DAILY PERMITS REQUIRED FOR EACH HUNT DAY FOR ALL GAME HUNTING ON DATES LISTED ON REVERSE SIDE.

This map permit is your Season Permit to hunt all game, in accordance with the seasons, rules and regulations (220-2-.35 and 220-2-.56). Hunters must obtain a daily permit for each hunt day at a self-service kiosk or check station. In addition to a daily permit and valid map permit, a hunting license and a wildlife management area license are required. This map permit must be signed and in your possession to be valid.

2019-2020 Season Map Permit

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

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NOTE: IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL:

- PERMITTED FIREARMS, BOW AND ARROW, & FALCONRY: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed.

- BOBCAT, BEAVER, FOX, WOODCOCK: State Season


NOTE:

- DECARTER DAY PARK; Main Launch Rd; Dairy Rd. MALLARD-FOX CREEK WMA: County Line Rd; Flower Hill Rd.

HUNTING DATES:

**DEER:**
- (Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 15 – Nov. 22. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. Hunters must record all harvested deer on permit and return at Daily Permit Boxes or kiosks.

**WATERFOWL:**
- SANDHILL CRANE: By draw permit only. Dec. 3 – Jan. 5 and Jan. 16-31 (Sunrise to 12:00 noon).

- Limit of 15 (25 person) a season in possession on Swan Creek WMA while waterfowl hunting. No waterfowl hunting in Swan Creek WMA dewatering unit on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays except for the last 14 days of the waterfowl season. All activity prohibited in the dewatering unit on these days.

**FURBEARER TRAPPING**

**BOWFISHING:**

**PERMITTED FIREARMS, ROW AND ARROW, & FALCONRY:**
- Over: Stalk Hunts: As defined in Alabama Regulations archery equipment in 220-2-09.

- Remaining of Seasons: Legal arrow and ammunition as defined in 220-2-02 and archery equipment in 220-2-03.

**Trapping:**
- As Defined in 220-2-30(k), except no 22(m) magnum fuses are allowed.

Falconry will be legal on all area scheduled hunts for legally permitted falcons; following the date those seasons are open on each area.

**BAG LIMITS:**

**Statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies to all WMAs.**

**EXCEPTIONS TO APPROPRIATE LICENSES:**
- A Wildlife Management Area License (required for deer, turkey and waterfowl), PLUS the applicable Resident or Non-Resident Hunting License [for non-residents of WMA, Fee of $6.25 per day for non-residents in years of age and older]. PLUS a Wildlife Management Area map or season regulations [free of charge] are required for hunting on any WMA; provided, however, that properly licensed persons under the “Wildlife Heritage License” may hunt legal small game except waterfowl on any WMA, provided they have purchased a season pass. All persons must have, in addition to the otherwise required licenses and permit, a HFP and valid State (ages 18 through 64) and a valid Federal (ages 16 and over) Waterfowl Stamp.

- Either a State Hunting License, Wildlife Heritage License (residents only). Fishing license (residents only), or WMA License is required when using a Wildlife Heritage license.

- Hunters must be in the right to inspect 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 shall not be responsible for any accidents or injuries that may occur.

**HUNTING AND FISHING REGULATIONS**

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- To hunt, trap, use, possess, firearms, ammunition, traps or bow and arrow, except bow fishing equipment without a valid permit. A permit is valid only during scheduled management seasons during legal hunting hours and only with the control of appropriate license and possible endorsement. All 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 use dogs for hunting, training or any purpose from the end of small game season to the opening of the following fall gun season.

- To use dogs for stalking deer or for turkey hunting. (Leashed dogs may be used for the express purpose of retrieving wounded deer, or other wildlife mortally injured by some other agency.

- For any person under 16 years of age to hunt the management area unless accompanied by an adult who is either 21 years old or older or the parent and who possesses all licenses to hunt.

- To have in possession any fully automatic fire or ancient firearms, ammunition or bow and arrow except as described in Permitted Firearms and Bow and Arrow.

- For any person to carry firearms in or on a vehicle, with ammunition, in a vehicle, or in a vehicle, or in a vehicle, or onboard any vessel or aircraft, or on a boat or other conveyance by a person in such a way that the occupant of the vehicle is impossible to see a firearm.

- For any person to possess, deposit, distribute or scatter grain/corn/soy, salt, litter, or any other materials on anyarya maintained by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources prior to receiving approval from said Department.

- To damage or remove any artifacts, trees, crops or other plants, dirt, gravel or soil from management area without legal authorization.

- To hunt any elevated tower or platform on any WMA, Refuge or Public Lands; without obtaining permission from the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division.

- 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 wildlife; however, handguns hunting wildlife shall be restricted as otherwise provided by this regulation.

- For waterfowl hunters to possess more than 25 shotgun shells (1 box) per person (in possession or on a boat) on Swan Creek WMA. This regulation does not limit the number of shells one would possess in a vehicle or in a vehicle special youth waterfowl license while hunting or while hunting during special youth waterfowl license days.

**The following regulations will apply only to the dewatering slough within the Swan Creek Wildlife Management Area.**

- To leave their vehicle parked at the approved launching sites; hunters must use the designated parking areas. However, approved handicapped vehicles may be parked at the designated handicap parking location.

- To anchor a boat, preparing to hunt waterfowl within the dewatering unit may not depart any launch site before 3:00 A.M daily. With the exception above, all other hunters preparing to hunt waterfowl within the dewatering unit shall not be allowed in the water before 3:00 A.M daily. All boats and boat blinds used in the harvest of waterfowl within the dewatering unit shall be flotted in an approved launching site for overnight mooring or removed from the dewatering unit no later than 7:00 PM daily.

- To act as a non-hunting guard within the dewatering unit at any time.

- To use airboats on the dewatering sloughs.

- To possess any non-permissioned permanent blinds (those using building materials and/or remaining in position overnight anywhere on the Swan Creek or Mallard-Fox Creek WMA except on the Swan Creek WMA dewatering unit where specified). All blinds to be placed in the dewatering unit must be registered with Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division officials in accordance with the Regulations and Rules of the Division.

- To discontinue using waterfowl hunting blinds when hunting wildlife shall be restricted as otherwise provided by this regulation.

- It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt the Swan Creek Harris-Sweetwater dewatering unit on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays during regular waterfowl season except for the last 14 days of the season. All activity in the dewatering unit is prohibited during this time. During splits between the youth season and regular season dates to West Stile Road and the church road will be locked. All activity in the dewatering unit during this time is prohibited.

- Users should refer to WMA Regulation 220-2-55 for the complete list of WMA specific regulations.

**NOTE:** Hunters must contact the Swan Creek Management Area District Office for regulations governing the construction of permanent blinds on the dewatering slough.

**RE COURTESY: AS AN ETHICAL HUNTER, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY DURING THE WATERFOWL SEASON FOR ALL HUNTING PARTIES IN THE DEWATERING AREA TO MAINTAIN A DISTANCE OF NOT LESS THAN 150 YARDS BETWEEN ANY OTHER HUNTING GROUP.**

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