

FREEDOM HILLS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA



ZONE A

ZONE B

This AREA Permit is your 2021-2022 annual permit to hunt all game in accordance with the seasons, rules, and regulations listed herein (See Daily Permit requirements on back).
This AREA Permit must be signed and in your possession along with the appropriate license(s) in order to be valid.

Signed _____

WMA roads open for public four-wheel motorized vehicle traffic unless noted



Checking Station



Camping Area



Target Range



Kiosk / DAILY PERMIT



Gate



Wildlife Opening



Horse Trail



Natchez Trace Parkway



US Route Paved

State Highway Paved

County - Paved

County - Gravel/Dirt

WMA Roads Yearlong OPEN

WMA Roads All Season OPEN

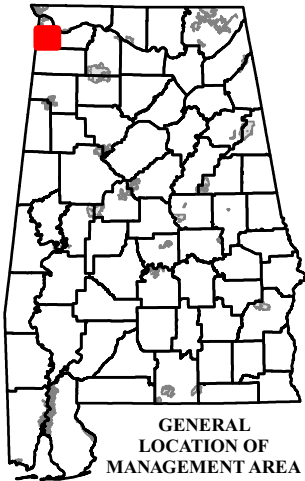
WMA Roads Seasonally CLOSED

WMA Trail - WALKING ONLY

Other roads

Power Transmission Line

Gas Line



GENERAL
LOCATION OF
MANAGEMENT AREA

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THIS IS NOT A SURVEY.
BOUNDARIES REFLECT INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR HUNTING AT THE DATE OF REVISION.
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Sources: Esri, USGS, NOAA

FREEDOM HILLS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
(Colbert County)
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE & FRESHWATER FISHERIES
Hunting Regulations – September 2021– August 2022

LICENSE/PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:

- In compliance with 220-2-.55, a Wildlife Management Area License (required for deer, turkey and waterfowl), the applicable Resident or Non-Resident Hunting License [for Alabama residents 16 through 64 years of age and for non-residents 16 years of age and older], are required for hunting on AREAS; provided however that properly licensed persons under the “Wildlife Heritage License” may hunt legal small game, except waterfowl, on AREAS without the other licenses described herein. In order to hunt waterfowl on AREAS, all persons must have, in addition to the otherwise required licenses and permit, a HIP and valid State (ages 16 through 64) and Federal (ages 16 and over) Waterfowl Stamp.
- In addition to license and stamp requirements, an AREA Permit and a WMA daily permit are required unless using the Outdoor Alabama WMA Check-In application to check in and out each hunt day.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For information and questions regarding regulations or use of the WMA, please contact Biologist – Courtenay Conring at the District I Office at (256) 353-2634.

NOTES:

- Freedom Hills WMA is within the BUFFER ZONE OF THE CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE MANAGEMENT ZONE
- 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.
- 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.

HUNTING DATES: DEER:
Zones A & B

Any Legal arms and ammunition (220-2-.55) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice Jan. 7 - Feb. 10. no seasonal or daily bag limit restrictions and no antler restrictions.

IT IS MANDATORY TO BRING ALL DEER HARVESTED ON FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS TO THE CHECK STATION FOR DATA COLLECTION.

HUNTERS SHALL SUBMIT DEER HEADS FOR CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) TESTING FROM ALL DEER HARVESTED AT THE WMA CHECK STATION OR DROP-OFF SAMPLING FREEZER LOCATIONS OR A SCHEDULED DCNR MOBILE SAMPLING LOCATION.

ALL DEER HARVESTED IN FREEDOM HILLS WMA MUST BE PROPERLY RECORDED AND REPORTED THROUGH THE GAME CHECK SYSTEM PURSUANT TO REGULATION 220-20-.146

NO WHOLE DEER BODY PARTS SHALL BE TRANSPORTED OUTSIDE OF BUFFER ZONE (LAUDERDALE COUNTY EAST OF HWY 43). AND ALL OF COLBERT COUNTY). ONLY MEAT THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETELY DEBONED; CLEANED SKULL PLATES WITH ATTACHED ANTLERS, IF NO VISIBLE BRAIN OR SPINAL CORD TISSUE IS PRESENT; UNATTACHED BARE ANTLERS OR SHEDS; RAW CAPES, IF NO VISIBLE BRAIN OR SPINAL CORD TISSUE IS PRESENT; UPPER CANINE TEETH, IF NO ROOT STRUCTURE OF OTHER SOFT TISSUE IS PRESENT; AND FINISHED TAXIDERMY PRODUCTS OR TANNED HIDES CAN BE TRANSPORTED OUTSIDE OF THE BUFFER ZONE.

TURKEY: (Physically Disabled) Apr. 7 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.
(Regular) Apr. 8 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.

