

# BLUE SPRINGS

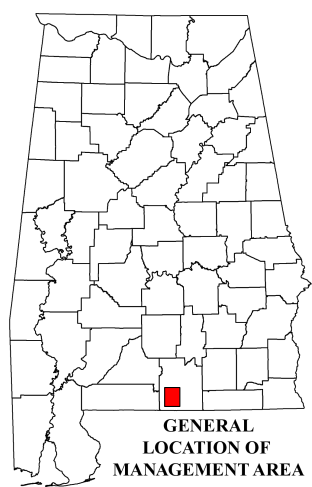
## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA



Refer to USFS Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM)  
for roads open for public use.

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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| WMA              | US Route Paved                  |
| Checking Station | State Highway Paved             |
| Camping Area     | County - Paved                  |
| Gate             | County - Gravel/Dirt            |
| Wildlife Opening | WMA/USFS Road Yearlong OPEN     |
|                  | WMA/USFS Road All Season OPEN   |
|                  | WMA/USFS Road Seasonally CLOSED |
|                  | Woods Road - WALKING ONLY       |



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**BLUE SPRING WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**  
**CONECUH NATIONAL FOREST**  
**(Covington County)**  
**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**WILDLIFE AND 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. WMA Permits are available on a self-service basis from checking station or during business hours at the Wildlife District IV Office in Enterprise. All deer hunters (including archery) during hunter’s choice gun and dog deer hunts shall be issued a daily permit from the checking station located at the Blue Spring Equipment Shed near Open Pond Tower in Conecuh National Forest. Check station will open no later than 5 am. Daily permits for some gun deer hunts may be issued on a self-serve basis located at the Blue Spring Equipment Shed near Open Pond. Permits requested by mail should be made to Area Biologist Griff Johnson, 1119 Forest Area Road, Kinston, AL 36453 (Telephone [334] 898-7013). Request must include current hunting license numbers and a large stamped, self-addressed envelope. Trapping permits must be obtained from the area biologist.

- NOTE:** • **A State Hunting License, Wildlife Management Area (WMA) permit, and WMA License are required when hunting deer, turkey, or waterfowl on a WMA. For residents, a State hunting license or Wildlife Heritage 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 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.**
  - **Individuals ages 16 through 64 that utilize the shooting range are required to possess a valid Wildlife Heritage License, State hunting license, WMA license, or resident annual freshwater fishing license, or pay the USFS fee of \$3.00 per vehicle.**
  - **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 they hunt 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.**
  - **Users refer to U.S.F.S. for other regulations that apply to U.S. Forest Service Lands.**

**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. A separate Daily Permit will be issued on specific hunter’s choice and dog deer gun hunts from the checking station. All harvests on these deer hunts must be brought to the check station for the collection of biological data.**

**HUNTING DATES:**

DEER:	(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 14. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 21 and Nov. 27 - 28. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b> Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 26 -27, Jan. 8-9, Jan. 22-24, and Feb. 4-7. One antlered buck a day. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b>
	(Dog)	Dog Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 4 - 5 and Dec. 18 - 19. One antlered buck a day. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b>
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 16-20. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b>
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only. Oct. 15-24. One antlered buck a day. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b>
		Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 25 – Feb. 10. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. No hunting on days of dog deer hunts. Archery hunters must obtain deer permit on days of gun hunts and abide by all gun deer hunt regulations. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b>

**\*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.**

TURKEY:	(Youth)	Mar. 13 (daylight to 1 pm). Gobblers only. All hunters must record their harvest at the check station.
	(Physically Disabled)	Mar. 19 (daylight to 1 pm). Gobblers only. All hunters must record their harvest at the check station.
DOVE:	(Regular)	Mar. 20 – May 2 (daylight to 1 pm). Gobblers only. All hunters must record their harvest at the check station.
		State seasons (12:00 noon to sunset). Saturdays and Wednesdays only. No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts.
QUAIL:		Nov. 7-Feb. 28. No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:		Sept. 12 – Mar. 7. No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:		Sept.12 – Feb. 28 (nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts.
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.
FOX:		Sept. 1 – Oct. 14 (daylight hunting permitted). Dogs only – no weapons.
		Oct. 15 – Feb. 28 (nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts.
CROW:		Sept.12 – Feb. 28. No hunting on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.
SNIPE:		State Season. No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts.
WOODCOCK:		State Season. No hunting on days of gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts.
WATERFOWL:		State seasons. No hunting on days of gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts. No hunting permitted on Open, Buck, Ditch, and Blue Ponds.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine):		Oct. 31 – Feb. 28 (Excluding Dec. 4-5 and Dec. 18-19). 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 (either sex)* – two per day (except spotted fawns) – one unantlered deer and one antlered buck; *Deer (Antlered bucks only)*- one per day; *archery* – two deer per day (except spotted fawns) – one unantlered deer and one antlered buck; *Turkey (gobblers only)* - 1 a day (5 per season); *Dove* – 15 a day; *Squirrel* - 8 a day; *Quail* - 8 a day; *Rabbit* - 8 a day; *Raccoon & Opossum* - no limit; *Fox* – 1 a day; *Woodcock* - 3 a day; *Waterfowl* - State Limit.

**PERMITTED FIREARMS, BOW AND ARROW, & FALCONRY:**  
Refer to 220-2-.55 at [www.outdooralabama.com/wildlife-management-areas/wma-rules-and-regulations](http://www.outdooralabama.com/wildlife-management-areas/wma-rules-and-regulations)

**IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL:**

- To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, ammunition, traps or bow and arrow without a valid permit (except for legally licensed handguns). A permit is valid only during scheduled WMA seasons during legal hunting hours and only with weapons and ammunition permitted for hunting the wildlife listed on permit.
- To use dogs for stalk hunting of deer or for turkey hunting; or for hunting, training or any purpose from March 9<sup>th</sup> until 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 21 years old or older or the parent and a properly licensed hunter.
- For any person to hunt deer with gun or bow and arrow on scheduled gun deer hunts without first obtaining and possessing a daily permit from check station on specific hunt dates as designated on the WMA permit.
- 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 (except for legally licensed handguns).
- To camp in the management area except in designated sites. On WMAs located on National Forest lands hunters must camp in designated camping areas, not to exceed nine (9) days in any thirty (30) day period, unless excepted by U.S. Forest Service rules specific to a unit—see local Forest Service rules. 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. However, this regulation shall not apply to bobcat, feral swine, or coyote which may be killed during all scheduled WMA hunts, during daylight hours only, when possessing a valid permit and using weapons and ammunition that are legal for such designated hunts.
- To discharge fireworks at any time.
- To discharge firearms for target practice.
- 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 to hunt or discharge firearms from any open U.S. Forest Service Road.
- To transport deer killed during the gun hunts from the WMA before being examined at the check station for scientific data 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 at any time to operate any unlicensed motor driven vehicle on Blue Spring Wildlife Management Area (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 block or otherwise stop traffic on any road by parking a vehicle in such a way that passage around the vehicle is impossible.
- To possess, deposit, distribute or scatter corn, grain, salt, litter, or any other materials on WMA.
- For any person to damage or remove any trees, crops or other plants, dirt, gravel or sod from WMA without legal authorization.
- To erect or use a permanent tree stand or scaffold on WMA without written permission from the landowners.
- 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.
- 20. Users should refer to WMA Regulation 220-2-.55 for the complete list of WMA specific regulations.**

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