

MULBERRY FORK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Tuscaloosa & Walker Counties)

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

Hunting Regulations – September 2019 – August 2020

PERMITS: This map shall serve as your Season Hunting Permit for all game in accordance with season, species, bag limit, firearms and rules applicable to the WMA. Map permits are available at the self-service box located at the checking station; locally at the Mini Mart, Hwy 69, Oakman; Fast Break Shop, Hwy 269, Goodsprings; Wal-Mart, Hwy. 118, Jasper; Pat's Archery and Outdoors, Hwy. 118, Jasper; and Quinn's Marina, Franklin Ferry Rd., Parrish; or via the internet at www.outdooralabama.com. Requests for small game, archery deer, youth deer, primitive weapons deer, and all turkey permits by mail should be sent to Area Biologist Chas Moore, P.O. Box 318, Calera, AL 35040 (cell phone (205) 617-1524, office phone (205) 339-5716). Include a large, self-addressed stamped envelope and current hunting license number. All deer and turkeys harvested must be reported daily by completing the self-service form at the checking station, kiosk or by contacting the Area Biologist. **Trapping** permits must be obtained from the Area Biologist.

LOCATION OF CHECKING STATION: 12 miles north of Oak Grove, Alabama at 1544 Franklin Ferry Road, Oakman, AL 35579. The checking station will only be open from 7:30 am to 6:30 pm on every Saturday during a scheduled gun deer hunt to collect harvest data and assist WMA users.

- 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.

 Antlered buck restrictions apply, antlered bucks must have at least 3 points (1-inch or longer) on at least one main beam. Statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies
 - 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) (Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 16-17. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Dec. 6-7. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. The check station will be open from 7:30 am to 6:30 pm on every Saturday during a gun deer hunt to collect harvest data and assist WMA users. All deer harvested must be recorded at the check station, kiosk, or contact area biologist. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 23-24, Nov. 30-Dec. 2, Dec. 20-22, Dec. 28-29, Jan. 1-5, Jan. 17-19, and Feb. 7-10. One antlered buck a day. The check station will be open from 7:30 am to 6:30 pm on every Saturday during a gun deer hunt to collect harvest data and assist WMA users. All deer harvested must be recorded at the check station, kiosk, or contact area biologist.

(Primitive Weapons)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 18-21 and Jan. 21-27. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. The check station will be open from 7:30 am to 6:30 pm on every Saturday during a gun deer hunt to collect harvest data and assist WMA users. All deer harvested must be recorded at the check station, kiosk, or contact area biologist, *Antlered buck restrictions apply.

(Archery)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 15 - Feb. 10. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts. All deer harvested must be recorded at the check station, kiosk, or contact area biologist. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. Antlered bucks only during buck only gun 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. Hunters must record harvest at Check Station, kiosk, or contact area

(Physically Disabled) Mar. 20 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only Hunters must record harvest at Check Station kiosk, or contact area biologist.

Mar. 21 - May 3 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. Hunters must record harvest daily at Check Station, kiosk, or contact (Regular) area biologist.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: Sept. 14 - Mar. 8. No hunting on days of gun deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.

Nov. 2 – Feb. 29. No hunting on days of gun deer hunts. **OUAIL:** SNIPE: State Season. No hunting on days of gun deer hunts. WOODCOCK: State Season. No hunting on days of gun deer hunts.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM: Sept. 1 – Feb. 29 (Nighttime hours only).

State season (12:00 noon until sunset). No hunting on days of gun deer hunts. DOVE:

*Antlered buck restrictions.

CROW: Sept. 1 – Feb. 29. No hunting on days of gun deer hunts.

WATERFOWL: State season (1/2 hour before sunrise to noon). No hunting on days of gun deer hunts. BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE,

Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs & FOX:

Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. One fox a day. Sept. 1-3 and Mar. 1-8. Permitted firearms and archery equipment and hunter orange requirements same as for gun deer hunts on FERAL SWINE (Special Hunt)

the WMA. No buckshot. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): Nov. 2 - Feb. 29. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter orange while trapping on

days of gun deer hunts.

BAG LIMITS: Deer (antlered bucks only hunts) - minimum of three (3) points, 1-inch or longer, on at least one antler - 1 a day (statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies), antlers visible above the natural hairline – 1 a day (statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies; deer (archery, primitive weapons, hunter's choice gun hunts) - either-sex (except spotted fawns): One deer per day-one unantlered deer or one antlered buck with a minimum of 3 points, 1 inch or greater on at least one antler (statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies), ; squirrel – 8 a day; rabbit – 8 a day; quail - 8 a day; raccoon& opossum - no limit; fox - 1 a day; bobcat - no limit; mourning dove - 15 a day; crow - no limit; waterfowl - State and Federal regulations apply; turkey (gobblers only) - 1 a day (5 per season); feral swine - no limit; coyote - no limit.

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. Turkey:

As defined in 220-2-.02(3), except no center-fire pistols or crossbows allowed. Special Feral Swine Hunts: Same as Stalk Deer Hunts (Hunter Orange Requirements Apply).

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.

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:

- To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, traps, or bow and arrow, except on open designated target ranges, without a valid permit. A permit is valid only during scheduled WMA 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 (23) for limited exception for certain lawfully licensed handguns possessed for personal protection.
- To conduct organized man drives during stalk deer hunts outside the hours of 10:00AM 2:00PM.
- To use dogs for stalk hunting of deer or for turkey hunting.
- To use dogs for hunting, training or any purpose from the end of small game season to August 31.
- For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on any WMA unless accompanied by a licensed hunter, at least 21 years of age, at all times. For any person to carry in or on a vehicle, any of the following: any firearms [including pistols/handguns, except as described in (23)] 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 (23) for limited exception for certain lawfully licensed handguns possessed for personal protection. To camp on any WMA except in designated sites. Individuals or groups may camp on WMAs 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.
- To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting.
- To discharge fireworks at any time.
- 10. To discharge firearms for target practice.
- To hunt or discharge firearms within 150 yards of any camping area, dwelling, mining, 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 which is open to vehicular traffic.
- 12. To possess open alcoholic beverages outside designated camping grounds.
- 13. 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 (23) for limited exception for certain lawfully licensed handguns possessed for personal protection. 14. To transport deer killed during the gun hunts from the WMA before being checked at the designated checking station during the mandatory checking station operation dates above, or kiosk for scientific data.
- For any person except authorized personnel to park in front of a closed gate, block or otherwise stop traffic on any road or park a vehicle in such a way that passage around the vehicle is impossible.
- For any unauthorized person at any time to possess and or operate ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE (2, 3, 4, or 6 wheel) on Mulberry Fork WMA.
- 17. For any unauthorized person at any time to operate any licensed motor scooter, motorcycle, trail bike, ATV, or other motor driven vehicle on the Mulberry Fork WMA. Utility right-of-ways are not open to vehicular traffic Same as # 15. 18. For any unauthorized person at any time to ride or possess horses except on roads and trails open to four-wheel motorized vehicles or on roads and trails or in areas designated as open to horses, (except for raccoon hunters during the legal nighttime raccoon season where authorized). A valid WMA license and a valid WMA permit are required to ride and/or possess horses on
- Mulberry Fork WMA. 19. 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.

 20. For any person 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 prior to receiving approval from said Department.
- 21. To damage or remove any artifacts, trees, crops, or other plants, dirt, gravel or sod without legal authorization.22. 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.
- Nothing in this regulation prohibits or requires a wildlife management area permit for the possession of handguns by lawfully licensed 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.
- 24. Users should refer to WMA Regulation 220-2-.55 for the complete list of WMA specific regulations.