

LAUDERDALE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (Lauderdale County) ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES **DIVISION OF WILDLIFE & FRESHWATER FISHERIES** Hunting Regulations – September 2020 – August 2021

PERMITS: This map or using the WMA App 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 for Youth Turkey Hunts will be issued from the check station on the dates of the hunts. Map/permits will be available at the self-service issuing station located at check station; obtained by writing Area Biologist Courtenay Conring, 4200 White Pike, Cherokee, AL 35616 (enclose current hunting license number with a self-addressed stamped envelope) or email at courtenay.conring@dcnr.alabama.gov or locally in Florence at Dick's Sporting Goods; Perkins Outdoors, McFarland Bottom; Wal-Mart and from Probate Judge's Office, Lauderdale County Courthouse; and from the self-serve permit box at the Check Station in Waterloo or by printing from the internet at www.outdooralabama.com (both pages of the internet map/permit must be together to be valid). <u>All deer, turkey and small</u> game harvested shall be reported by using the WMA App or at the checking station permit box located on Waterloo Road prior to leaving the WMA. Trapping permits must be obtained from area biologist.

NOTE: • A State Hunting License, Wildlife Management Area (WMA) License and a WMA permit are required when hunting deer, turkey, or waterfowl on a WMA. For residents, a State hunting license or Wildlife Heritage License or State fishing license, and WMA permit are required for hunting small game, except waterfowl on WMA. Nonresidents must possess a WMA license in addition to a State hunting license and WMA permit to hunt big game and small game.

•Youth hunters on youth 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 except on BONUS BUCK DAY.

- •Hunters must check in at check station for Youth Turkey Hunt. The check station will open to issue permits for Youth Turkey Hunt by 5:00 AM. All deer and turkey harvested during any hunt must be recorded at the check station or if check station is closed, on information board.
- •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.

In addition to appropriate licenses, a WMA Map Permit is required in App or paper form on this WMA for all hunters 16 years of age and older. Hunters who fully complete the WMA Check-In/Check Out on the Outdoor Alabama app are not required to be in possession of a paper copy of the WMA Map Permit. Check-In and Check-Out must be completed upon arrival and departing the WMA. If not using this feature of the app, hunters must have a signed paper copy of the WMA Map Permit in their possession.

HUNTING DATES:

DEER:		
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Zones A & B				
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 21. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. All deer harvested must be recorded at		
		check station for data collection. Check station will be open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. *Antlered buck restrictions apply.		
		Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 26 - 29, Dec. 31 - Jan. 3. (Jan. 2 BONUS BUCK DAY, must be validated by WFF personnel), and		
		Jan. 8 - 10. One antlered buck a day. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. All deer harvested must be recorded at check station on all Saturdays		
		for data collection. Check station will be open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on these hunts to		
	(Drimitive Mean and)	the check station for analysis and data collection.		
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 16 - 20. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. All deer harvested must be recorded at check station or hunter information board. *Antlered buck restrictions apply.		
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 15 – Feb. 10. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. All deer harvested must be		
	(Archery)	recorded at check station or hunter information board. * Antlered buck restrictions apply.		
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	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 3-6 and Dec. 16 - 20. One antlered buck a day. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. All deer		
	(Guil)	harvested must be presented at the check station on all Saturdays for data collection. Check station will be open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.		
Zone B				
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 10-13 and Jan. 15-17. One antlered buck a day. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. All deer		
		harvested must be presented at the check station on all Saturdays for data collection. Check station will be open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.		
*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.				
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TURKEY:	(Youth)	Mar. 20 (daylight until 1 pm) Gobblers only. All turkey harvested must be recorded at check station, hunter information board or by WMA App.		
	(Physically Disabled)	Mar. 26 (daylight until 1 pm) Gobblers only. All turkey harvested must be recorded at the check station, hunter information board or WMA App.		
	(Regular)	Mar. 27-May 2 (daylight until 1pm) Gobblers only. All turkey harvested must be recorded at check station, hunter information board or WMA App.		
QUAIL:		Nov. 7-Feb. 28. No hunting on days of primitive weapons and gun deer hunts.		
RABBIT & SQU		Sept. 12 - Mar. 7. No hunting on days of primitive weapons and gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.		
RACCOON, OP	POSSUM, & FOX:	Sept. 1-30 and Feb. 1-28 (nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of scheduled primitive weapons and gun deer hunts.		
		Fox hunting: dogs only – no weapons.		
BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, & FOX:		X: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight		
CROW:		Hours Only. One fox a day.		
SNIPE:		Sept. 12 – Feb. 28. No hunting on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.		
WOODCOCK:		State Season. No hunting on days of primitive weapons and gun deer hunts. State Season. No hunting on days of primitive weapons and gun deer hunts.		
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- WATERFOWL:
- State Season. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. FURBEARER TRAPPING

