

CHOCCOLOCCO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (TALLADEGA NATIONAL FOREST AND CHOCCOLOCCO STATE FOREST) AND MOUNTAIN LONGLEAF NWR SEGMENT (USFWS) ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

(Calhoun and Cleburne Counties)

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES

Hunting Regulations - September 2019 - August 2020

PERMITS: Daily Permits REQUIRED for each hunt day, for ALL GAME hunting on hunt dates listed below, and non-hunting related WMA user activities. Daily Permits will be available at selfservice boxes located at the check stations or kiosk: SEE MAP. WMA Map/Season regulations may be obtained by writing the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Office, 4101 Hwy. 21 N., Jacksonville, Al. 36265. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Season Map / Regulations are available online at www.outdooralabama.com (both pages of the internet map/ regulations must be in possession to be valid). They are also available at check stations and kiosk on WMA, the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Office in Jacksonville between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, county courthouse, Wal Mart, sporting goods stores, local vendors and local license agents. Trapping permits must be obtained from the Area Biologist or District II Office.

HARVEST: All harvests of small game, deer and turkey should be recorded as directed so that accurate data can be collected. Mandatory check in of Deer at the Check Stations only are required at Zone A (intersection of Forest Service Roads 500 and 553) on Nov. 9, Nov. 23-24, Dec.6-Dec. 7, and Dec.20-21. Zone B (intersection of Forest Service Rd. 522 and AL Hwy. 9) Nov. 10, Nov. 30-Dec.1, Dec. 13-14, and Dec. 27-28. All deer harvested on these days must be presented at the check station. At all other times self- service game harvest recording is required for deer, turkey and small game harvested at either the check stations or kiosks: SEE MAP.

RESTRICTIONS: Antlered Buck Restrictions Apply for all archery and scheduled deer hunting on WMA except the Youth Hunt scheduled Nov. 16-17; Bucks must have at least four points on one antler; points must measure at least one inch in length.

- NOTE: As per 220-2-.55 (10) A Wildlife Management Area License (required for deer, turkey and waterfowl), PLUS the applicable Resident or Non-Resident Hunting License [for Alabama residents 16 through 64 years of age and for non-residents 16 years of age and older], PLUS a Wildlife Management Area Permit [free of charge], are required for hunting on AREAS; provided however, that properly licensed persons under the "Wildlife Heritage License" may hunt legal small game except waterfowl on AREAS without the other licenses described herein. PLUS, in order to hunt waterfowl on AREAS, all persons must have, in addition to the otherwise required licenses and permit, a HIP and valid State (ages 16 through 64) and a valid Federal (ages 16 and over) Waterfowl Stamp.
 - 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.
 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.

All hunters utilizing the Big Oak Physically Disabled Segment must have in possession certification as physically disabled by completed application through the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries; Wildlife Section; 64 N. Union Street, Suite 584; Montgomery, Alabama 36130.

HUNTING DATES: ALL Hunters must obtain a Daily Permit at a self-service box in the open zone for EACH hunt day for any game animal hunted. Hunters must complete check in portion of daily permit and place in self-service box at check station or a kiosk, and complete check-out portion of daily permit for harvest reporting on days check stations are closed. Note: Hunters using the Big Oak PDHA may hunt when either Zone A or B is open for gun deer hunting. **DEER:**

Zones A & B

Zone A

Zone B

(Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 16-17. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

Hunters must record all harvested deer on permit and return at check station or kiosks.

Special Early Hunt: Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Zone A-Nov. 9, Zone B-Nov. 10. One antlered buck per day. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. (Gun) Hunters must submit all harvested deer at check stations located on FS road 522 and AL Hwy 9 for Nov. 10 or at the intersection of FS roads 500 & 553 for Nov. 9 for data collection.

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 18-21. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. Hunters must (Primitive Weapons) record all harvested deer on permit and return at check station or kiosks.

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 15 – Feb. 10. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. No (Archery) hunting on days of youth deer hunt. Hunters must record all harvested deer on permit and return at check station or kiosks. Archery

hunting is permitted in zone closed to gun deer hunting. Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations if hunting in zone open to gun deer

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 23-24. One deer per day one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. (Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 6-8 and Dec. 20-22. One antlered buck per day. *Antlered buck restrictions apply.

Check station at intersection of Forest Service Road 500 and Forest Service Road 553 will be opened for data collection on Nov. 23-24, Dec. 6-7 and Dec. 20-21. All deer harvested on these days must be presented at the check station. When check station is closed hunters must record all harvested deer at check station or kiosks located within Zone A.

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 30-Dec. 1. One deer per day, one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. (Gun)

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 13-15 and Dec. 27-29. One antlered buck per day. *Antlered buck restrictions apply.

Check station at intersection of Forest Service Road 522 and Alabama Hwy. 9 will be opened for data collection on Nov. 30-Dec. 1, Dec.

13-14 and Dec. 27-28. All deer harvested on these days must be presented at the check station. When check station is closed hunters must record all harvested deer on permit and return at check station or kiosks located in Zone B.

*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.

