





PERDIDO RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (Baldwin 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. Gun deer permits will be issued daily from the checking station during the Nov. 21, Jan. 15 – 17 and Jan. 29 - 31 deer hunts. Hunters can use the WMA App in lieu of the daily gun deer permits but all harvested deer must be brought to the check station for data collection. Permits may be obtained from the self-service box at the check station or by writing Area Biologist, 30571 Five Rivers Blvd., Spanish Fort, AL 36527 (Phone [251] 626-5474). Include a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope and your current hunting license number. All deer, turkey and small game harvested must be recorded by using the WMA App or on the form located at any area kiosk, or check station (located at 33724 Duck Road, Robertsdale, AL 36567). Trapping permits must be obtained 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 must possess a WMA license in addition to a hunting license and WMA permit to hunt big 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. A separate permit may be issued daily on specific gun deer hunts from the checking station or hunters can instead use the WMA App to check in and out of the WMA but all harvest 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. Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 21 and Nov. 27-28. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. A (Gun) predetermined percentage of the permits issued will be Hunter's Choice permits. Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 11-13, Jan. 1-3, Jan. 15-17, and Jan. 29 - Jan. 31 (Jan. 30 Bonus buck day, must be validated by WFF personnel). One antlered buck a day. During the Nov. 21, Jan. 15 - 17 and Jan. 29 - 31 deer hunts, all hunters (including archery) shall be issued a hunting permit at the check station prior to hunting each day (hunters can use the WMA App to Check in/out in lieu of the daily permit, Possession of a signed map permit applies to all other hunters. All harvests are to be brought to the check station for collection of biological data. (Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 16-20 and Dec. 14-18. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. (Archery) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Oct. 15-24. One antlered buck a day. Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 25 - Feb. 10. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. Antlered bucks only on antlered bucks only gun hunts. (Youth) TURKEY: Mar. 20 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. (Physically Disabled) Mar. 26 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. (Regular) Mar. 27-May 2 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. **RABBIT & SQUIRREL:** Sept. 12 - Mar. 7. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March. Nov. 7-Feb. 28. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. **OUAIL:** RACCOON, FOX, & OPOSSUM: Sept. 1 – Feb. 28 (Nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of all youth, gun, and primitive weapons hunts. Fox hunting: Dogs Only - No Weapons. DOVE: State Season (Thursdays and Saturdays only; Noon until sunset). No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. WATERFOWL: State Season. No hunting on days of gun and muzzleloader deer hunts. State Season. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. SNIPE: WOODCOCK: State Season. No hunting on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts. **CROW:** Sept. 1 – Feb. 28. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No & FOX: Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. One fox a day. FURBEARER TRAPPING Oct. 31-Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter orange while (excluding feral swine): 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; Turkey (Gobblers only) - 1 a day (5 per season); Other Game - State Season.

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 bow and arrow 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.
- 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).
- To use dogs for hunting, training, or any purpose from end of small game season until August 31. 3.
- 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. 4.
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- For any person to hunt deer with gun or bow and arrow on scheduled gun deer hunts without first presenting his required hunting license at the check station. 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 6.
 - powder weapons with primer, cap or flash powder in place, or cocked crossbows. (See (24) for limited exception)
- 7. 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 8.
- To discharge fireworks at any time. 9.
- 10. To discharge firearms for target practice.
- To hunt or discharge firearms within 150 yards of any camping area, dwelling, dam or timber operation, or 100 yards of any paved public road or highway; 11. within a posted safety zone or on Sunday within 1/2 mile of any church or from within the right-of-way of any developed road which is open to vehicular traffic.
- To possess open alcoholic beverages outside designated camping areas. 12.
- 13. To transport deer or turkey from the WMA before being examined at the check station or having recorded harvest data on the reporting form provided at the check station.
- 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. 14.
- For any unauthorized person at any time to operate any unlicensed motor driven vehicle on the Perdido River Wildlife Management Area. Licensed motor driven vehicles must be 15. operated only on regularly used roads open for public use by four-wheel vehicle traffic.
- 16. 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. 17.
- For hunters to leave stands or areas assigned to them until instructed to do so by personnel in charge of the hunt. 18.
- To deposit, distribute, or scatter grain, salt, litter, or any other materials on WMA. 19.
- For any person to damage or remove any trees, plants, dirt, gravel, or sod from WMA without legal authorization. 20.
- To erect or use a permanent tree stand or scaffold on WMA. 21.
- 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. 22.
- To operate any motor driven vehicle on power line except at designated road crossings. 23.
- 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 24. 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. 25.

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 State Lands Division and the Forever Wild Land Trust.