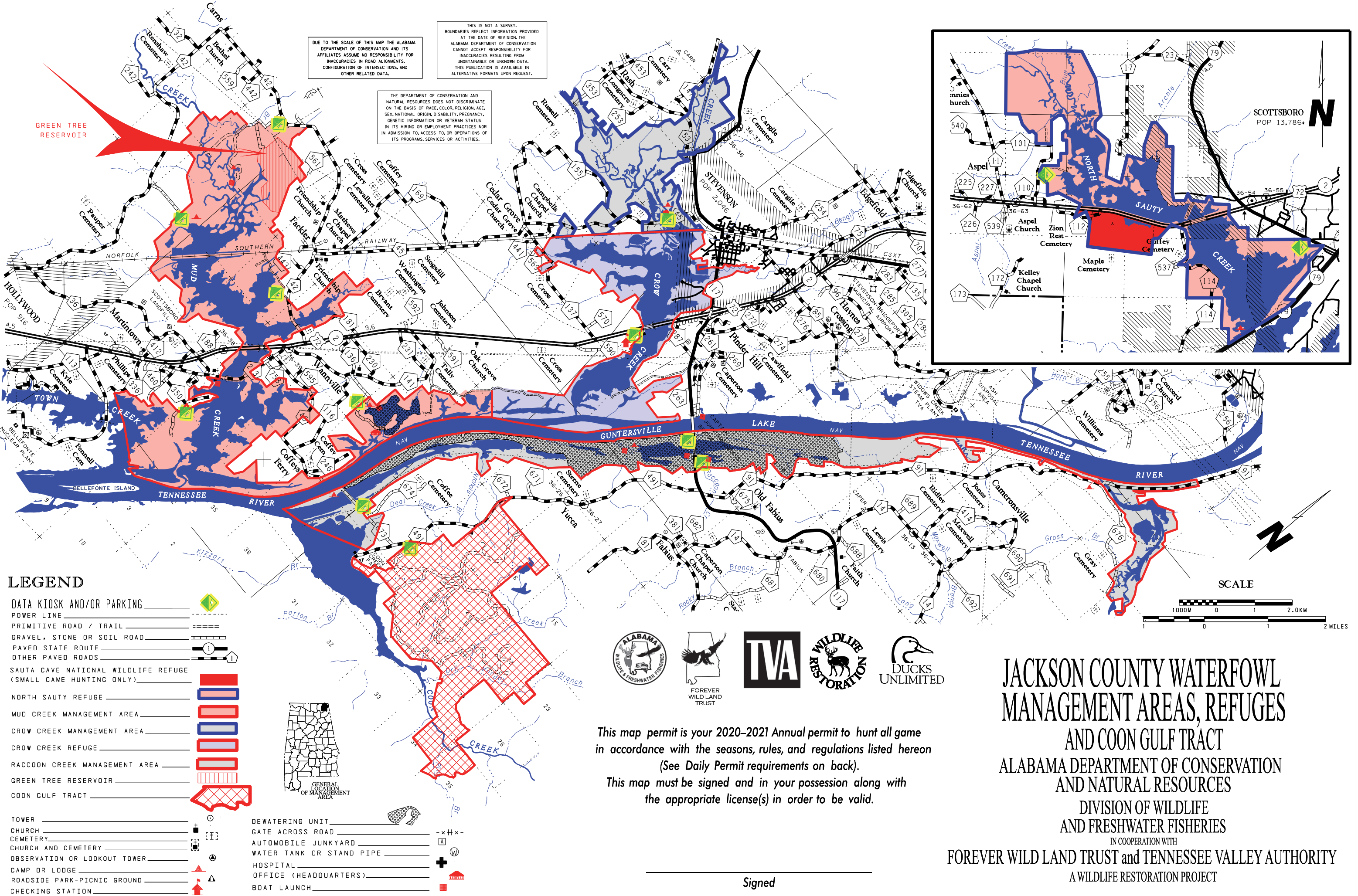




JACKSON COUNTY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS & REFUGES including Coon Gulf Tract
(Jackson County)
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES
Hunting Regulations –September 2020 – August 2021

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 through WMA App or at self-service boxes located at the check stations or kiosk (SEE MAP). Season WMA map/regulations will be available at the information kiosks located at Mud Creek WMA, Crow Creek, North Sauty Refuge, Raccoon Creek and Coon Gulf Forever Wild Tract; season map/regulations are also available at most local license agents or by writing Area Biologist at 234 County Road 141, Hollywood, AL 35752 along with a self-addressed stamped #10 envelope. Phone (256) 437-2788. Map/Regulations will also be available online at www.outdooralabama.com (both pages of the internet map / regulations must be in possession to be valid). Trapping permits must be obtained from the Area Biologist.

