

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.

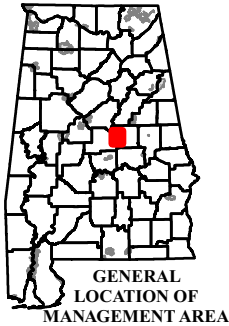
Signed _____

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- Checking Station
- Camping Area
- Gate
- Target Range
- Self Service Kiosk - DAILY PERMIT
- Safety Zone
- Walking Trail
- Pinhoti Trail
- State Highway Paved
- County Paved
- County Gravel/Dirt
- WMA Roads Yearlong OPEN
- WMA Roads All Season OPEN
- WMA Roads Seasonally CLOSED
- Woods Road - WALKING ONLY



COOSA

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA



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(Coosa County)
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES
Hunting Regulations – September 2020 – August 2021

PERMITS: Daily Permits or use of the WMA App to Check in and out is REQUIRED for each hunt day, for ALL GAME hunting on hunt dates listed below. Daily Permits will be available at self-service boxes located at the check station across from Mt. Moriah Church and kiosks at entrance to Weogufka Tract off County Road 56, WMA boundary on WMA Rd. 11, Double Bridges on County Road 29, intersection of County Road 27 and WMA Rd. 72. and Higgins Ferry Park located at 11161 Co. Rd. 28; Clanton, AL. WMA map/season regulations will be available at check station, kiosks, also may be obtained locally at Kelley’s Cross Roads Grocery, intersection of Hwy 29 and Hwy 22; The Fishing Hole on Hwy.22 in Clanton, and Toodlum’s off Hwy. 231 in Hanover, or online at www.outdooralabama.com. WMA/Map season regulations may also be obtained in person between the hours of 8:00AM and 5:00PM Monday through Friday or by mail from Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries office, 4101 AL Hwy. 21 N, Jacksonville, AL 36265. Send a stamped self-addressed envelope. Trapping permits are available from the Area Biologist or District II office.

HARVEST: All deer harvested on mandatory check-in dates (see below in seasons) MUST be checked at the check station located across from Mt. Moriah Church approximately 7 miles south of Weogufka off of County Hwy. 29. (see map). Deer harvested on other dates MUST be recorded in WMA App or on daily permit and placed in drop box at self-service box at check station or a kiosk. All harvested game must be recorded in WMA App or on daily permit and placed in self-service permit drop box at check station or a kiosk.

NOTE:

- As per 220-2-.55 (10) 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 Permit [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 (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 WMA. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and landowners, who are making the hunting possible, hereby serves notice that each hunter hunts at their 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. Please record all harvests by using the WMA App or by Daily Permit.

HUNTING DATES:

DEER:	(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 14-15. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. Hunters must record results of hunt on WMA App or Daily Permit and return at check station or kiosk.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 21, Nov. 27 – 28. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. Any deer harvested on these dates must be checked in for mandatory data collection at the check station across from Mt. Moriah Church or mobile check station on WMA Rd. 11. Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 12-13, Dec. 26 – 29, Jan. 16-17, Jan. 23-25, and Feb. 6-8. One antlered buck a day. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. Any deer harvested must be checked in for mandatory data collection at the check station across from Mt. Moriah Church on Dec. 12 – 13, Dec. 26-27, Jan. 16-17, Jan. 23-24, and Feb. 6-7. Hunters must record results of hunt on WMA App or Daily Permit and return at check station or a kiosk on days when check station is closed.
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 18-20. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. Hunters must use WMA app or have daily permit and record results of hunt at check station or kiosks.
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 15 – Feb. 10. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt. Hunters must use WMA app or have daily permit and record results of hunt on the daily permit and return at check station or a kiosk on days when check station is closed. Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations during gun hunts.

***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.**

USE of WMA App CHECK-IN/OUT OR DAILY PERMIT REQUIRED FOR ALL TURKEY AND SMALL GAME HUNTING.

TURKEY:	(Youth)	Mar. 13-14 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.
	(Physically Disabled)	Mar. 19 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.
	(Regular)	Mar. 20 – May 2 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.
DOVE:		State seasons (12:00 noon until sunset on opening day, then ½ hour before sunrise to sunset). Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays only. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer and feral swine hunts.
QUAIL:		Nov. 7-Feb. 28. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:		Sept. 12 – Mar. 7. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.
CROW:		Sept. 5 – Feb. 28. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:		Sept. 1 – Feb. 28 (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.
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 a day.
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:		State Season. No hunting on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.
WATERFOWL:		State seasons. No hunting on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.
FERAL SWINE (Special Season) & COYOTE:		Sept. 1-9 and Mar. 1-9. Permitted firearms and archery equipment and hunter orange requirements same as for gun deer hunts on the WMA. No buckshot. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine):		Oct. 31-Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

BAG LIMITS:
Deer - Antlered bucks only hunts – One antlered buck per day; Hunters’ Choice, one deer per day - One unantlered deer or one antlered buck; Primitive Weapons - one deer per day – one unantlered deer or one antlered buck; Archery Hunts - One deer per day. One unantlered deer or one antlered buck. Turkey (Gobblers only) - 1 a day (5 per season); Squirrel - 8 a day; Quail - 8 a day; Woodcock - 3 a day; Snipe - 8 a day; Rabbit - 8 a day; Raccoon & Opossum - No Limit; Dove - 15 a day; Fox - 1 a day; Ducks - State Limit; Feral Swine – No bag 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/wildllife-management-areas/wma-rules-and-regulations

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 (23) for limited exception)
- 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 the end of conventional small game season to August 31.
- For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on the management area unless accompanied at all times by an adult who is either 21 years or older or the parent and who possesses the proper license to hunt.
- 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. (See (23) for limited exception)
- To camp in the WMA except in designated sites. Individuals or groups may camp on the WMA for a period not to exceed nine (9) days in any 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 species of wildlife except those designated for hunting.
- To discharge fireworks at any time.
- To discharge firearms for target practice, except at designated target range.
- To hunt or discharge firearms within 150 yards of any camping area, dwelling, dam or timber operation, or within 100 yards of any 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 on any developed road open to vehicular traffic.
- To use fire to smoke out game.
- To transport deer or turkey killed from the WMA before being examined at the check station for scientific data on required dates or recorded at a kiosk or check station when check station is closed or by WMA App as described above.
- For any unauthorized person at any time to **possess and/or operate ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE** on Coosa WMA. ALL VEHICLES must remain on regularly used roads open for public use by four-wheel vehicle traffic.
- For any person to ride or possess horses except on roads designated for four-wheel motorized vehicles. Horses are not permitted in the campgrounds from October 1 to April 30. **A valid WMA License and a valid WMA Permit are required to ride or possess horses on Coosa 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 deposit, distribute or scatter grain, salt, litter, or any other materials on any WMA.
- For any person to damage or remove any artifacts, trees, crops, plants, dirt, gravel or sod from WMA.
- For any person to carry firearms in boats with ammunition in the magazine, breech or clip attached to firearms except when legally hunting waterfowl in a stationary boat.
- To erect or use a permanent tree stand or scaffold on WMA.
- 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.
- To possess or use alcoholic beverages on the Coosa Wildlife Management Area or within campgrounds.**
- 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 except as otherwise provided by this regulation.
- 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, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, in cooperation with the Hancock Timber Resources Group, Molpus Woodlands Group, Alabama Power Company, Forever Wild Land Trust and other private landowners.