

### WILLIAM R. IRELAND, SR.-CAHABA RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (Bibb & Shelby Counties)

### 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. Maps/ Permits are available at the self-service box located at the checking station; locally at Tractor Supply Co., Hwy. 25, Montevallo; Helena Hardware, Hwy. 91, Helena; McKinney Wrecker Service, West Blocton; Crossroads, Hwy. 22 and 119, Montevallo; Jones, Hwy. 22 and 17, Montevallo; Chevron, Co. Rd. 17, Helena; Coosa Mart, Hwy. 17, Helena; or via the internet at www.outdooralabama.com. Requests for small game, archery deer, youth deer, primitive weapons deer, and all turkey permits by mail should be sent to Area Biologist Chas Moore, P.O. Box 318, Calera, AL 35040 (cell phone (205) 617-1524, office phone (205) 339-5716). Include a large, self-addressed stamped envelope and current hunting license number. All deer, turkeys and feral swine harvested <u>must</u> be reported daily by completing the self-service form at the checking station, kiosk, or by contacting the Area Biologist. <u>Trapping</u> permits must be obtained from the Area Biologist.

LOCATION OF CHECKING STATION: Approximately 2 miles west of Pea Ridge at 7774 Hwy. 10, Pea Ridge, AL, 35115. 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 deer, turkey and feral swine harvested must be recorded daily by completing the self-service form at the checking station, kiosk, or contacting 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 big game and small game.

  • 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.
  - Individuals ages 16 through 64 that utilize the shooting range on William R. Ireland, Sr.-Cahaba River WMA are required to possess a valid Wildlife Heritage
  - License, State hunting license, WMA license, or resident annual freshwater fishing license.

     Antlered bucks must have at least three (3) antler points (1 inch or longer) 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 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.

#### **HUNTING DATES:**

DEER: (Youth)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 16-17. 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 deer harvested must be recorded at the check station, kiosk, or contact the area biologist. Archery hunting only on Cahaba River Refuge. No gun deer hunting permitted on

(Gun)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 30-Dec. 1. 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 deer harvested must be recorded at the check station, kiosk, or contact the area biologist. \*Antlered buck restrictions apply. Archery hunting only on Cahaba River Refuge. No gun deer hunting permitted on Cahaba River Refuge.

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 23-24, Dec. 13-15, Dec. 20-22, Dec. 27-29, Jan. 10-12, and Jan. 24-26 (Jan. 25 Bonus Buck Day, must be validated by WFF personnel at check station prior to leaving Area). One antlered buck per day. 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 deer harvested must be recorded at the check station, kiosk, or contact the area biologist. \*Antlered buck restrictions apply. Archery hunting only on Cahaba River Refuge. No gun deer hunting permitted on Cahaba River Refuge.

(Primitive Weapons)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 18-21 and Jan. 18-20. 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 deer harvested must be recorded at the check station, kiosk, or contact the area biologist. \*Antlered buck restrictions apply. Archery hunting only on Cahaba River Refuge. No gun deer hunting permitted on Cahaba River Refuge.

(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. Archery deer hunting only on Cahaba River Refuge. Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations. All deer harvested must be recorded at the check station, kiosk, or contact the area biologist.

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

TURKEY: (Youth)

(Physically Disabled)

(Regular)

QUAIL: RABBIT & SQUIRREL:

DOVE:

RACCOON & OPOSSUM:

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE

STARLINGS & CROWS:

SNIPE:

WOODCOCK: WATERFOWL:

FURBEARER TRAPPING: (excluding feral swine):

Mar. 14-15 (daylight hours). Gobblers only. All hunters must record their harvest at the check station, kiosk or notify the Area Biologist. Mar. 20 (daylight hours). Gobblers only. All hunters must record their harvest at the check station, kiosk or notify the Area Biologist.

Mar. 21 - May 3 (daylight hours). Gobblers only. All hunters must record their harvest at the check station, kiosk or notify the Area Biologist. State seasons (12:00 noon until sunset). Wednesdays and Saturdays only. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. No open season on the Cahaba River Refuge.