Oct. 31-Feb. 28. 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 - 8 a day; Rabbit - 8 a day; Rabbi 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 listed above for firearms and archery.

PERMITTED FIREARMS, BOW AND ARROW, & FALCONRY:

Refer to 220-2-.55 at www.outdooralabama.com/wildllife-management-areas/wma-rules-and-regulations

IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL:

(excluding feral swine):

- 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 and refuge area seasons during legal hunting hours and only with weapons and ammunition permitted for hunting the wildlife listed on permit. (See (23) for limited exception)
- To use dogs for stalk hunting of deer or turkey. (Leashed dogs may be used for the expressed purpose of retrieving wounded deer, limited to two dogs per tracking event). 2.
- 3. To use dogs for feral swine or small game hunting where dogs are expressly prohibited.
- To use dogs for hunting, training or any purpose from the end of small game season to August 31. 4.
- For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on the WMA unless accompanied by an adult who is either 21 years old or older or the parent and who possesses all licenses to hunt WMA. 5.
- For any person to carry in or on a vehicle, any of the following: any firearm (including pistols) with ammunition in the magazine, breech or clip attached to firearms, or black powder 6. weapons with primer, cap or flash powder in place, or cocked crossbows. (See (23) for limited exception)
- To camp in the WMA except in designated sites. Campers using generators must camp in site designated for generator use. Individuals or groups may camp on the management area for a 7. 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.
- to kill or willfully molest any specie
- To discharge fireworks at any time. 9.
- 10. To discharge firearms for target practice.
- 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 road open to vehicular traffic.
- 12. To possess open alcoholic beverages outside designated camping areas.
- 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. 13.
- For any unauthorized person to possess or operate ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE on any AREA, except for the expressed purpose of hunting or hunting related activity; 14. and when operated only on regularly used roads open for public four (4) wheeled traffic
- ALL VEHICLES, whether licensed or unlicensed must remain on regularly used roads open for public use by four-wheel vehicle traffic. 15.
- To ride or possess horses except on roads or trails open to four-wheel motorized vehicles or on roads, trails, or in areas designated as open to horses. Riding or possession of horses is prohibited on any WMA on days of scheduled gun deer hunts, and during legal hours of turkey hunting. Riding or possession of horses shall be restricted to holders of a current valid WMA license and a valid WMA permit.
- 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 17. requirement of hunter orange as described in 220-2-.85.
- 18. 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.
- To deposit, distribute or scatter grain, salt, litter, or any other materials on WMA area prior to receiving approval from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. 19.
- 20. For any person to damage or remove any artifacts, trees, crops, plants, dirt, gravel or sod from WMA without legal authorization.
- 21. To hunt from an elevated stand or platform without first attaching themselves to the tree or platform with a full body safety harness capable of supporting their weight.
- 22. To transport deer, turkey, or swine killed during any hunt from the area before being checked or reported at the designated check stations or WMA app as described above.
- Nothing in this regulation prohibits or requires a WMA permit for the possession of handguns by lawfully licensed persons for personal protection, provided the handguns are not used to 23. hunt or take or to attempt to take wildlife (including persons while bow hunting) except as otherwise provided by this regulation.
- To violate any posted restrictions on entry, hunting, fishing, or other conduct. 24
- To release any animal, bird, fish, or other wildlife on any WMA, Refuge, or Public Lake without first obtaining written permission from the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division. 25. 26. 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 Tennessee Valley Authority, the Forever Wild Land Trust, Private Landowners and the Alabama Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation.