose from the end of conventional small game season through August 31.
- 4. For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on the management area unless accompanied by an adult who is 21 years or older or the parent and who possesses all license to hunt on WMA.
- 5. For any person to carry in or on a vehicle, any of the following: any firearms (including pistols) with ammunition in the magazine breech or clip attached to firearms, or cocked crossbows. See (19) for limited exception for certain lawfully licensed handguns possessed for personal protection
- 6. To camp in the management area. No warming fires shall be permitted on Area.
- 7. To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting.
- 8. To discharge fireworks at any time.
- 9. To discharge firearms for target practice.
- 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 or highway, or within a posted safety zone or on Sunday within one-half mile of any church or from within the right-of-way of any developed road (paved or unpaved) which is open for vehicular traffic.
- 11. For any unauthorized person to operate or possess ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE on the area or to operate a LICENSED motor scooter, motorcycle, trail bike, or any LICENSED motor driven vehicle on the area or power line right-of-way.
- 12. For any person to hunt any game species, except turkey and migratory birds without wearing an outer garment above the waist containing a minimum 144 square inches of hunter orange color or either a full-size hunter orange hat or cap.
- 13. To deposit, distribute, or scatter grain, salt, litter, or any other materials on management area.
- 14. For any person to damage or remove any artifacts, trees, crops, plants, dirt, gravel, or sod from management area.
- 15. 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.
- 16. To cast a light of any kind, either hand held, affixed to a vehicle, or otherwise, between the hours of sunset and sunrise except in areas where the state law is more restrictive. This paragraph does not apply to the headlights of vehicles traveling in a normal manner on an open established road.
- 17. For any person except authorized personnel to operate any motor driven vehicle behind, under, or around any locked gate, barricaded road, or walk in only sign.
- 18. 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 inhibits traffic.
- 19. <u>Nothing in this regulation prohibits or requires a wildlife management area permit for the possession of handguns by lawfully licensed persons for the personal protection, provided the handguns are not used to hunt or take or attempt to take wildlife except as otherwise provided by this regulation.</u>
- 20. Users should refer to WMA Regulation 220-2-.55 for the complete list of WMA specific regulations.

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