Nov. 2 – Feb. 29. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

Sep. 14 - Mar. 8. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and Sep. 1 – Feb. 29. (nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

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. Sep. 1 - Feb. 29. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. No open season on the Cahaba River

Refuge. State Season. No hunting on days of primitive weapons and gun deer hunts. No hunting on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer

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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. No open season on the Cahaba River Refuge.

BAG LIMITS: Deer (antlered bucks only hunts) -: Minimum of three (3) points, 1-inch or longer, on at least one antler - 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 with a minimum of 3 points, 1 inch or greater on at least one antler (statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies); squirrel - 8 a day; rabbit - 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, starling, and blackbird - no limit; waterfowl - State and Federal regulations apply; turkey (gobblers only) - 1 a day (5 per season); feral swine - no limit; coyote - no limit.

# PERMITTED FIREARMS, BOW AND ARROW, & FALCONRY:

As defined in Alabama Regulations legal arms and ammunition in 220-2-.02(2), (excluding buckshot) and archery equipment in 220-2-.03. Stalk Hunts: Deer: 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.

Legal arms and ammunition as defined in 220-2-.02 and archery equipment in 220-2-.03. Turkey Remainder of Seasons:

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:

- To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, traps, or bow and arrow, except on open designated target ranges and except bow fishing equipment, without a valid permit. A permit is valid only during scheduled WMA seasons during legal hunting hours and only with the required hunting license(s) and stamps and only with weapons and ammunition permitted for hunting the wildlife listed on permit. See (24) for limited exception for certain lawfully licensed handguns possessed for personal protection.
- To conduct organized man drives during stalk deer hunts outside the hours of 10:00am 2:00pm.
- To use dogs for 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 end of small game season until August 31..
- accompanied by a licensed adult 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 (24)] 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 (24) for limited exception for certain lawfully licensed handguns possessed for personal protection.
- To camp on any WMA except in designated sites. No camping on the Cahaba River Refuge. 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. No warming fires shall be permitted away from camping area.
- 8. To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting.
- To discharge fireworks at any time.
- 10. To discharge firearms for target practice provided, except on the designated target range. All range users shall abide by the listed rules. The range may be closed as necessary by the Area Biologist. To hunt or discharge firearms within 150 yards of any camping area, dwelling, dam, or active timber or mining operation, 100 yards of any paved public road or highway; within a posted safety zone or on Sunday within
- one/half mile of any church or from within the right-of-way of any developed road which is open to vehicular traffic.
- 12. To possess open alcoholic beverages outside designated campgrounds.
- For any person to possess any firearm while hunting with bow and arrow or crossbow, except on days of either-sex gun deer hunts (See (23) for limited exception). To transport deer killed during the gun hunts from the WMA before being checked at the designated checking station, during the mandatory checking station operation dates above, or kiosk for scientific data.
- 15. 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.
- 16. For any unauthorized person at any time to possess and or operate ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE (2, 3, 4, or 6 wheel) on William R. Ireland, Sr. Cahaba River WMA.
- 17. For any unauthorized person at any time to operate any licensed motor scooter, motorcycle, trail bike, ATV, or other motor driven vehicle on the William R. Ireland, Sr. Cahaba River WMA. Utility right-of-ways are
- For any unauthorized person at any time 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 18. and a valid WMA permit are required to ride and/or possess horses on William R. Ireland, Sr. – Cahaba River WMA. No horses on the Cahaba River Refuge.
- 10. 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.
- 21. To erect or use a permanent tree stand or scaffold without written permission from the landowners.
- 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
- 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.
- 24. Nothing in this regulation prohibits or requires a wildlife management area permit for the possession of handguns by lawfully licensed persons for personal protection,
- For any person to field-dress or move any harvested antlered buck or turkey without first properly recording it on the hunter's Antlered Deer Harvest Record or Turkey Harvest Record form. 25.
- 26. To violate any posted restrictions on entry, hunting, fishing, or other conduct.
- To use the target range without a valid State hunting license, WMA license, Wildlife Heritage license, or freshwater fishing license. 28. 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, in cooperation with the Forever Wild Land Trust, Hancock Forest Management, Resource Management Services, Inc., USX Corporation, Green Diamond Management Company, LLC and United States Fish and Wildlife Service.