

FOREVER WILD GOTHARD-AWF YATES LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
(Elmore 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 from self-service box at 1 of 2 kiosks or the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries District IV Office, 3520 Plaza Drive, Enterprise, AL 36330 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mon – Fri, or by written request to the District IV Office (include current hunting license number and a large, self-addressed stamped envelope); by phoning 334-347-1298; or by printing from the internet at www.outdooralabama.com (both pages of the internet map/permit must be together to be valid). **All deer hunters (except archery) during the gun, youth, and primitive weapons deer hunts must obtain a hunting permit along with map permit from self-service box at 1 of 2 kiosks located at WMA entrance across from Deer Track Road or Dean Circle.**

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) 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.**

- **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:

Zones A & B

(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 10-11. One deer per day- one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 17-18 and, Jan. 18-Feb. 3.
(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 12-16. One deer per day- one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 15-Feb. 10. One deer per day- one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. Archery hunting is permitted in zones that are not open for gun deer hunting.

Zones A

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: **Nov. 22-25, Dec. 6-9, Dec. 20-24, Jan. 3-6.** One deer per day – one antlered buck.

Zones B

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: **Nov. 29-Dec. 2, Dec. 13-16, Dec. 27-30 and Jan. 10-13.** One deer per day – one antlered buck.

Zones A & B

TURKEY:	(Youth)	Mar. 9-10 (Daylight hours). Gobblers only.
	(Physically Disabled)	Mar. 15 (Daylight hours). Gobblers only.
	(Regular)	Mar. 16 – Apr. 30 (Daylight hours). Gobblers only.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:		Sept. 15 – Mar. 3 (except on days of youth, PW deer hunts). Small game hunting is permitted in zones that are not open for gun deer hunting.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:		Sept. 15 – Feb. 28. (nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, gun and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox hunting - dogs only, no weapons.
QUAIL:		Nov. 3 – Feb. 28. (except on days of youth, PW deer hunts). Small game hunting is permitted in zones that are not open for gun deer hunting.
WOODCOCK:		Dec. 14 – Jan. 27. (except on days of youth, PW, deer hunts). Small game hunting is permitted in zones that are not open for gun deer hunting.
CROW:		Sept. 1 – Mar. 3. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and PW deer hunts.
WATERFOWL:		State seasons. No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zones that are not open for gun deer hunting.
FERAL SWINE & COYOTE:		Open during any other legal WMA hunting season using weapons and ammunition approved for those WMA hunts (No Dogs Allowed; Daylight hours only).
FURBEARER TRAPPING: (Excluding Feral Swine)		Nov. 3 – Feb. 28 Trapping permits must be obtained from District IV office. All trappers must wear hunter's orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

BAG LIMITS: Deer - Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns) - 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 Hog and Coyote - No Limit; Waterfowl - State Season.

PERMITTED FIREARMS, BOW AND ARROW, & FALCONRY:

Deer: <i>Stalk Hunts:</i>	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 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 stalk hunting of deer or for turkey hunting.
3. To use dogs for hunting, training, or any purpose from March 6 until August 31.
4. For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on the management area unless accompanied by a licensed hunter at all times.
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 (21) 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. However, this regulation shall not apply to coyote and feral hogs which may be killed during all scheduled management area hunts, when possessing a valid permit and using weapons and ammunition that are legal for such designated hunts. Additionally, bobcat and fox may be killed during all scheduled deer and turkey hunts, when possessing a valid permit and using weapons and ammunitions that are legal for such designated hunts
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. **To possess open alcoholic beverages outside designated campgrounds.**
12. 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.
13. **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.**
14. To deposit, distribute, or scatter grain, salt, litter, or any other materials on management area prior to receiving approval from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
15. For any person to damage or remove any trees, crops or other plants, dirt, gravel, or sod from management area without legal authorization.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. For any person except authorized personnel to block or otherwise stop traffic on any road by parking a vehicle in such a way that passage around the vehicle is impossible.
20. 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.
21. **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 Forever Wild Land Trust.