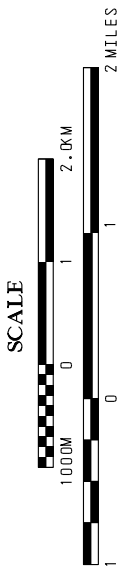


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This map must be signed and in your possession along with the appropriate license(s) in order to be valid.

- SELF-SERVICE KIOSK
- DEWATERING UNIT
- POWER LINE
- GRAVEL, STONE OR SOIL ROAD
- PAVED STATE ROUTE
- OTHER PAVED ROADS
- ROADSIDE PARK-PICNIC GROUND
- MANAGEMENT AREA BOUNDARY
- SAFETY ZONE
- CAMP OR LODGE
- CHECKING STATION (HEADQUARTERS)
- GATE OPEN IN HUNTING SEASONS
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- TOWER
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- CEMETERY
- CHURCH AND CEMETERY
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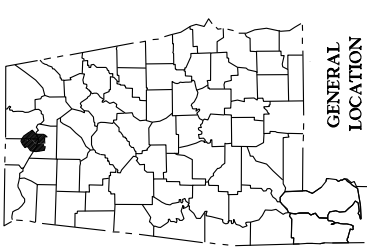
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GENERAL LOCATION OF MANAGEMENT AREA

MALLARD-FOX CREEK

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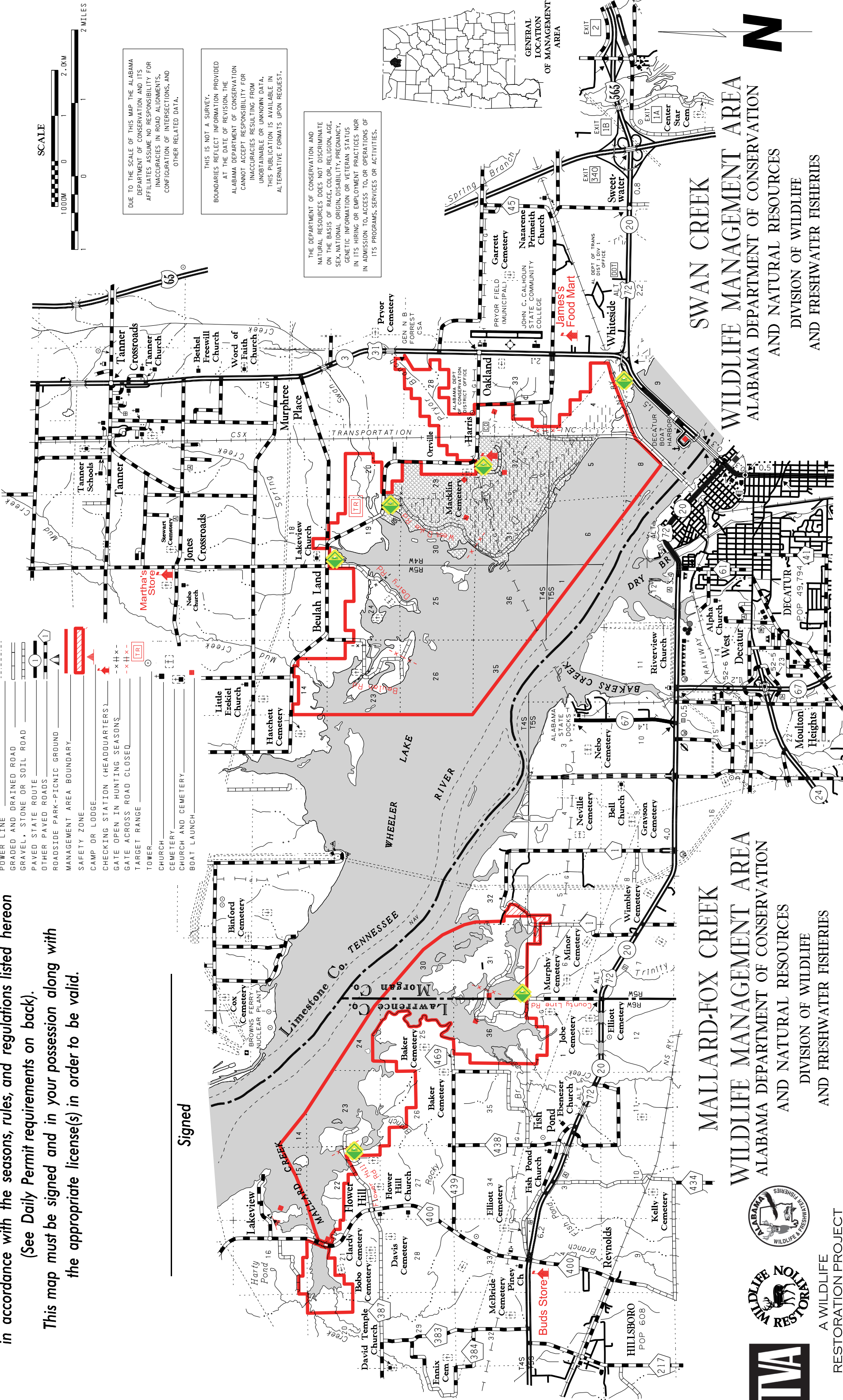
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SWAN CREEK

