

SEVEN-MILE ISLAND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

KEY CAVE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE



This map permit is your 2020-2021 Annual permit to hunt all game in accordance with the seasons, rules, and regulations listed hereon (See Daily Permit requirements on back).
This map must be signed and in your possession along with the appropriate license(s) in order to be valid.

Signed _____

- WMA

Key Cave NWR

Kiosk / Parking

Gates

State Highway Paved
- County - Paved

County - Gravel/Dirt

WMA Roads All Season OPEN

Woods Road - WALKING ONLY

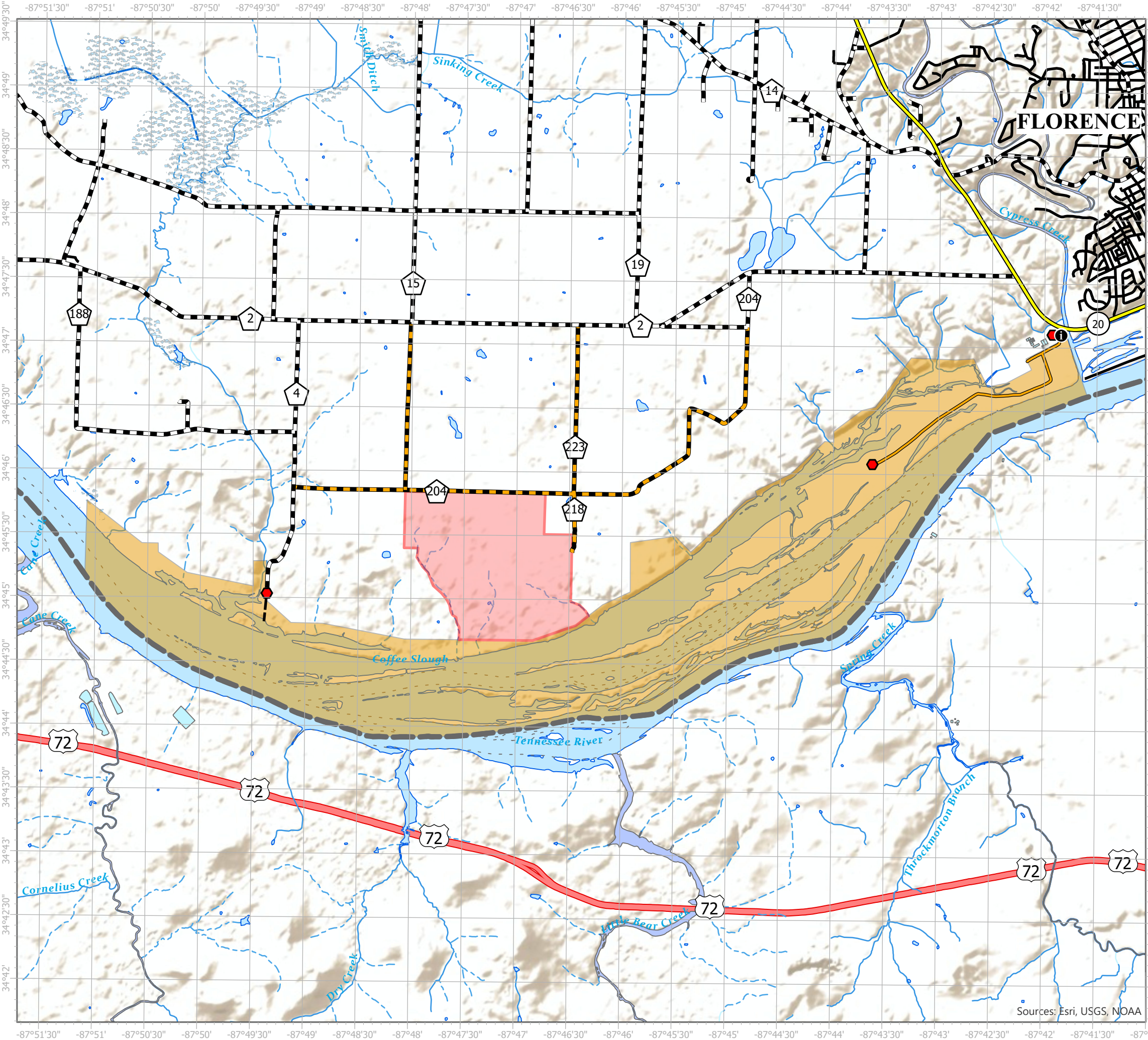
Other roads



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SEVEN-MILE ISLAND 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. Map permits may be 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 from Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge, Decatur or locally from Perkins, McFarland Bottom, Florence; Dick’s Sporting Goods, Florence; Probate Judge’s Office, Lauderdale County Courthouse; Wal-Mart, Florence; and from self-serve permit box located at main entrance off of Hwy. 20 just west of Cypress Creek next to the Florence Water Treatment Plant or by printing from the Internet at www.outdooralabama.com (both pages of the internet map/permit must be together to be valid). Trapping permits must be obtained from the area biologist. Vehicles will be allowed beyond the entrance gate the first 10 days of the dove season. **All deer harvested during the archery season, feral swine and small game must be recorded by using the WMA App or on the reporting form located in the permit box at entrance gate off of Hwy. 20 west of Cypress Creek next to the Florence Water Treatment Plant prior to leaving the area.**

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 hunting license and WMA permit to hunt big game and small game.

