

CHARLES D. KELLEY-AUTAUGA COUNTY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Autauga County)

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. All deer, wild pigs, and turkey harvested must be reported daily at the checking station, kiosk, or contacting the Area Biologist. Season map/permits are available at the Kiosk located on Paul Maddox Drive and Autauga County Road 57, or via the internet at www.outdooralabama.com. Requests for permits by mail should be sent to Dalton Bray, 227 Ridgeland Farm Road, Lowndesboro, Al. 36752 (office phone (205) 339-5716, cell phone (334) 301-2834). Include a large, selfaddressed stamped envelope and current hunting license number.

LOCATION OF CHECKING STATION: 2119 County Road 57, Prattville, AL 36067. The checking station will only be open from 7:30 am to 6:30 pm only on every Saturday during a scheduled gun deer hunt to collect harvest data and assist WMA users. All successful deer and turkey hunters must record their harvest at the kiosk on Paul Mattocks Drive before leaving the area.

- NOTES: 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.
 - Antlered buck restrictions apply Minimum of 3 points (1 inch or more) on at least one main beam. 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, who are making the hunting possible, hereby put each hunter on notice that he/she hunts at their own risk and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall not be responsible for any accidents or injuries that may occur.

HUNTING DATES:

DEER:

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 15 - Feb. 10. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. All successful

hunters must record their harvest in the log at the kiosk on Paul Mattocks Drive or contact the area biologist. Archery hunters must

(Youth)

abide by all gun deer hunt regulations. * **Antlered buck restrictions apply.**Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 16. One deer per day 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 successful

hunters must record their harvest in the log at the kiosk on Paul Mattocks Drive.

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 23-24, Dec. 26-29, Jan. 1-5, Jan. 17-19 and Feb. 6-9. One antlered buck per day. The (Gun) 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 hunters must record their harvest in the log at the kiosk on Paul Mattocks Drive or contact the area biologist.

* Antlered buck restrictions apply.

(Primitive Weapons)

(Physically Disabled)

(Archery)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Dec. 18-21. One deer per day - 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 hunters must record their harvest in the log at the kiosk on Paul Mattocks Drive or contact the area biologist.

* Antlered buck restrictions apply.

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

DOVE: State seasons (12:00 noon to sunset). Wednesdays and Saturdays only. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons

deer hunts.

Nov. 2 – Feb. 29. No hunting on days of gun deer hunts. QUAIL: **RABBIT & SQUIRREL:** Sep. 14-Mar. 8. Fox squirrel season closed during

February and March. No hunting on days of gun deer hunts.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM: Sep. 1 – Feb. 29 (nighttime hours only). No hunting on days of gun deer hunts.

(Youth) March 21 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. All hunters must record their harvest in the log at the kiosk on Paul Mattocks TURKEY: Drive or contact the area biologist.

March 27 (daylight hours until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. All hunters must record their harvest in the log at the kiosk on Paul

Mattocks Drive or contact the area biologist. Mar. 28-May 3 (daylight hours until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. All hunters must record their harvest in the log at the kiosk on Paul (Regular)

Mattocks Drive or contact the area biologist.

BOBCAT, COYOTE,

& 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.

CROW: Sep. 7 – Mar. 1. No hunting on days of gun deer hunts. State Season. No hunting on days of gun deer hunts. SNIPE: WOODCOCK: State Season. No hunting on days of gun deer hunts.

GOOSE: Sep. 1-4 (1/2 hr. before sunrise to sunset). 5 geese per day. No goose hunting allowed on dove field.

WATERFOWL: State seasons. No hunting on days of gun deer hunts.

FALCONRY: Legally permitted falconers may take migratory game birds (not more than three (3) per day in aggregate combination)

and resident game birds and animals following the State seasons and bag limits (Except on Saturdays and

Wednesdays of the State dove season).

FURBEARER TRAPPING

(excluding feral swine): 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.

BAG LIMITS: Deer (antiered bucks only hunts) - Antiered bucks must have a minimum of three (3) points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam - 1 a day (statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies), – 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 (statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies); squirrel – 8 a day; rabbit – 8 a day; quail – 8 a day; woodcock – 3 a day; snipe – 8 a day; raccoon - 5 a day; opossum - no limit; fox - 1 a day; bobcat - no limit; $mourning\ dove - 15$ a day; crow - no limit; $mourning\ dove - 15$ a day; crow - no limit; $mourning\ dove - 15$ a day; $mourning\ dove - 15$ a day; mourninday (5 per season); feral swine - no limit; coyote - no limit.

PERMITTED FIREARMS, BOW AND ARROW, & FALCONRY:

All WMA Seasons: Weapons and ammunition defined in 220-2-.02 (excluding buckshot) and archery equipment in 220-2-.03. 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 without a valid permit.
- To possess open alcoholic beverages outside designated camping areas.
- To conduct organized man drives during stalk deer hunts outside the hours of 10:00AM 2:00PM.
- 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 (18)] 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 (18) for limited exception for certain lawfully licensed handguns possessed for personal
- To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting. 6.
- To discharge firearms for target practice.
- 8. To discharge fireworks on the wma.
- 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 9. within one/half mile of any church.
- 10. 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 at any time to operate any unlicensed motor scooter, motorcycle, trail bike, ATV, UTV, or any motor driven vehicle on the Autauga WMA. Utility right-of-ways are not open to vehicular traffic.
- For any unauthorized person at any time to ride or possess horses on the Autauga County WMA.
- 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 impedes traffic. 13. 14. For any person to possess, deposit, distribute or scatter grain/corn, salt, litter, or any other materials on any WMA.
- 15. To hunt from an elevated stand or platform without attaching themselves to the tree or platform with a full body harness capable of supporting their weight.
- 16. To damage or remove any tree, crop, plants, dirt, sod, or any artifact without legal authorization from the Department of Conservation. For any person to hunt any wildlife species (except turkey, migratory birds and while hunting legally designated species during nighttime hours) without wearing the minimum requirement of hunter orange as described in regulation 220-2-.85
- 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 18. are not used to hunt or take or to attempt to take wildlife except as otherwise provided by this regulation.
- 19. To violate any posted restrictions on entry, hunting, fishing, or other conduct.
- 20. 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 and the Forever Wild Land Trust.