

#### JAMES D. MARTIN -SKYLINE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (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 at self-service boxes located at the check stations or kiosk (SEE MAP). All harvests of small game, deer and turkey should be recorded by WMA App or Daily Permit. Season Map/Regulations for all gun deer hunts, primitive weapons deer hunts, and for small game, archery deer, and turkey may be obtained by writing Area Biologist Brae Buckner, 37 County Road 243, Scottsboro, Alabama 35768, (256) 587-3114, or the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Office, 4101 AL Hwy 21 North, Jacksonville, AL 36265 (enclose self-addressed stamped #10 envelope and current hunting license number) or from the internet at www.outdooralabama.com (both pages of the internet map/regulations must be in possession to be valid). Map regulations will also be available at most local license agents. Trapping permits must be obtained from the Area Biologist.

CHECK STATIONS: The checking stations are located on Jackson Co. Rd. 55 one and one-half miles north of Co. Rd. 42, and on County Road 243, ½ mile north of the Hwy 79/Hwy 146 intersection. The check stations will be open for mandatory deer harvest data collection from 7:00AM until 4:00PM on Nov. 27 and every Saturday when gun hunts are in progress.

<u>HARVESTS</u>: All harvested Deer must be submitted at check station for collection of biological data on days specified below. When check station is not open results of hunt including biological data for deer harvested must be submitted on the Daily Permit at kiosk or through the WMA App. The results of all hunting big game and small game must be recorded on the daily permit and submitted at check station or kiosk or through the WMA App at the conclusion of every hunt day. Turkey harvest and results of hunting must be recorded on daily permit and submitted at kiosk or through the WMA App (SEE MAP FOR LOCATIONS). <u>Note:</u> The WMA App or daily permit shall be used for all scheduled youth, gun, primitive weapons, archery deer hunts, turkey hunting and small game hunting.

- 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 Daily Permit [free of charge] and map/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, map/regulations and daily 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 DATES:**

DEER:

DOVE:

#### ATTENTION \*\*Antlered buck restrictions now in effect for both Zone A and Zone B -Minimum 3 points 1 inch or longer on one antler\*\* Zones A & B

(Youth) (Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 14 One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. No Antler Restrictions. Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 16-20 and Dec. 4-6. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. \*Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone A and B.

(Archery)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 15 - Feb. 10. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. Archery hunters must harvest antlered bucks on days of antlered buck only gun deer hunts. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt. Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts. \*Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone A and Zone B. Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 21-22 and Nov. 27-29. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. \*Antlered

(Gun)

buck restrictions apply for Zone A and B. Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 11-13, Dec. 18-20, Dec. 26-Jan. 1, Jan. 15-17, and Jan. 29 - 31. One antlered buck a day. \*Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone A and B. Check Station open every Saturday when hunts are in progress and Nov.27 for biological data collection.

#### \*To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks in Zone A and Zone B must have at least three (3) antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam.

TURKEY:

Mar. 19 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. All hunters must record results of their hunt at the check station, kiosk or via WMA app. Mar. 26 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. All hunters must record results of their hunt at the check station, kiosk or via WMA app.

(Physically Disabled) (Regular)

Mar. 27 – May 2 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. All hunters must record results of their hunt at the check station, kiosk or via WMA app. State seasons (12:00 noon until sunset). Wednesdays and Saturdays only. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

QUAIL: RABBIT: (Zone A)

Nov. 7-Feb. 28. No hunting on days of youth, gun, or primitive weapons deer hunts. Oct. 1 – Mar. 7. No hunting on days of youth, gun, or primitive weapons deer hunts.

(Zone B) SOUIRREL:

Oct.1 - Mar. 7. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March. Sept. 12 - Feb. 28 (nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox

RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: 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: WOODCOCK & SNIPE: WATERFOWL:

FURBEARER TRAPPING

Sept.12 – Feb. 28. No hunting on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts. State seasons. No hunting on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts. State seasons. No hunting on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

(excluding feral swine): FERAL SWINE (Special Season) Nov. 7-Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter orange while trapping on days of gun deer

hunts.

Mar. 8 – 12, June 19 – 27. Permitted firearms and archery equipment and hunter orange requirements same as for gun deer hunts on the WMA. No

& COYOTE:

buckshot. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

Deer – Archery, Hunter's Choice and Primitive Weapons Hunts (One deer per day- one unantlered deer or an antlered buck); Antlered bucks only – one buck per day; Turkey (Gobblers only) - 1 a day (5 per season); Squirrel - 8 a day; Snipe - 8 a day; Rabbit - 8 a day; Raccoon & Opossum - No Limit; Fox - 1 a day; Quail - 8 a day, Woodcock - 3 a day; Dove - 15 a day; Waterfowl state bag limit. 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 for resident and migratory game birds and animals (except no more than 3 migratory birds per day).

## 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 archery equipment without a valid Daily Permit. A Daily 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 (22) for limited exception)
- To use dogs for hunting of deer, turkey or feral swine. (Leased 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 through August 31.
- 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 who possesses all licenses to hunt WMA.
- 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 crossbow. (See (22) 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 on the 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 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.
- To possess alcoholic beverages in counties that prohibit the possession of alcohol.
- To transport deer or turkey killed from the WMA before being examined at the checking station for scientific data as required or submitted on daily permit at a kiosk or by WMA App as described above. 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.
- For any unauthorized person to possess and/or operate any unlicensed motor driven vehicle on any WMA, except when utilized for the expressed purpose of retrieving game animals, traveling to and from a hunting location, or other hunting related activity. Any other recreational use of any unlicensed motor driven vehicle on any WMA is prohibited.
- 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 traffic is inhibited. 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
- To deposit, distribute or scatter grain, salt, litter, or any other materials on WMA.
- For any person to damage or remove any artifact, trees, crops, plants, dirt, gravel or sod from WMA.
- To erect or use a permanent 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.

  For any unauthorized person to ride or possess horses except on trails designated as open to horses. Riding or possession of horses restricted to holders of a current valid WMA license and a valid WMA permit.
- Nothing in this regulation prohibits or requires a wildlife management area permit for the possession of handguns by lawfully licensed 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 Fisheries, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, in cooperation with Alabama Power Company, the Forever Wild Land Trust and other private land.