- Youth hunters on youth waterfowl 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 arm’s length 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 WMA. 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.

SEVEN-MILE-ISLAND WMA HUNTING DATES:

DEER:	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting, Hunter’s Choice: Dec. 26 – Feb. 10. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. All deer harvested must be recorded at permit box or through the WMA App.
WATERFOWL:		State Season
GOOSE:		State Season
SPECIAL TEAL SEASON:		State Season
YOUTH WATERFOWL:		State Season
DOVE:		State Season (12:00 Noon until sunset on opening day, then ½ hour before sunrise until sunset).
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:		Sept. 12 - Mar. 7. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.
SNIPE:		State Season.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:		Sept. 1 – Feb. 28 (Nighttime hours only). Fox hunting: Dogs Only - No Weapons.
CROW:		Sept. 12 – Feb. 28.
QUAIL:		Nov. 7-Feb. 28
WOODCOCK:		State Season.
RAIL:		State Season
BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE,BEAVER, & 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 a day.
FERAL SWINE (Special Season):		Sept. 12 - Oct. 25. Shotguns using slugs only, primitive weapons, bow and arrow, and crossbows. Hunter Orange Requirements as on WMA Gun Deer Hunts would also apply. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (Excluding Feral Swine):		Oct. 31-Feb. 28 Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.
BOWFISHING:		Mar. 1 – Aug. 31 (Nongame fish only).

KEY CAVE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE: HUNTING ALLOWED ONLY FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIES AND ONLY ON MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING SEASONS:
(Lauderdale County)

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WATERFOWL, RAIL & FURBEARER TRAPPING: CLOSED		

BAG LIMITS: *Deer* - See above deer hunt schedule; Special Teal Season – State bag and limit; *Waterfowl (including geese)* – State bag limits. *Dove* - 15 a day; *Snipe* - 8 a day; *Rail* - 15 a day; *Woodcock* - 3 a day (Possession Limit on migratory birds is 3 times the daily bag limit); *Squirrel* - 8 a day; *Quail* - 8 a day; *Rabbit* - 8 a day; *Fox* – 1 per day; *Raccoon* - 5 per day; *Opossum* - No limit; *Feral Swine* –No Limit; 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/wildlife-management-areas/wma-rules-and-regulations

IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL:

1. To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, ammunition, traps or bow and arrow, except bow fishing equipment 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 wildlife listed on permit. (See 26 for limited exception)
2. 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).
3. To use dogs for feral swine or small game hunting where dogs are expressly prohibited.
4. To use dogs for hunting, training or any purpose from the end of small game season to August 31.
5. 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.
6. **On Key Cave NWR hunters under the age of 16 must have passed a state approved hunter education course, must be supervised by an adult 21 years or older, and must remain in sight and normal voice contact with the adult.** The adult may supervise no more than two youths.
7. To have in possession any fully automatic rifle or firearms, ammunition or bow and arrow except as described about in Permitted Firearms and Bow and Arrow section.
8. 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 weapons with primer, cap or flash powder in place, or cocked crossbows. (See 26 for limited exception)
9. To camp on the Seven-Mile Island WMA or Key Cave NWR. No warming fires shall be permitted on these areas.
10. To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting.
11. 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.
12. To discharge fireworks at any time.
13. To discharge firearms for target practice.
14. 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.
15. To possess open alcoholic beverages outside designated camping areas.
16. For any person to possess any firearm while hunting with a bow and arrow or crossbow. (See 26 for limited exception)
17. 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.
18. 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; and when operated only on regularly used roads open for public four (4) wheeled traffic
19. ALL VEHICLES, whether licensed or unlicensed must remain on regularly used roads open for public use by four-wheel vehicle traffic.
20. 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 motorized vehicles, or to ride or possess horses at any time on the Key Cave NWR. Riding or possession of horses shall be restricted to holders of a current valid WMA license and a valid WMA permit.
21. 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.
22. To deposit, distribute or scatter grain, salt, litter, or any other materials on WMA prior to receiving approval from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
23. For any person to damage or remove any artifacts, trees, crops, plants, dirt, gravel or sod from WMA without legal authorization.
24. To erect or use a permanent tree stand or scaffold on WMA without written permission from landowners.
25. 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.
26. 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 hunt or take or to attempt to take wildlife (including persons while bow hunting) except as otherwise provided by this regulation.
27. To transport deer, turkey, or swine killed during any hunt from the WMA before being checked or reported at the designated check stations or by WMA App as described above.
28. To violate any posted restrictions on entry, hunting, fishing, or other conduct.
29. 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.
30. **Users should refer to WMA Regulation 220-2-.55 for the complete list of WMA specific regulations.**

WMAs are 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 and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.