Bag Limit - No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.
No decoys allowed for the first 10 days.
No more than 2 gobblers total per season from Freedom Hills WMA.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX	Feb. 11 - Mar. 6. (nighttime hours only). Fox hunting: dogs only – no weapons.
DOVE	Closed.
CROW	Feb. 11 - Mar. 6.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL	Feb. 11 – Mar. 6.
QUAIL	Feb. 11 - Mar. 6.
WATERFOWL	Closed.
WOODCOCK	Closed.
BOBCAT, COYOTE & FERAL	Feb. 11 - Mar. 6 & Apr. 8 - May 8 during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts.
SWINE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX.	No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine)	Oct. 30 - Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

Deer – see above deer hunt schedule for limits; **Turkey (Gobblers only) – no more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season (2 per season)**; *Raccoon* - 5 per day; *Opossum* - No Limit; *Fox* - 1 per day; *Dove* – 15 a day; *Crow* - No Limit; *Rabbit* - 8 per day; *Squirrel* - 8 per day; *Quail* - 8 a day; *Woodcock* - 3 per day; *Snipe* – 8 a day; *Feral Swine*, *Bobcat*, and *Coyote* - No Limit; Falconers may take migratory game birds (not more than 3 per day in aggregate combination) and resident game birds and animals following the bag limits listed above for firearms and archery.

PERMITTED FIREARMS, BOW AND ARROW, & FALCONRY:

All WMA Seasons: Weapons and ammunition defined in 220-2-.55 (excluding buckshot) and archery equipment in 220-2-.03.
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:

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

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| 1. To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, traps, or bow and arrow, except on open designated target ranges and except bow fishing equipment, without a valid Area Permit, or by using the Outdoor Alabama App. An AREA permit or Outdoor Alabama App Check-In application is valid only during scheduled AREA seasons during legal hunting hours and only with the required hunting license(s) and stamps and only with weapons and ammunition permitted for hunting the wildlife listed on permit. | 7. To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated game species while legally hunting. | |
| 2. For any person to possess or to carry in or on a vehicle, any of the following: any firearm [including pistols/handguns] 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 crossbow. (Nothing in this regulation prohibits or requires an AREA Permit for the possession of handguns by lawfully licensed persons for personal protection, provided the handguns are not used to hunt or take or to attempt to take wildlife except as otherwise provided by this regulation.) | 8. To transport harvested deer or turkey from the WMA before recording harvest on the Outdoor Alabama App or Daily Permit and checking such harvest at the WMA check station for data collection if the hunt date is indicated as a mandatory check station day on the Outdoor Alabama App or Area Permit. All other harvested game must be recorded on Outdoor Alabama App or Daily Permit. | 16. For any person, except authorized personnel, to block or otherwise stop traffic on any road or at any gate by parking a vehicle in such a way that passage around the vehicle, or access to the gate, is impeded. |
| 3. To use dogs for hunting of deer, turkey, or feral swine. (Leashed dogs may be used for the express purpose of retrieving wounded deer, limited to two dogs per tracking event). | 9. To discharge fireworks at any time. | 17. For any person to hunt or trap any wildlife species (except turkey, migratory birds, and while hunting legally designated species during legal nighttime hours) without wearing a minimum of 144 square inches of hunter orange or full sized hunter orange hat, except when hunting from an elevated tree stand twelve (12) feet or more from the ground, when hunting in an enclosed blind, or when traveling in an enclosed vehicle. A small logo and/or printing is permitted on the front of the hunter orange hat; otherwise, hunter orange commonly called blaze orange, ten mile cloth, etc., is legal. The various shades of red as well as camo orange are not legal. |
| 4. To use dogs for hunting, training, or any other purpose outside any AREA established season. | 10. To discharge firearms for target practice except on the designated target ranges. | 18. For any person to possess, deposit, distribute, or scatter grain/corn, salt, litter, or any other materials on WMA without receiving approval from the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division. |
| 5. For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on the WMA unless accompanied by an adult who is either 21 years old or older or the parent, and who is in possession of all state hunting licenses required to hunt the WMA. | 11. To hunt or discharge firearms within 150 yards of any camping area, dwelling, dam, or timber operation, 100 yards of any paved public road or highway, within a posted safety zone, or from within the right-of-way of any developed road which is open to vehicular traffic. | 19. To damage or remove any artifacts, trees, firewood, plants, dirt, gravel, or sod without legal authorization. |
| 6. 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. | 12. To possess alcoholic beverages outside designated camping areas. | 20. To erect any permanent tree stand; install any screw-in style steps, spikes, or nails; or otherwise damage any tree. |
| | 13. 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. | 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. |
| | 14. For any unauthorized person to possess and/or operate ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE on WMA, except when utilized for the express purpose of hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, or related activities; and when operated only on regularly used roads depicted on WMA map to be open to for public four-wheel motorized vehicle traffic. | 22. For any unauthorized person to ride or possess horses on WMA except as detailed in Regulation 220-2-.55 (v) & (w). |
| | 15. For any unauthorized person to operate ANY LICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE on WMA, except when utilized for the express purpose of hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, or related activities; and when operated only on regularly used roads depicted on WMA map to be open to for public four-wheel motorized vehicle traffic. | |

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