

LOWNDES WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Lowndes 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. Permits are available at the checking station & kiosk; locally at St. Clair Grocery, County Road 29, St. Clair; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Office, Hwy. 80, and Shopper Stop #145, Hwy. 80, Lowndesboro (open 7 days a week 24 hours a day); or via the internet at www.outdooralabama.com. Requests for permits by mail should be sent to Dalton Bray. Area Biologist at 227 Ridgeland Farm Road, Lowndesboro, AL 36752 (cell phone (334) 301-2834, office phone (205) 339-5716). All deer, wild pigs, and turkey harvested must be reported at the checking station, kiosk or contacting the Area Biologist. **Trapping** permits must be obtained from the Area Biologist.

LOCATION OF CHECKING STATION: Approximately 3.8 miles north of White Hall, AL at 227 Ridgeland Farm Road, Lowndesboro, AL 36752. 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. All successful deer, wild pig and turkey hunters must record their harvest daily at a kiosk, checking station, or contact 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 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
 - 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, excluding Bonus Buck.

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 Army Corps of Engineers, 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.

Dutch Bend Tract

DEER (Archery Only):

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Oct. 15-24. One antlered buck per day. (Archerv)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 25 – Feb. 10. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck per day. All deer

harvested must be recorded at the check station, kiosk or contact area biologist.

Mar. 28- May 3 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station, kiosk, or TURKEY:

notify area biologist. DOVE:

(Primitive Weapons)

(Archery)

State Season (12:00 noon until sunset). Saturdays and Wednesdays only. RABBIT & SQUIRREL: Sep. 14 - Mar. 8. Hunting allowed Saturday, Monday and Wednesday only. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

QUAIL: Nov. 2 – Feb. 29. Hunting allowed Monday, Wednesday and Saturday only. State Season. Hunting allowed Monday, Wednesday and Saturday only. SNIPE: State Season. Hunting allowed Monday, Wednesday and Saturday only. WOODCOCK:

WATERFOWL: State season. (1/2 hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon). Saturdays, Mondays, and Wednesdays only.

FERAL SWINE & COYOTE: Open during any other scheduled hunting season on the Dutch Bend Tract using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No

dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

Remainder of Lowndes WMA

(Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 16-17. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. All deer harvested must be DEER:

recorded at the check station, kiosk, or notify area biologist

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 23-24, Nov. 29-Dec. 1, Dec. 13-15, and Dec. 27-29. 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. *Antlered buck restrictions apply.

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Jan. 1-5, Jan. 17-19 and Feb. 1-2. (Jan. 4 Bonus Buck Day, must be validated by WFF personnel at the check station prior to leaving the Area) 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. On Jan. 4 (Bonus Buck Day) buck must be validated at the check station by personnel. *Antlered buck restrictions apply.

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 18-21 and Dec. 2-7. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. All deer harvested must be recorded at the check station, kiosk, or contact area biologist. 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.

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Oct. 15-24. One antlered buck per day. *Antlered buck restrictions apply.

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 25 - Feb. 10. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck per day. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station, kiosk, or contact area biologist. Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun 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

*To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have at least four (4) antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam.

TURKEY: (Youth) Mar. 21 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. Hunters must sign in each day at a kiosk or check station prior to hunting. All successful

hunters must record their harvest at the check station, kiosk, or notify area biologist. Mar. 27 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. Hunters must sign in at the kiosk or check station prior to hunting. All successful

(Physically Disabled) hunters must record their harvest at the check station, kiosk, or notify area biologist.

(Regular) Mar. 28 - May 3 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station, kiosk, or

notify area biologist. Sep. 14 - Mar. 8. No hunting on days of gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: QUAIL: Nov. 2 – Feb. 29. No hunting on days of gun deer hunts. SNIPE: State Season. No hunting on days of gun deer hunts. WOODCOCK: State Season. No hunting on days of gun deer hunts. CROW: Sep.1 – Feb. 29. No hunting on days of gun deer hunts.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM: Sep. 1 – Feb. 29 (nighttime hours only). BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE

Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. & FOX: Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day.

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

gun deer hunts. WATERFOWL: State seasons (1/2 hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon). Saturdays, Mondays and Wednesdays only. No hunting on days of gun deer hunts.

FERAL SWINE (Special Season):

Sept. 1-10 and Feb. 25 - Mar. 8. Permitted firearms & 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

gun deer hunts.

BAG LIMITS: Deer (antlered bucks only hunts) – minimum of four (4) points, 1-inch or longer, on at least one antler – 1 a day; deer (hunter's choice gun hunts) – either-sex (except spotted fawns) – one deer per day-one unantlered deer or one antlered buck (antler restrictions apply); turkey (gobblers only) – 1 a day (5 per season); squirrel – 8 a day; rabbit – 8 a day; raccoon & opossum – no limit; mourning dove – 15 a day; crow – no limit; feral swine – no limit; toyote – no limit; fox – 1 a day; waterfowl – State and Federal regulations apply.

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. 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. Primitive Weapons:

As defined in 220-2-.02(3), except no center-fire pistols or crossbows allowed. Turkey

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.

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:

(excluding feral swine):

- To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, traps, or bow and arrow without a valid permit. 2.
- To use dogs for stalk hunting of deer, turkey hunting, or feral pigs.

 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 (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. To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting. However, this regulation shall not apply to coyote or feral swine, which may be killed during all scheduled WMA hunts, when possessing a valid permit and using weapons and ammunition that are legal for such designated hunts during daylight hours only.
- 8. 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, 100 yards of any paved public road or highway; within a posted safety zone or on Sunday within one/half mile of 10. any church or from within the right-of-way of any developed road which is open to vehicular traffic. To possess open alcoholic beverages outside designated camping areas.
- For any person to possess any firearm while hunting with bow and arrow or crossbow, except on days of either-sex gun deer hunts.
- To transport deer killed during the gun hunts from the WMA before being checked/recorded at the designated checking station, or kiosk otherwise for scientific data. 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 (2, 3, 4, or 6 wheel) on Lowndes WMA.
- For any unauthorized person 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. A valid WMA license and a valid WMA permit are required to ride and/or possess horses on Lowndes WMA. 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.
- For any person except authorized personnel to park in front of a closed gate, block or otherwise stop traffic on any road in such a way that passage around the vehicle is impossible. 19. For any person to possess, deposit, distribute or scatter grain/corn, salt, litter, or any other materials on any WMA.
 20. To damage or remove any artifacts, trees, crops, or other plants, dirt, gravel or sod without legal authorization.
- 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. To violate any posted restrictions on entry, hunting, fishing, or other conduct.
- 23. 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.
- ${\bf 24.\ \ Users\ should\ refer\ to\ WMA\ Regulation\ 220-2-.55\ for\ the\ complete\ list\ of\ WMA\ specific\ regulations.}$