Small Game (except waterfowl): Deer or Turkey
Gun Deer Hunts, in accordance with the seasons, rules and regulations listed on the back of this map.

In addition, the following license(s) are required to hunt on a Community Hunting Area:

Signed

A separate fur trapping permit will be issued by the Area Biologist.
Trappers must also possess a current Fur Catchers License.

This map permit must be signed and in your possession along with the appropriate license(s) in order to be valid.
RIVERTON COMMUNITY HUNTING AREA
(Comanche County)
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE & FRESHWATER FISHERIES
Hunting Regulations – September 2019 – August 2020

PERMITS: Map/permits may be obtained locally from Wal-Mart in Russellville and Muscle Shoals; Yogi’s, intersection of Hwy. 72 and 247; Chiksa Food Mart, Cherokee; Chevron Station, Barton; Colbert County Courthouse in Tuscumbia; Franklin County Courthouse in Russellville; Dick’s in Florence; Harvest/Permit boxes at gate to Ables Road and Dividing Ridge Road; by writing the Area Biologist at 4200 White Pike, Cherokee, AL 35516 (enclose current hunting license numbers and stamped, self-addressed enveloppe), or by printing from the Internet at www.outdooralabama.com (both front and back pages of the internet map/permit must be together to be valid). Trapping permits must be obtained from the Area Biologist. All deer and turkey harvested during any hunt shall be reported to the hunt administrators by recording harvested deer, turkey, and fowl on the Harvest/Permit boxes. Note: All entrance gates shall be opened from September 1 small game season and during Spring Turkey Season. No secondary gates (cattle gates) will be opened. Special buck antler restrictions apply for all deer hunting.

NOTE: A State Hunting License, Wildlife Management Area (WMA) License and a wildlife management area permit are required when hunting deer, turkey, or fowl or on a wildlife area or farm land. For residents, a State hunting license or Wildlife Heritage License (residents only) and State fishing license (residents only) and WMA permit are required for hunting small game, except waterfowl on wildlife management areas. Nonresidents possesses a wildlife management area license in addition to a hunting license and WMA permit to hunt big game and small game.

Statewide antler 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. To manage wildlife resources and natural landsowners, who are making the hunting possible, hereby put each hunter on notice that he hunting 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:
(Gun)
Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Open each Wednesday and Saturday of the regular Gun Deer Season in Colbert County, and from Nov. 23-30, Dec. 14-22, and Jan. 11-19. One deer per day, one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. All hunts must be recorded at permit boxes.

(Archery)
Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 15 – Feb. 10. One deer per day– one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. All hunts must be recorded at permit boxes.

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: (Physically Disabled) Mar. 27 (Daylight hours). Gobblers only. All turkey harvested must be recorded at permit boxes. Mar. 28-May 3 (Daylight hours). Gobblers only. All turkey harvested must be recorded at permit boxes.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL:
(Regular)

ROACOON, OPOSSUM & FOX:
Sep. 1-90 and Feb. 1-29 (Nighttime hours only). Fox: Dogs Only, No Weapons.

WOODCOCK:
State Season. No hunting on days of gun deer and primitive weapons hunts.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & 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.

FURBEARER TRAPPING:
(excluding feral swine):
Nov. 2 – Feb. 9. 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 – See above deer hunt schedule; Turkey (Gobblers only) - 1 a day (5 per season); Squirrel - 8 a day; Quail – 6 a day; Rabbit – 8 a day; Raccoon & Opossum - No Limit; Fox – 1 a day; Woodcock – 3 a day. Falconers may take migratory game birds (not more than 3 per day in aggregate combination) and resident game birds and animals following the bag limits for firearms and archery.

PERMITTED FIREARMS, BOW AND ARROW, & FALCONRY:

Deer: Stalk Hunts:
As defined in Alabama Regulations legal arms and ammunition in 220-2-0.02(2), (excluding buckshot) and archery equipment in 220-2.03.

Turkey: As defined in 220-2-0.02(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.

Game,fur and furbearer hunting: As defined in 220-2-306, except no .22 magnum 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 only with weapons and ammunition permitted for hunting the wildlife listed on permit. See (25) for limited exception for certain lawfully licensed handguns possessed for personal protection.

2. To use dogs for stalking 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).

3. To use any motor vehicle behind, under/around any locked gate, barricaded road or sign which prohibits vehicular traffic.

4. For any person except authorized personnel to operate any motor vehicle behind, under/around any locked road, barricaded road or sign which prohibits vehicular traffic.

5. To transport deer, turkey, or waterfowl on a wildlife management area without written permission from the Area Biologist, who are making the hunting possible, hereby put each hunter on notice that he hunting 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.

6. To discharge firearms within 150 yards of any camping area, dwelling, dam or timber operation, or within 100 yards of any public road, highway, or within a posted safety zone, or from within one-half mile of a church on Sunday or from within the right of way of any developed road open to vehicular traffic.

7. To possess open alcoholic beverages outside designated camping areas.

8. For any person except authorized personnel to operate any motor vehicle behind, under/around any locked road, barricaded road or sign which prohibits vehicular traffic.

9. For any person except authorized personnel to block or otherwise stop traffic on any road or at any gate by parking a vehicle in such a way that passage around the vehicle is impossible.

10. To possess, deposit, distribut or spread any kind of grain/corn, salt, litter, or any other materials on management area prior to receiving approval from the DCNR.

11. To damage or remove any artifacts, trees, crops, plants, dirt, gravel or sod from management area without legal authorization.

12. To erect or use a permanent tree stand or scaffold on management area without written permission from the landowners.

13. To ride or possess horses except in areas or on roads or trails designated as open to horses, or to ride or possess horses on roads designated as closed to four-wheeled motorized vehicles.

14. To discharge firearms for target practice.

15. To hunt or discharge firearms within 150 yards of any camping area, dwelling, dam or timber operation, or within 100 yards of any public road, highway, or within a posted safety zone, or from within one-half mile of a church on Sunday or from within the right of way of any developed road open to vehicular traffic.

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