

# LITTLE RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Cherokee & DeKalb Counties)

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

**HUNTING REGULATIONS- September 2019 – August 2020** 

PERMITS: Daily Permits REQUIRED for each hunt day, for ALL GAME hunting on hunt dates listed below, and non-hunting related WMA user activities. Daily Permits will be available at self-service boxes and check stations: SEE MAP. 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 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, 3/4 mile from the intersection of Highway 35 and intersection of Dekalb County Roads 78 and 153. These WMA maps/season regulations 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, self-addressed 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.

ALL Hunters must obtain a Daily Permit at a self-service box for EACH hunt day for any game animal hunted. Hunters must complete check in portion of daily permit and place in self-service box at check station or a kiosk, and complete check-out portion of daily permit for harvest reporting on days check stations are 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:

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 16-17. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. All hunters must return results of (Youth) hunt at check station or kiosk.

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 23, Nov. 29-Dec. 1 and Dec. 6-8. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. \* Antlered (Gun) buck restrictions apply. Check station will be opened for biological data collection on Nov. 23, Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 6-7. All deer harvested on these days must be presented at check station. When Check Station is closed hunters must record results of hunt on daily permit and return

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 13-15, Dec. 27-29, and Jan. 17-19. One antlered buck per day. \* Antlered buck restrictions apply. Check station will be opened for data collection on Dec. 13-14, Dec. 27-28, and Jan. 17-18. All deer harvested on these days must be presented

(Primitive Weapons)

at check station. When Check Station is Closed hunters must record results of hunt on daily permit and return at check station or a kiosk. Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 18-21 and Dec. 23-26. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. \* Antlered buck restrictions apply. All hunters must record results of hunt on daily permit and return at the check station or at the kiosk. SEE MAP. Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 15 – Feb. 10. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. \* Antlered buck restrictions

apply. Hunters must record results of hunt on daily permit and return 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.

\*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: (Youth) Mar. 14-15 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. All hunters must record results of hunt on daily permit and return to check station or

> (Physically Disabled) Mar. 20 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. All hunters must record results of hunt on daily permit and return to check station or kiosk.

(Archery)

(Regular) Mar. 21 - May 3 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. All hunters must record results of hunt on daily permit and return to check station or

State seasons (12:00 noon until sunset). No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

QUAIL: Nov. 2 – Feb. 29. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

**RABBIT & SQUIRREL:** Sep. 14 – Mar. 8. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Sep. 1 – Feb. 29 (nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of scheduled youth, gun, or primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox hunting: dogs only - no weapons.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX:

FERAL SWINE (Special Season):

WATERFOWL: FURBEARER TRAPPING

(excluding feral swine):

DOVE:

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.

State seasons. No hunting on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

Nov. 2 - Feb. 29. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter's orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

Mar. 1-10. Permitted firearms & archery equipment and hunter orange requirements same as for gun deer hunts on the WMA. No buckshot. COYOTE No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

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 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 or crossbows allowed. 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. 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 hunt WMA.
- 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.
- 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.

- To discharge fireworks at any time.
- To discharge firearms for target practice.
- 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.
- To possess open alcoholic beverages outside designated camping areas.
- 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.
- For any unauthorized person to possess and/or operate ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE on Little River WMA. 14.
- 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.
- 16. For any person to hunt any wildlife species (except turkey, migratory birds and while hunting legally designated species during legal nighttime hours) without wearing the minimum requirement of hunter orange as described in 220-2-.85.
- To possess, deposit, distribute or scatter grain/corn, salt, litter, or any other materials on any area maintained by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. 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.
- 20. 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 scheduled gun deer hunts and during legal hours of turkey hunting.
- 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 except as otherwise provided by this regulation.

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.