

**Sam R. Murphy Wildlife Management Area
(Lamar & Marion Counties)
Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries
Hunting Regulations – September 2018 – August 2019**

PERMITS: The checking Station is located ½ mile east of Pikeville on Marion Co. Road 2. Pikeville is 4 miles north of Guin, AL on US Hwys. 43, 78, and 278. Season map/permits for all hunts will be available at the Country Corner, Guin; Hardware Plus, Guin; Texaco Truck Stop, Hwy 78, Hamilton; Marion County Lake; Wal-Mart, Winfield and Hamilton; K & S Outdoors, Guin and Winfield; Marion and Lamar County Courthouses; and Ford Dealership, Sulligent during regular business hours; at self-service box located at the checking station; or by writing Area Biologist Kevin Pugh, 21453 Harris Station Road, Tanner, AL 35671 (enclose current hunting license number with a self-addressed stamped envelope); or by email Kevin.Pugh@dcnr.alabama.gov or by printing from the internet at www.outdooralabama.com (both front and back pages of the internet map/permit must be together to be valid). All deer and turkey killed on any hunt must be reported and/or logged at the checking station. Trapping permits must be obtained from the area biologist.

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, Wildlife Heritage License (residents only) or State fishing license 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.

- On the youth deer hunt, primitive weapons deer hunt and gun deer hunts, this map permit shall be your permit to hunt on the WMA and is valid for those days and must be in your possession. You do not check in or out at check station on these dates. The check station will not be open continuously on these days. Permits are available at locations shown above. All harvested deer and turkey must be recorded on the reporting form at the check station prior to leaving the WMA.
- Individuals, ages 16 through 64, that utilize any WMA shooting range are required to possess either a State Hunting License, a WMA license, or a Wildlife Heritage License (residents only).
- 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.

Hunting Dates:

DEER:	(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 10. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 19-24, Dec. 13-15, Dec. 26 – Jan. 2, Jan. 10-13 and Jan. 24-27. Two deer per day - One unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. Nov. 14-16. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 15- Feb. 10. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. <u>All deer harvested must be recorded on the reporting form at the check station prior to leaving the WMA.</u>
TURKEY:	(Youth)	Mar. 9 (Daylight until 1:00 pm). Gobblers only.
	(Physically Disabled)	Mar. 14 (Daylight until 1:00 pm). Gobblers only.
	(Regular)	Mar. 15 – Apr. 30 (Daylight until 1:00 pm). Gobblers only. <u>All turkeys harvested must be recorded on the form at the check station prior to leaving the WMA.</u>
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:		Sep. 15– Mar. 3. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons and gun deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.
QUAIL:		Nov. 3– Feb. 28. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons and gun deer hunts.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX:		Sep. 1 – Feb. 28 (Nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding and nights of youth, primitive weapons and gun deer hunts. Fox hunting-Dogs only. No weapons.
SNIPE:		Nov. 10 – Feb. 24. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons and gun deer hunts.
WOODCOCK:		Dec. 14– Jan. 27. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons and gun deer hunts.
DOVE:		State Season (Noon until sunset). No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons and gun deer hunts.
CROW:		Sep. 1 – Feb. 28. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons and gun deer hunts.
WATERFOWL:		State Season. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons and gun deer hunts.
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.
FERAL SWINE (Special Season)		Sep.1-8 and Feb. 16-24. Permitted firearms and archery equipment and hunter orange requirements same as for gun deer hunts on the WMA. No buckshot. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
FURBEARER TRAPPING:		Nov. 3 – Feb 28. All trappers must wear hunter's orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

Bag Limits: Deer – (ALL BUCKS HARVESTED ON WMA'S MUST BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE ANNUAL STATE WIDE 3 BUCK LIMIT). Archery, Youth, Primitive Weapons and Gun Hunter's Choice, either sex deer – Two per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck per day; 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 per day; Dove – 15 a day; Woodcock – 3 a day; Snipe – 8 a day; Ducks – state limit.

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.
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.
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(2), except no .22 magnums are allowed.
Falconry will be legal on all AREA scheduled hunts for legally permitted falcons; following the dates those seasons are open on each AREA.

It Shall Be Unlawful:

1. To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, traps, or bow and arrow, except on open designated target ranges and except bow fishing equipment without a valid permit. A permit is valid only during scheduled AREA seasons during legal hunting hours and only with the required hunting license(s) and stamps and only with weapons and ammunition permitted for hunting the wildlife listed on permit. See (29) 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 the opening of the following fall gun season.
5. For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on the 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. To have in possession any fully automatic rifle or any firearms, ammunition or bow and arrow except as described above in the Permitted Firearms and Bow and Arrow section or on an open designated target range.
7. For any person to carry in or on a vehicle, any of the following: any firearms 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 (29) for limited exception for certain lawfully licensed handguns possessed for personal protection.
8. To camp on the area except in designated sites. Campers using generators must camp in site designated for generator use. Individuals or groups may camp the area for a period not to exceed nine (9) days in any thirty (30) day period. Campfires must be extinguished before departing. No warming fires shall be permitted away from camping area. All campers left unattended overnight must display the owner's contact information to include name, address, and phone numbers.
9. To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting.
10. To discharge fireworks at any time.
11. To discharge firearms for target practice, except on the designated target range.
12. To hunt or discharge firearms within 150 yards of any camping area, dwelling, dam or timber operation, 100 yards of any paved public road or highway; 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 open to vehicular traffic.
13. To possess open alcoholic beverages outside designated camping areas.
14. For any person to possess any firearm while hunting with bow and arrow or crossbow, except on days of either sex gun deer hunts. See (29) for limited exception for certain lawfully licensed handguns possessed for personal protection.
15. To transport deer, turkey, or swine killed during any hunts from the area before being checked or reported at the designated checking stations.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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 on wildlife management AREAS shall be restricted to holders of a current valid Wildlife Management Area license and a valid wildlife management area permit.
19. For any person to hunt deer or feral swine on days of scheduled gun or primitive weapons hunts without wearing an outer garment above the waist containing a minimum of 144 square inches of hunter orange color 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 above the ground. The hunter orange must be of solid color, except for a small logo and/or printing on the front of the cap, and visible from any angle.
20. 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.
21. For any person to deposit, distribute or scatter grain, salt, litter, or any other materials on any AREA maintained by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources prior to receiving approval from said Department.
22. To hunt small game during gun deer hunts and primitive weapons hunts.
23. To damage or remove any artifacts, trees, crops, plants, dirt, gravel or sod without legal authorization.
24. To erect or use a permanent tree stand or scaffold without written permission from the landowners.
25. 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.
26. 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.
27. To violate any posted restrictions on entry, hunting, fishing, or other conduct.
28. To release any animal, bird, fish, or other wildlife on any WMA, Refuge or Public Lands without first obtaining written permission from the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division.
29. 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.
30. 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 the Sam Murphy Estate, W.W. Ogden and private landowners.