Zones A & B

WOODCOCK:

DOVE:

TURKEY: (Youth) Mar. 21-22 (daylight hours). Gobblers only. Mar. 27 (daylight hours). Gobblers only. (Physically Disabled)

(Regular) Mar. 28 – May 3 (daylight hours). Gobblers only.

All successful turkey hunters must record their harvest on daily permit and return at either the check station located at the intersection of Hwy 9 & FS road 522,

check station located at intersection of FS road 500 & 553 or kiosk SEE MAP State Season (12:00 noon until sunset). Closed on Mt. Longleaf NWR Segment.

Nov. 2 - Feb. 29. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. QUAIL: RABBIT: Sep. 14 – Mar. 8. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. SQUIRREL: (Gray) Sep. 14 – Mar. 8. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

(Fox) Closed. Sep. 1 – Feb. 29 (nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox hunting: dogs only – no weapons. **No dogs-daylight hours only on Mt. Longleaf NWR Segment.** RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:

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. State Season. No hunting on days of scheduled gun deer hunts.

FERAL SWINE (Special Season) Oct. 2-10 and Mar. 1-10. Permitted firearms & archery equipment and hunter orange requirements same as for gun deer hunts on the WMA. No buckshot. No

COYOTE: dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

FURBEARER TRAPPING 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. (excluding feral swine):

Closed on Mt. Longleaf NWR Segment.

HUNTING DATES for Mountain Longleaf NWR Segment: Same as above except: Sep.1 – Feb.29 (Daylight hours only – No dogs). No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX:

Archery hunting only within area designated as Anniston City limits on front of this permit for all game species.

Deer: Gun, Archery, Youth, and Primitive Weapons Hunts-One a day on all hunts. Zone B. Turkey (Gobblers only) - 1 a day; 5 per season; Squirrel - 8 a day; Quail - 8 a day; Rabbit - 8 a day; Raccoon and Opossum - No

Limit; Dove - 12 a day; Fox - 1 a day; Falconry: Falconry will be legal on all scheduled area hunts for legally permitted falconers (must possess state and management area hunting licenses and management area permit). 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.

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

Turkev: Special Feral Swine Hunts:

Same as Stalk Deer Hunts (Hunter Orange Requirements Apply).
Legal arms and ammunition as defined in 220-2-.02 and archery equipment in 220-2-.03. Remainder of Seasons:

As Defined in 220-2-.30(2), except no .22 magnums are allowed. Trapping: 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, ammunition, traps or bow and arrow, or crossbows without a valid permit. A permit is valid only during scheduled management and refuge area seasons during legal hunting hours and only with weapons and ammunition permitted for hunting the wildlife listed on permit. See (21) below.

 To use dogs for stalk hunting of deer, turkey or feral swine. (Leashed dogs may be used for the expressed purpose of retrieving wounded deer, limited to two dogs per tracking event).

- To use dogs for hunting, training or any purpose from the end of conventional small game season until August 31.

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

 For any person to carry firearms in or on vehicle 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.

 To camp in the management area except in designated sites. On Choccolocco Wildlife Management Area located on U.S. Forest Service lands, individuals or groups may camp on the management area for a period not to exceed nine (9) days in any 30 day period, unless excepted by U.S. Forest Service rules specific to a unit—see local forest Service rules Campfires must be extinguished before departing. No warming fires shall be permitted away from camping area.

 (U.S. Forest Service regulations prohibit the possession of alcoholic beverages in the Coleman Lake and Pine Glen camping areas). No camping on Mountain Longleaf NWR Segment.
- To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting. To discharge fireworks at any time or to use fire to smoke out game.
- To discharge firearms for target practice except on the designated range (year-round access to range by Old Edwardsville Road and U.S. Forest Service Road 548 only).

 To hunt or discharge firearms within 150 yards of any camping area, dwelling, dam or timber operation, or within 100 yards of any paved public road, highway, or within a posted safety zone, or within one-half mile of a church on Sunday or from within the right-of-way of any developed U.S. Forest Service road (paved or unpaved), which is open for vehicular traffic.
- For any person to possess any firearms while archery hunting. This prohibition shall not apply to the possession of handguns by lawfully authorized persons for personal protection
- To transport deer or turkey killed during the hunts from the area before being examined at the checking station for scientific data on required dates or recorded at check station or kiosk when check station is closed. 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 on Choccolocco WMA.
- 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. For any person except authorized personnel to park in front of a closed gate, block or otherwise stop traffic on any road by parking a vehicle in such a way that inhibits traffic.

 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.

 For any person to damage or remove any artifacts, trees, crops, plants, dirt, gravel or sod from management area.

 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.

- For any unauthorized person to ride or possess horses except in areas, on roads open to vehicular traffic, and trails designated as open to horses
- 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.
- Users should refer to WMA Regulation 220-2-,55 for the complete list of WMA specific regulations. The following regulations will apply to the Mountain Longleaf NWR Segment. It shall be unlawful:
- To use or possess alcoholic beverages while hunting. All tree stands and ground blinds must be removed daily.

WMA is provided by the Wildlife Section of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, Alabama Forestry Commission, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.