

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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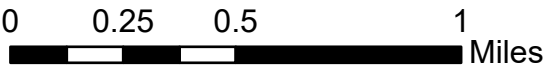
**ZONE A**

**ZONE B**



- Safety Zone
- Gate
- Kiosk / Parking
- Hiking Trails
- State Highway Paved
- County - Paved
- County - Gravel/Dirt
- WMA Roads Yearlong OPEN
- WMA Roads All Season OPEN
- WMA Roads Seasonally CLOSED
- WMA Road All Season CLOSED
- Woods Road - WALKING ONLY
- Power Transmission Line

# FOREVER WILD GOTHARD - AWF YATES LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA





**FOREVER WILD GOTHARD-AWF YATES LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**  
**(Elmore County)**  
**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**DIVISION OF 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. Season WMA permits may be obtained from self-service box at 1 of 2 kiosks or the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries District IV Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mon – Fri, or by written request to the District IV Office, 3520 Plaza Drive, Enterprise, AL 36330 (include current hunting license number and a large, self-addressed stamped envelope); by phoning 334-347-1298; or by printing from the internet at [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com) (both pages of the internet map/permit must be together to be valid). **All deer, turkey and small game hunters must record their harvests using the WMA App or at the kiosk before leaving the area.**

**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 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.**  
• **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, 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.**

**HUNTING DATES:**

**DEER:**

**Zones A & B**

(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 14-15. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 21-22 and Jan. 21 – Jan. 31.
(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 16-20. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 15 - Feb. 10. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. Archery hunting is permitted in zones that are not open for gun deer hunting.

**Zones A**

(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 27- 29, Dec. 11-13, Dec. 26-30, and Jan. 7-10. One antlered buck a day.
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**Zones B**

(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 4-6, Dec. 20-24, Dec. 31 - Jan. 3., and Jan. 14-17. One antlered buck a day.
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**Zones A & B**

TURKEY:	(Youth)	Mar. 13-14 (until 1 pm). Gobblers only. All hunters must record their harvest using the WMA App.
	(Physically Disabled)	Mar. 19 (until 1 pm). Gobblers only. All hunters must record their harvest using the WMA App.
	(Regular)	Mar. 20 – May 2 (until 1 pm). Gobblers only. All hunters must record their harvest using the WMA App.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:		Sept. 12 – Mar. 7 (except on days of youth and primitive weapons deer hunts). Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:		Sept. 12 – Feb. 28 (nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox hunting - dogs only, no weapons.
QUAIL:		Nov. 7 – Feb. 28 (except on days of youth and primitive weapons deer hunts). Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.
WOODCOCK:		State Season (except on days of youth and primitive weapons deer hunts). Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.
CROW:		Sept. 1 – Mar. 7. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.
WATERFOWL:		State seasons. No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.
FERAL SWINE & COYOTE:		Open during any other legal WMA hunting season using weapons and ammunition approved for those WMA hunts (No Dogs Allowed; Daylight hours only).
FURBEARER TRAPPING: (Excluding Feral Swine)		Oct. 31-Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from District IV office. All trappers must wear hunter orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

**BAG LIMITS:** Deer - Hunter’s Choice (except spotted fawns) - One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck; Turkey - (Gobblers only) - 1 a day (5 per season); Squirrel - 8 a day; Rabbit – 8 a day; Quail - 8 a day; Woodcock - 3 a day; Crow – no limit; Feral Hog and Coyote – No Limit; Waterfowl – State Season.

**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. 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.
- To use dogs for hunting, training, or any purpose from March 6 until 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 21 years old or older or the parent and a properly licensed hunter.
- For any person to carry in or on a vehicle, any of the following: any firearms (including pistols) with ammunition in the magazine breech or clip attached to firearms, or cocked crossbows. (See (20) for limited exception)
- To camp in the WMA. No warming fires shall be permitted on WMA.
- To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting. However, this regulation shall not apply to coyote and feral hogs which may be killed during all scheduled WMA hunts, when possessing a valid permit and using weapons and ammunition that are legal for such designated hunts. Additionally, bobcat and fox may be killed during all scheduled deer and turkey hunts, when possessing a valid permit and using weapons and ammunitions 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 or highway, or within a posted safety zone or on Sunday within one-half mile of any church or from within the right-of-way of any developed road (paved or unpaved) which is open for vehicular traffic.
- To possess open alcoholic beverages outside designated campgrounds.**
- For any unauthorized person to operate or possess ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE on the WMA or to operate a LICENSED motor scooter, motorcycle, trail bike, or any LICENSED motor driven vehicle on the WMA or power line right-of-way.
- 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.**
- To deposit, possess, 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 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 cast a light of any kind, either hand held, affixed to a vehicle, or otherwise, between the hours of sunset and sunrise except in areas where the state law is more restrictive. This paragraph does not apply to the headlights of vehicles traveling in a normal manner on an open established road.
- For any person, except authorized personnel, to operate any motor driven vehicle behind, under, or around any locked gate, barricaded road, or walk in only sign.
- 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.
- Nothing in this regulation prohibits or requires a WMA permit for the possession of handguns by lawfully licensed persons for the personal protection, provided the handguns are not used to hunt or take or 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 the Forever Wild Land Trust.**