Upper Delta WMA Gate Closure Protocol

Swamp road gate is subject to closure with little notice when flooding is forecast.

The gate is locked when tailwater reading at Clarksdale Lock and Dam on the Alabama River is approaching 21 feet.

Gates are opened after water level recedes, road has dried out, and any needed repairs are completed. Call the District Office at 251-626-5474 for updates.

Link to obtain tailwater reading and forecast from NOAA website: http://water.weather.gov/ahp/ 
hydrograph.php?wfo=tuscaloosa

You can google "Clarksdale Hydrograph" or call 1-888-771-4501 for water level information.

This map permit is for 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.

LEGEND

ZONE A  ZONE B
ZONE A (NO DOG DEER HUNTING)

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Upper Delta WMA Wildlife Management Area

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Signed
### Upper Delta Wildlife Management Area

#### 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. Permits may be obtained at self-service permit box located on Area off St. Luke Church Road and from the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries.

- **Snipe:** Spanish Fort, AL 36527; Phone 251-626-5474. Include a large self-addressed, stamped envelope and your current hunting license number. Trapping permits must be obtained from the Area Biologist.

**NOTE:**

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- Individuals ages 16 through 64 that utilize the shooting range on Upper Delta WMA are required to possess a valid Wildlife Heritage License, State hunting license, WMA license, or resident annual freshwater fishing license.
- 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 WMAs. 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.

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**HUNTING DATES:**

#### DEER: ZONES A & B:

**Turkey:** (Youth) Mar. 13 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.

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#### TURKEY:

**Zone A:**

- (Physically Disabled) Mar. 19 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.
- (Regular) Mar. 20 – May 2 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.

**Zone B:**

- (Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 14 One deer a day, either unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
- (Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Dec. 11-12. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

**DOVE:**

- State Season (Saturdays only). No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog and primitive weapons deer hunts.

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

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- **Zone A:**
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Refer to 220-2-55.00 www.outdooralabama.org/wildlife-management-areas/wma-rules-and-regulations

**IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL:**

- To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, ammunition, traps, or bow and arrow, except bow hunting equipment from Mar. 1- Aug. 31, without a valid permit. A permit is valid only during scheduled management and refuge seasons during legal hunting hours and only with weapons and ammunition permitted for hunting the wildlife listed on permit.

- To use dogs for hunting, training, or any purpose from end of small game season until August 31.

- To use any person under 16 years of age to hunt without being accompanied by a properly licensed adult who is either 21 years old or older or a parent.

- For any person to possess or to carry in or on a vehicle, any firearm (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 §2313(1)(b) limited exemption)**

- To camp in the WMA 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.

- To kill or willfully mistreat any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting.

- To discharge firearms at any time.

- To exceed bag limits on any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting.

- To discharge firearms on the designated target range.

- 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; within a posted safety zone or on Sunday with the exception of small game hunting: Dogs only - No weapons.

- For any person to damage or remove any trees, plants, dirt, gravel, or sod from WMA without legal authorization.

- 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.

- To erect or use a permanent tree stand or scaffold on WMA.

- To use dogs for hunting, training, or any purpose without attaching themselves to the tree or platform with a full body safety harness capable of supporting their weight.

- To cover the lights of vehicles traveling in a normal manner on an open established road.

- To hunt any wildlife from floodwater except waterfowl.

- To operate any motor driven vehicle on power line or gas line rights-of-way.

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- To build a campfire without a fire ring in designated areas.

- To hunt any wildlife from floodwater except waterfowl.

- For any person, except authorized personnel, to block or otherwise stop traffic on any road at any gate by parking a vehicle in such a way that passage around the vehicle is impossible.

- To operate any motor driven vehicle on power line or gas line rights-of-way.

- To hunt any wildlife from floodwater except waterfowl.

- 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 attempt to take wildlife except as otherwise provided in this regulation.

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.