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 Daily Permit [free of charge], and map/regulations 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 water-fowl 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 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 FOR DATES CROW CREEK, MUD CREEK & RACCOON CREEK WMAs:

DEER:	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 24 – Nov. 1, and Jan. 2 - 10. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. Limited gate access during January hunt.
WATERFOWL:		State seasons (½ hour before sunrise to sunset).
SANDHILL CRANE:		By draw permit only. State Season (Sunrise to 12:00 noon).
Limit of 1 box (25 shells a person) in possession on all Jackson County WMA’S while waterfowl and sandhill crane hunting. No waterfowl or sandhill crane hunting in Mud Creek (Wannville) and Raccoon Creek dewatering impoundments (outlined on map/regulation form) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, except during the last 14 days of season. All activity prohibited in these locations on these days. No gasoline powered motors allowed in Mud Creek (Wannville) dewatering unit and Raccoon Creek dewatering unit north of HWY 117.		
DOVE:		State seasons (12:00 noon until sunset opening day, then ½ hour before sunrise until sunset Fri-Sun.; ½ hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon Mon.-Thu.).
QUAIL:		CLOSED
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:		Sept. 12 – Mar. 7. No rabbit & squirrel hunting from Oct. 24 – Nov.1 and Jan. 2 -10. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:		Sept. 12 – Feb. 28. (Nighttime hours only). No raccoon, opossum & fox hunting from Oct. 24 – Nov.1. 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.
CROW:		Sept. 5 – Feb. 28.
RAIL, WOODCOCK, & SNIPE:		State season
FERAL SWINE (archery only):		Mar. 1-14. Daylight hours only. No dogs allowed.
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. Fishing license required.

HUNTING DATES FOR COON GULF TRACT ONLY:

DEER:	(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 14-15. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 21-22, Nov. 27-29, and Jan. 15-17. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 16-20. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
TURKEY:	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 15 – Feb. 10. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. No hunting on days of youth deer hunt.
	(Youth)	Mar. 27-28 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.
	(Physically Disabled)	Apr. 2 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.
	(Regular)	Apr. 3 - May 2 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.
DOVE:		State seasons (12:00 noon until sunset opening day, then ½ hour before sunrise until sunset Fri.-Sun.; ½ hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon. Mon.-Thu.).
QUAIL:		CLOSED
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.
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.
CROW:		Sept. 5 – Feb. 28. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.
RAIL, WOODCOCK, & SNIPE:		State seasons.
WATERFOWL:		NO OPEN SEASON.
FERAL SWINE (Archery only):		Mar. 1-14. Daylight hours only. No dogs allowed.
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.
BOWFISHING:		May. 1 – Aug. 31 Nongame fish only. Fishing license required.

HUNTING DATES FOR NORTH SAUTY AND CROW CREEK WATERFOWL REFUGES

DEER:	(Archery Only)	Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 24 – Nov. 1, and Jan. 2 – 10. Gates will not be open for Jan. 2 – 10 hunts. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
DOVE:		Sauta Cave NWR – closed to deer hunting.
QUAIL:		FIRST SEGMENT STATE SEASON (12:00 noon until sunset opening day, then ½ hour before sunrise to sunset Fri.-Sun.; ½ hr. before sunrise to 12:00 noon Mon. – Thu.).
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:		CLOSED.
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:		Sept. 12 – Oct. 23 and Feb. 8 – Mar. 7. No hunting on days of archery deer hunting. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.
BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, & FOX:		Sept. 12 – Oct. 23. (nighttime hours only). No hunting on days of archery deer hunting.
WATERFOWL:		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:		NO OPEN SEASON.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine):		Sept. 1-9 & May 1-8. (Archery, Rimfire and Shotguns with slugs only). Daylight hours only. No dogs allowed.
BOWFISHING:		Oct. 31 – Jan. 31. (water or land sets), Feb. 1-29 (water sets only). Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

No airboats or air-cooled motors (go-devil type motors) on Crow Creek and North Sauty Refuges north of US Hwy 72 from Nov. 1 – Apr. 30.

