This map permit is your 2020-2021 Annual permit to hunt all game in accordance with the seasons, rules, and regulations listed herein (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.
GENEVA STATE FOREST WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (Geneva and Covington Counties) ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES Hunting Regulations – September 2020 - August 2021

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 Alabama Forestry Commission.

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 current possession to the WMA. Deer permits for self-service basis from the checking station located at 1119 Forest Road, Geneva, which will open no later than 5:00 a.m. WMA permits will be available at Clem’s Tackle Shop, Hwy. 84 W., Opp; Luckhart Grocery, Florala; Pridgen’s Store, 4 miles west of Samson on Hwy. 32; and on a self-service basis from the checking station. Permits requested by mail should be made to Area Biologist Griff Johnson, 211 Forest Road, Geneva, AL 36732 (Telephone 5134 988-7933). Request must include current hunting license number and large, stamped, self-addressed envelope. Trapping permits may be obtained only from area biologist.

NOTE: • A State Hunting License, Wildlife Management Area (WMA) License and a WMA permit 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 are required in addition to a hunting license to purchase a WMA permit to hunt big and small game.

• Youth hunts on deer and turkey hunts and permits must be at least 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 permits may be obtained at 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 area. 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, 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 comply with 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 entering 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 gun deer hunts from the checking station. All harvests on these days must be brought to the check station.

HUNTING DATES:

DEER:

(Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 14–Two deer a day; one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.

(Youth) Mar. 13 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). All hunters must record their harvest at the check station or by WMA App. Mar. 19 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). All hunters must record their harvest at the check station or by WMA App. Mar. 20–May 2 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). All hunters must record their harvest at the check station or by WMA App. State season 12:00 noon to sunset. Saturdays and Wednesdays only. No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

(Gun) Sept.-7:28. No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts.


DOVE:

State season (12:00 noon to sunset). Saturdays and Wednesdays only. No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

WATERFOWL:

Dec. 15–24. One antlered duck a day. *Antlered duck restrictions apply.

References to 220-2-.55 at www.outdooralabama.com/wildlife-management-areas/wma-rules-and-regulations

PERMITTED FIREARMS, BOW AND ARROW, & FALCONRY:

BAG LIMITS:

HUNTING DATES:

TURKEY:

(Youth) Mar. 13 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). All hunters must record their harvest at the check station or by WMA App.

(Youth) Mar. 19 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). All hunters must record their harvest at the check station or by WMA App.

(Rural) Mar. 20–May 2 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). All hunters must record their harvest at the check station or by WMA App.

DOVE:

RABBIT & SQUIRREL:

State season (12:00 noon to sunset). Saturdays and Wednesdays only. No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

COYOTE, BOBCAT, & FOX:

Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only. One for a day.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:

State Season, No hunting on days of gun deer hunts.

WOLF AND FOX:

State Season, No hunting on days of gun deer hunts.

SNIPES:

Statewide antlered buck permits apply.

CROW:

Statewide antlered buck permits apply.

FIREARMS TRAPPING

(Except federal) Oct. 31–Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

(Regular)

To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, ammunition, traps or bow and arrow without a valid permit. A valid permit is only valid during scheduled WMA seasons during legal hunting hours and only when equipped with firearms, ammunition, units for hunting successfully hunting with the WMA license or permit.

To use dogs for stalk hunting of deer or for turkey hunting or for training, or pursuing any prey from March 9th until August 31st.

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 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 hand guns).

To kill or willfully molest any wild animal or wildlife except those designated for hunting. However, this regulation shall not apply to boeats, feral swine, or coyote which may be killed during all scheduled WMA hunts, during daylight hours only, that occur during the dates of the gun deer and turkey seasons for the county or counties in which the WMA is located, when possessing a valid permit and using weapons and ammunition that are legal for such designated hunts.

To discharge firearms at any time.

To discharge firearms for target practice.

To discharge firearms in any waterfowl, other than certain areas designated by the WMA, during daylight hours only, that occur during the dates of the gun deer and turkey seasons for the county or counties in which the WMA is located, when possessing a valid permit and using weapons and ammunition that are legal for such designated hunts.

To discharge fireworks at any time.

To hunt or discharge firearms within 120 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 of any developed road (paved or unpaved) which is open to vehicular traffic.

To camp on 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 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 dog hunters on deer hunts to leave stand assigned to them until instructed.

To ride horses on any scheduled youth, primitive weapons, dog, or gun deer hunt date; or to ride horses before 1 p.m during turkey season.

Users should refer to Regulation 220-2-.55 for the complete list of WMA specific regulations.