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

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SWAN CREEK & MALLARD FOX CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS
(Limestone, Morgan & Lawrence Counties)
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE & FRESHWATER FISHERIES
Hunting Regulations – September 2020- August 2021

PERMITS: A Daily Permit or use of the WMA App to check in and out, is REQUIRED FOR EACH HUNTER for each hunt day, for WMA small and big game hunting. Daily Permits will be available at self-service boxes located at Swan Creek WMA: Decatur Day Park; Main Launch Rd; Dairy Rd. Mallard-Fox Creek WMA: County Line Rd; Flower Hill Rd; and are available electronically via the Outdoor Alabama smartphone app. WMA map/season regulations will be available at West End Chevron 17171 Hwy 72 West, Athens; Camelia’s Store, located at intersection of Lucas Ferry Road and Nuclear Plant Road, James’s Food Mart located at intersection of Hwy 31 and Airport Rd. or Bud’s Store, 16960 Hwy 20, Hillsboro, or from the self-service issuing station located next to the Swan Creek equipment shed; by writing Area Biologist Drew Able (Drew.Able@dcnr.alabama.gov), 21453 Harris Station Rd., Tanner, AL 35671 (enclose current hunting license number with a self-addressed stamped envelope); by phoning (256) 353-2634; or by printing from the internet at www.outdooralabama.com (both front and back pages of the internet map/season regulations must be together to be valid). Permits for trapping must be obtained from area biologist. Hunting licenses and State and Federal duck stamps may be obtained from any hunting license vendor selling electronically generated licenses, or the website www.outdooralabama.com.

NOTE:

- A Wildlife Management Area (WMA) 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 WMA map/season regulations [free of charge], are required for hunting on WMA; provided however, that properly licensed persons under the “Wildlife Heritage License” may hunt legal small game except waterfowl on WMA without the other licenses described herein. PLUS, in order to hunt waterfowl on WMA, all persons must have, in addition to the otherwise required licenses and permit, a HIP and valid State License (ages 16 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 and Freshwater Fisheries WMA shooting range.
- 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 WMAs. 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, WMA Map Permit and Daily Permit are required in App or paper form on this WMA for all hunters 16 years of age and over. Hunters who fully complete the WMA Check-In/Check Out on the Outdoor Alabama App are not required to be in possession of paper copies of the WMA Map Permit or Daily Permit. Check-in and check-out must be completed upon arrival and departure of the WMA. If not using this feature of the app, hunters must have a signed paper copy of the Map Permit in their possession and complete a paper copy of the Daily Permit.

HUNTING DATES:

DEER:	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 15 – Nov. 20. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. Hunters must record all harvested deer on WMA App or Daily Permit and return at Daily Permit Boxes or kiosks.
WATERFOWL:	Regular:	Nov. 27 – 28; Dec. 5 – January 31. Hunters must record all harvested waterfowl on WMA App or Daily Permit and return at Daily Permit Boxes or kiosks.
SANDHILL CRANE:		By draw permit only. State Season (Sunrise to 12:00 noon).

Limit of 1 box (25 shells a person) in possession on Swan Creek WMA while waterfowl hunting during regular waterfowl season. 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.

DOVE:	State Season (Noon until sunset).
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	Sept. 12 – Mar. 7. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.
RACOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:	Sept. 1 – Feb. 28 (Nighttime Hours Only). Fox Hunting; Dogs Only- No Weapons.
CROW:	Sept. 5 – Feb. 28 (Closed During Regular Waterfowl Season).
QUAIL:	Closed Season
SNIPE:	State Season
WOODCOCK:	State Season
RAIL:	State Season
BOBCAT, BEAVER, FOX, & COYOTE:	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.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (Excluding Feral Swine):	Oct. 31-Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.
BOWFISHING:	Mar. 1 - Aug. 31 – Non-game fish only.

NOTE: TARGET RANGE WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE REGULAR AND YOUTH WATERFOWL SEASONS. For operating hours outside of this time frame please check our website at www.outdooralabama.com.