TIME FOR HUNTING:

Waterfowl - 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. All unauthorized activity prohibited in the dewatering units and Crow Creek WMA from 7:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. the following day (Nov. 1-Feb. 15) and 48 hours prior to waterfowl season openings.

BAG LIMITS: *Waterfowl* – State bag limits; *squirrel* - 8 a day; *Rabbit* - 8 a day; *Raccoon & Opossum* - no limit; *Dove* - 15 a day; *Snipe* - 8 a day; *Rail* - 15 a day; *Woodcock* - 3 a day. *Deer* - One deer per day - one unantlered deer or an antlered buck.

Falconry: Falconry will be legal on all scheduled area hunts for legally permitted falconers (must possess state and management area hunting licenses and management area permit). Falconers must adhere to bag limits and hunting season dates as listed above.

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:

- To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, ammunition, traps or archery equipment, 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 the wildlife listed on permit. (See (26) for limited exception)
 - To use dogs for hunting, training or any purpose from the end of small game season to August 31. (Leashed dogs may be used for the expressed purpose of retrieving wounded deer, limited to two dogs per tracking event).
 - For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on the WMA unless accompanied at all times by an adult who is either 21 years old or older or the parent and possesses all license to hunt on WMA.
 - 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 (26) 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 at any location on these WMA & Refuges.
 - 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 road open to vehicular traffic.
 - To possess any open alcoholic beverages outside designated camping grounds. Possession of alcoholic beverages shall be prohibited in counties that prohibit the possession of alcohol.
 - 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 or anywhere other than on designated open roads marked on the map/regulation sheet.
 - For any unauthorized person to possess and/or operate ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE on any Jackson County WMA or Refuges.
 - 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 or refuge.
 - To damage or remove any artifacts, trees, crops, plants, dirt, gravel or sod.
 - To hunt from an elevated stand or platform without attaching themselves to the tree or platform with a full body harness capable of supporting their weight
 - 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 waterfowl hunters to possess more than 25 shotgun shells (1 box) per person (in possession or in a boat) on all Jackson Co. WMAs. This regulation does not limit the number of shells one could possess in a vehicle or during special youth waterfowl hunts.**
 - The construction or use of permanent blinds utilizing building materials is prohibited on the Jackson County WMAs.
- The following regulations will apply to the Green Tree Reservoir and the dewatering units within the Mud Creek and Raccoon Creek WMAs, and North Sauty and Crow Creek Refuges.**
- To leave their vehicle parked at the approved launching sites; hunters must use the designated parking areas.
 - For any person using a boat in the harvest of waterfowl within the dewatering units to leave boat overnight unless it has been floated to an approved launching site for overnight mooring.
 - To use commercial fishing gear within any dewatering unit from Nov. 1-Jan. 31 of each fiscal year.
 - For any person using duck and/or goose decoys in the Green Tree Reservoir, the Mud Creek and Raccoon Creek Dewatering Units to leave said decoys overnight.
 - For unauthorized persons to use airboats on the Green Tree Reservoir and the dewatering units at any time and mud motors or airboats on those portions of North Sauty and Crow Creek Refuges lying North of Hwy. 72 from Nov. 1 to April. 30.
 - For any person to hunt Mud Creek (Wannville) and Raccoon Creek Dewatering units on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. All activity prohibited in these locations on these days.**
 - 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.**
 - The construction or usage of permanent blinds utilizing building material is prohibited on the Jackson County WMA.**
 - Users should refer to WMA Regulation 220-2-.55 for the complete list of WMA specific regulations.**
- NOTE:** Temporary blinds may be used for one day only. All such blinds, except boat blinds, left in said areas for more than one day shall be disposed of as deemed advisable by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

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 and The Forever Wild Land Trust.