

# GRAND BAY SAVANNA COMMUNITY HUNTING AREA

(Mobile County)

# ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES

**Hunting Regulations - September 2020 - August 2021** 

<u>PERMITS</u>: 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. All deer, feral swine and small game harvested <u>must</u> be recorded daily by using the WMA App, or by contact the Area Biologist. Permits may be obtained from the Wildlife Office, 30571 Five Rivers Boulevard, Spanish Ft., AL., Mon.-Fri. from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or by writing to Area Biologist, 30571 Five Rivers Boulevard, Spanish Ft., AL 36527, (Phone [251] 626-5474). Include a large self-addressed, stamped envelope and your current license number. Trapping permits must be obtained from the 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 must possess a WMA license in addition to a hunting license and WMA permit to hunt big game and small game.
- 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: (Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 21 - Feb. 10. Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only. One

antlered buck a day. Shotguns with slugs and primitive weapons only. No dogs allowed.

(Archery) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Oct. 15-24. One antlered buck a day.

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 25 – Feb. 10. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered

buck

DOVE: State seasons.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: Sept. 12 - Mar. 7. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March. Sept. 1 - Feb. 28 (nighttime hours only). Fox hunting: dogs only - no weapons.

FERAL SWINE, 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 fox a day.

SNIPE: State Season.
WOODCOCK: State Season.
CROW: Sept. 1 – Feb. 28.
RAIL: State seasons.
WATERFOWL: State seasons.

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.

## **BAG LIMITS:**

Deer - Bucks only with bare antlers visible above natural hairline - 1 a day (3 per season one of which must have four points on one side); Hunters' Choice (either sex deer; 2 a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck); Waterfowl - State and Federal Regulations Apply; Squirrel - 8 a day; Rabbit - 8 a day; Snipe - 8 a day; Rail - 15 a day; Raccoon & opossum - No Limit; Fox - 1 a day; Bobcat - 1 a day; Woodcock - 3 a day; - 1 a day; Dove - 15 a day; Feral Swine & Coyote - No Limit.

## PERMITTED FIREARMS, BOW AND ARROW, & FALCONRY:

Deer: Stalk Hunts: Shotguns using slugs only (No buckshot) and archery equipment in 220-2-.03.

Remainder of Seasons: Legal arms and ammunition as defined in 220-2-.02 and archery equipment in 220-2-.03.

Trapping: As Defined in 220-2-.30(1), except no .22 magnums are allowed.

Falconry will be legal on all WMA scheduled hunts for legally permitted falconers; following the dates those seasons are open on each WMA.

# **IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL:**

- 1. To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, ammunition, traps, or bow and arrow, 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.
- 2. To use dogs for stalk hunting of deer or for turkey hunting (Leashed dogs may be used for the expressed purpose of retrieving wounded deer, limited to two dogs per tracking event).
- 3. To use dogs for hunting, training, or any purpose from end of small game season until August 31.
- 4. For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on the WMA unless accompanied by a properly licensed adult who is either 21 years old or older or the parent.
- 5. For any person to possess or 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 black powder weapons with primer, cap or flash powder in place, or cocked crossbows. (See (21) for limited exception)
- 6. To camp in the management area except in designated sites. Individuals or groups may camp in designated areas 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.
- 7. To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting.
- 8. To discharge fireworks at any time.
- 9. To discharge firearms for target practice.
- 10. 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.
- 11. To possess open alcoholic beverages outside designated camping areas.
- 12. For any unauthorized person at any time to operate any licensed or unlicensed motor driven vehicle on any WMA except on regularly used roads open for public use by four-wheel vehicle traffic.
- 13. 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.
- 14. To deposit, distribute, or scatter grain, salt, litter, or any other materials on WMA.
- 15. For any person to damage or remove any trees, crops or other plants, dirt, gravel, or sod from WMA without legal authorization.
- 16. To erect or use a permanent tree stand or scaffold on WMA.
- 17. 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.
- 18. 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.
- 19. For any person, except authorized personnel, to operate any motor driven vehicle behind, under, or around any locked gate, barricaded road, or sign.
- 20. 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.
- 21. <u>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.</u>
- 22. Users should refer to WMA Regulation 220-2-.55 for the complete list of WMA specific regulations.

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