

**RIVERTON COMMUNITY HUNTING AREA**  
**(Colbert County)**  
**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**DIVISION OF WILDLIFE & FRESHWATER FISHERIES**  
**Hunting Regulations – September 2018 – August 2019**

**PERMITS:** Map/permits may be obtained locally from Wal-Mart in Russellville and Muscle Shoals;; Yogi's, intersection of Hwy. 72 and 247; Chiska Food Mart, Cherokee; Chevron Station, Barton; Shoals Outdoor Sports on Hwy. 72; Colbert County Courthouse in Tuscumbia; Franklin County Courthouse in Russellville; Dick's in Florence; Harvest/Permit boxes at gate to Ables Road and Dividing Ridge Road; by writing Area Biologist Daniel Toole, 4200 White Pike, Cherokee, AL 35616 (enclose current hunting license numbers and stamped, self-addressed envelope) and email [Daniel.Toole@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:Daniel.Toole@dcnr.alabama.gov); or by printing from the Internet at [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com) (both front and back pages of the internet map/permit must be together to be valid). **Trapping permits** must be obtained from area biologist. All deer and turkey harvested during any hunt shall be reported to the hunt administrators by recording harvested game at the Harvest/Permit boxes. **Note:** All entrance gates will be opened from September 1 small game season and during Spring Turkey Season. No secondary gates (cattle gates) will be opened. Special buck antler restrictions apply for all deer hunting.

**NOTE:**• **A State Hunting License, Wildlife Management Area (WMA) License and a wildlife management area permit are required when hunting deer, turkey, or waterfowl on a wildlife management area. For residents, a State hunting license or Wildlife Heritage License (residents only) or State fishing license (residents only) and WMA permit are required for hunting small game, except waterfowl on wildlife management areas. Nonresidents must possess a wildlife management area license in addition to a hunting license and WMA permit to hunt big game and small game.**

- **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 – (ALL ANTLERED BUCKS HARVESTED ON WMA'S MUST BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE ANNUAL STATE WIDE 3 BUCK LIMIT).** All antlered bucks must have a minimum 3 points on one side, and points must be at least one inch long.

DEER: (Gun) Stalk Hunting, Hunters' Choice: **Open each Wednesday and Saturday of the regular Gun Deer Season in Colbert County and from Nov. 17-24, Dec. 15-22 and Jan. 12-19.** One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. **\*Antlered buck restrictions apply.** All deer harvested must be recorded at permit boxes.

(Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunters' Choice: **Oct. 15 – Feb. 10.** One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. **\*Antlered buck restrictions apply.** All deer harvested must be recorded at permit boxes.

**\*To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have at least three (3) antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam.**

TURKEY: (Physically Disabled) **Mar. 31** (Daylight hours). Gobblers only. All turkey harvested must be recorded at permit boxes.  
(Regular) **Apr. 1-30** (Daylight hours). Gobblers only. All turkey harvested must be recorded at permit boxes.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: **Sep. 15-Mar. 3.** No hunting on days of gun deer hunts. **Fox squirrel season closed in February and March.**

QUAIL: **Nov. 3-Feb. 28.** No hunting on days of gun deer hunts.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX: **Sep. 1-30 and Feb. 1-28** (Nighttime Hours Only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of scheduled gun deer hunts. Fox-Dogs Only; No Weapons.

WOODCOCK: **Dec. 14-Jan. 27.** No hunting on days of gun deer hunts.

SNIPE: **Nov. 10-Feb. 24.** No hunting on days of gun deer hunts.

BOBCAT, COYOTE,  
FERAL SWINE & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA hunting season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. Daylight hours only. No Dogs Allowed. One fox per day.

FURBEARER TRAPPING:  
(excluding feral swine) **Nov. 3-Feb. 28.** All trappers must wear hunter's orange while trapping on days of gun hunts.

**BAG LIMITS:**

*Deer* – See above deer hunt schedule; *Turkey (Gobblers only)* - 1 a day (5 per season); *Squirrel* - 8 a day; *Quail* – 6 a day; *Rabbit* - 8 a day; *Raccoon & Opossum* - No Limit; *Fox* – 1 a day; *Woodcock* – 3 a day. Falconers may take migratory game birds (not more than 3 per day in aggregate combination) and resident game birds and animals following the bag limits listed above for firearms and archery.

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

Deer: *Stalk Hunts:* As defined in Alabama Regulations legal arms and ammunition in 220-2-.02(2), (excluding buckshot) and archery equipment in 220-2-.03.

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

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(1), 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. See (25) for limited exception for certain lawfully licensed handguns possessed for personal protection.
2. 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).
3. To use dogs for feral swine or small game hunting where dogs are expressly prohibited.
4. To use dogs for hunting, training or any purpose from the end of small game season until August 31.
5. For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on the management area unless accompanied by an adult who is either 21 years old or older or the parent and who possesses all licenses to hunt WMA.
6. 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 black powder weapons with primer, cap or flash powder in place, or cocked crossbows. See (25) for limited exception for certain lawfully licensed handguns possessed for personal protection.
7. To camp on the Riverton CHA. No warming fires shall be permitted on this area.
8. To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting.
9. To discharge fireworks at any time.
10. To discharge firearms for target practice.
11. To hunt or discharge firearms within 150 yards of any camping area, dwelling, dam or timber operation, or within 100 yards of any public road, highway, or within a posted safety zone, or within one-half mile of a church **or from within the right of way of any developed road open to vehicular traffic.**
12. **To possess open alcoholic beverages outside designated camping areas.**
13. For any person except authorized personnel to operate any motor driven vehicle behind, under/around any locked gate, barricaded road or sign which prohibits vehicular traffic.
14. For any unauthorized person to possess and/or operate ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE on any AREA, except when utilized for the expressed purpose of retrieving harvested deer, traveling to or from a hunting location, or any other hunting related activity. ALL VEHICLES, whether licensed or unlicensed must remain on regularly used roads open for public use by four wheel vehicle traffic.
15. To ride or possess horses except in areas or on roads or trails designated as open to horses, or to ride or possess horses on roads designated as closed to four-wheel motorized vehicles. Riding or possession of horses is prohibited on the AREA on days of scheduled gun deer hunts and during legal hours of turkey hunting. Riding or possession of horses shall be restricted to holders of a current valid Wildlife Management Area license and a valid wildlife management area permit.
16. For any person to hunt deer on days of scheduled gun hunts without wearing a vest containing 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.
17. For any person except authorized personnel to block or otherwise stop traffic on any road or at any gate by parking a vehicle in such a way that passage around the vehicle is impossible.
18. To deposit, distribute or scatter grain, salt, litter, or any other materials on management area prior to receiving approval from the DCNR.
19. To damage or remove any artifacts, trees, crops, plants, dirt, gravel or sod from management area without legal authorization.
20. To erect or use a permanent tree stand or scaffold on management area without written permission from the landowners.
21. To hunt from an elevated stand or platform without first attaching themselves to the tree or platform with a full body safety harness capable of supporting their weight.
22. To transport deer, turkey, or swine killed during any hunt from the area before being checked or reported at the designated checking stations.
23. To violate any posted restrictions on entry, hunting, fishing, or other conduct.
24. To release any animal, bird, fish, or other wildlife on any WMA, Refuge, or Public Lake without first obtaining written permission from the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division.
25. 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 or to attempt to take wildlife (including persons while bow hunting) except as otherwise provided by this regulation.
26. **Users should refer to WMA Regulation 220-2-.55 for the complete list of WMA specific regulations.**

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