BAG LIMITS: *Special Teal Season* – State Bag Limits; *Waterfowl*– State Bag Limits; *Coot*: State Bag Limits; *Goose Season*: State Bag Limits; *Squirrel* - 8 a day; *Rabbit* - 8 a day; *Raccoon & Opossum* - no limit; Fox – 1 per day; *Dove* - 15 a day; *Woodcock* - 3 a day; *Snipe* - 8 a day; *Rail* - 15 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:

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 or refuge area seasons during legal hunting hours and only with the required licenses and stamps and weapons and ammunition permitted for hunting the wildlife listed on permit. (See (23) for limited exception)
2. 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.
3. To use dogs for stalk hunting of deer or for turkey hunting. (Leashed dogs may be used for the expressed purpose of retrieving wounded deer, limited to two dogs per tracking event).
4. For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on 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.
5. To have in possession any fully automatic rifle or firearms, ammunition or bow and arrow except as described in Permitted Firearms and Bow and Arrow section or on a designated shooting range.
6. For any person to carry firearms in or on a 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. (See (23) for limited exception)
7. To camp on Swan Creek WMA or Mallard-Fox Creek WMA. No warming fires shall be permitted on the WMA.
8. To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting.
9. 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.
10. To discharge fireworks at any time.
11. To discharge firearms for target practice, except on the designated target range.
12. To hunt or discharge firearms within 150 yards of any camping WMA, dwelling, dam or timber operation, within 100 yards of any paved public road or highway, within a posted safety zone, or on Sunday within one-half mile of any church.
13. **To possess open alcoholic beverages.**
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. ALL VEHICLES, whether licensed or unlicensed must remain on regularly used roads open for public use by four-wheel vehicle traffic
17. **To ride or possess horses except on roads or trails open to four-wheel motorized vehicles or on roads, trails, or in WMA designated as open to horses. Riding or possession of horses shall be restricted to holders of a current valid WMA license and a valid WMA permit.**
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.
19. For any person to possess, deposit, distribute or scatter grain/corn, salt, litter, or any other materials on any WMA maintained by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources prior to receiving approval from said Department.
20. To damage or remove any artifacts, trees, crops or other 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. For any person to release any animal, bird, fish, or other wildlife on any WMA, Refuge or Public Lands without first obtaining permission from the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division.
23. 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.
24. **For waterfowl hunters to possess more than 25 shotgun shells (1 box) per person (in possession or in a boat) on Swan Creek WMA. This regulation does not limit the number of shells one could possess in a vehicle, during special youth waterfowl hunts, or during early teal season.**
25. **The following regulations will apply only to the dewatering slough within the Swan Creek Wildlife Management Area:**
26. 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 at the main launch only.
27. Anyone launching 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 within the boundaries of the dewatering unit** before 3:00 A.M daily. **Dewatering unit boundaries are marked on the map.** All boats and boat blinds used in the harvest of waterfowl within the dewatering area shall be floated to an approved launching site for overnight mooring or removed from the dewatering unit no later than 7:00 PM daily.
28. To take fish for commercial purposes and/or to use commercial fishing gear within the dewatering unit at any time.
29. To use airboats on the dewatering unit.
30. It shall be illegal to install permanent waterfowl 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 such blinds to be placed in the dewatering area must be registered with Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division officials in accordance with the Regulations and Permanent Blind Drawing Qualification Procedures.
31. 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 gates to West Dike road and the Main Launch road will be locked. All activity in the dewatering unit during this time is prohibited.
32. **Any blind location that is unoccupied by the selected party 30 minutes prior to legal shooting hours may be utilized by the public. Only the blind location may be hunted.**
33. **It shall be unlawful to hunt waterfowl within 150 yards of a permanent blind location, whether occupied or unoccupied, on Swan Creek WMA Dewatering Unit.**
34. **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. **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.**

SUNRISE-SUNSET TIMES FOR SWAN CREEK & MALLARD FOX CREEK WMAs												
	SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		JANUARY			
DAY	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	DAY	
1	621	715	643	633	608	455	637	437	655	448	1	
2	622	713	643	631	609	454	637	437	655	449	2	
3	623	712	644	630	610	453	638	437	655	449	3	
4	623	711	645	628	611	452	639	437	655	450	4	
5	624	709	646	627	612	451	640	437	655	451	5	
6	625	708	646	626	613	450	641	437	655	452	6	
7	625	707	647	624	614	449	642	437	655	453	7	
8	626	705	648	623	615	448	642	437	655	454	8	
9	627	704	649	622	616	448	643	437	655	454	9	
10	627	702	650	620	617	447	644	437	655	455	10	
11	628	701	650	619	618	446	645	438	655	456	11	
12	629	700	651	618	619	445	645	438	655	457	12	
13	630	658	652	616	620	445	646	438	655	458	13	
14	630	657	653	615	621	444	647	438	655	459	14	
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