

JACKSON COUNTY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA & REFUGES including Coon Gulf Tract (Jackson 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 - Austin LeCroy at (256) 437-2788 or the District II Office at (256) 435-5422.

NOTES

- Statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies to all WMAs.
- 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

All deer harvested must be submitted at check station for collection of biological data on mandatory days specified below. The results of all hunts must be recorded using the Outdoor Alabama App or Daily Permit and submitted at kiosk at the conclusion of every hunt day.

HUNTING DATES:

Crow Creek, Mud Creek & Raccoon Creek WMAs:

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 23-31 and Jan. 1-9. Two deer per day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. Limited gate access during January hunt. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Oct. 23 & 30 and Jan. 1 & 8 during archery hunts to check station at Wannville office for data collection. The check station will be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

CLOSED. TURKEY: CROW: Sep. 4 – Feb. 28.

State seasons (12:00 noon until sunset opening day, then 1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset Fri-Sun.: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon Mon.-Thu.). DOVE: RABBIT & SQUIRREL: Sep. 11 - Mar. 6. No rabbit & squirrel hunting from Oct. 23 - Oct. 31 and Jan. 1-9. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX: Sep. 11 - Mar. 6. (Nighttime hours only). No raccoon, opossum & fox hunting from Oct. 23 - 31. Fox hunting: dogs only - no weapons. RAIL, WOODCOCK & SNIPE: State seasons.

WATERFOWL: State seasons (1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset). SANDHILL CRANE: BOWFISHING: By draw permit only. State season (Sunrise to 12:00 noon). Mar. 1 – Aug. 31. Nongame fish only.

Mar. 1-14. Daylight hours only. No dogs allowed.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only.

CLOSED. FURBEARER TRAPPING

Oct. 30 - Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. (excluding feral swine)

Limit of 1 box (25 shells a person) in possession on all Jackson County WMA'S while waterfowl and sandhill crane hunting. No waterfowl or sandhill crane hunting in Mud Creek (Wannville) and Raccoon Creek dewatering impoundments (outlined on map/regulation form) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, except during the last 14 days of season. All activity prohibited in these locations on these days except scouting by foot. No gasoline powered motors allowed in Mud Creek (Wannville) dewatering unit and Raccoon Creek dewatering unit north of HWY 117. It shall be unlawful for any person to access the water in the section of Mud creek WMA that lies west of the railroad tracks and east of the furthest west Mud Creek WMA boundary 48 hours prior to waterfowl season openings. Persons may enter that area at 3:00 AM on waterfowl season opening days.

Coon Gulf Tract:

RABBIT & SOUIRREL:

BOWFISHING:

WATERFOWL: FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine):

OUAIL:

TURKEY: FERAL SWINE:

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: RACCOON & OPOSSUM:

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE,

RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX:

FURBEARER TRAPPING

(excluding feral swine):

DOVE:

QUAIL: WATERFOWL:

RAIL, WOODCOCK, & SNIPE:

FERAL SWINE (Archery only):

RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX:

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE,

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 15 - Feb. 10. One deer per day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. No hunting on days of youth deer hunt. (Archery)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 13-14. One deer per day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. (Youth) (Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 15-19. One deer per day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 20-21, Nov. 26-28 and Jan. 14-16. One deer per day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

Anr. 2 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only TURKEY: (Youth) Apr. 7 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only. Apr. 8 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only. (Physically Disabled)

(Regular)

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 Coon Gulf Tract.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Sep. 1 - Feb. 28. (nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox hunting: dogs only - no weapons. CROW:

Sep. 4 – Feb. 28. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. State seasons (12:00 noon until sunset opening day, then ½ hour before sunrise until sunset Fri.-Sun.; ½ hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon. Mon.-Thu.)

Sep. 11 - Mar. 6. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March. State seasons.

Mar. 1-14. Daylight hours only. No dogs allowed. Apr. 15 – Aug. 31. Nongame fish only.

Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only.

CLOSED NO OPEN SEASON.

Oct. 30 - Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

North Sauty and Crow Creek Waterfowl Refuges NO AIRBOATS OR AIR-COOLED MOTORS (MUD MOTORS) ON CROW CREEK & NORTH SAUTY REFUGES FROM NOV. 1 – APR. 14

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 23–31 and Jan. 1–9. Gates will not be open for Jan. 1–9 hunts. Two deer per day, one unantlered deer and one antiered buck. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Oct. 23 & 30 and Jan. 1 & 8 during archery hunts to check station at Wannville office for data collection. The check station will be open (Archery Only)

from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Sauta Cave NWR - closed to deer hunting.

Sep. 1-9 and May 1-8. (Archery, Rimfire and Shotguns with slugs only). Daylight hours only. No dogs allowed.

FIRST SEGMENT STATE SEASON (12:00 noon until sunset opening day, then ½ hour before sunrise to sunset Fri.-Sun.; ½ hr. before sunrise to 12:00 noon Mon. – Thu.). **Sep. 11 – Oct. 22 and Feb. 7 – Mar. 6.** No hunting on days of archery deer hunting. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.

Sep. 11 – Oct. 22. (nighttime hours only). No hunting on days of archery deer hunting. Apr. 15 – Aug. 31. Nongame fish only.

Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. CLOSED.

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Oct. 30 - Jan. 31. (water or land sets). Feb. 1-28.

(water sets only). Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

BOWFISHING:

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); Crow - No Limit; Dove - 15 a day; Raccoon - 5 per day; Opossum - No Limit; Fox - 1 per day; Rabbit - 8 per day; Rail - 15 a day; Woodcock - 3 per day; Snipe - 8 a day; Waterfowl - State bag limit; Sandhill Crane - State bag limit; 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 and 220-2-.164 for the complete list of WMA regulations.

- 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.
- 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.)
- 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).
- To use dogs for hunting, training, or any other purpose outside any AREA established season.
- 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.
- 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

- To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated game species while legally hunting.

 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.
- To discharge fireworks at any time.
- To discharge firearms for target practice except on the designated target ranges
- 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.
- To possess alcoholic beverages outside designated camping areas. 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. For any unauthorized person to possess and/or operate ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE on WMA
- For any unauthorized person to operate ANY LICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE on WMA, except when utilized for the express 15. 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. 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.

- 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.
- 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
- To damage or remove any artifacts, trees, firewood, plants, dirt, gravel, or sod without legal authorization.
- To erect any permanent tree stand; install any screw-in style steps, spikes, or nails; or otherwise damage any tree.
- 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.
- For any unauthorized person to ride or possess horses on WMA except as detailed in Regulation 220-2-.55 (v) & (w).
- To construct and/or utilize permanent waterfowl hunting blinds (those using building material, flooring, or flotation and/or remaining in position overnight) anywhere on the Jackson County Waterfowl (Mud Creek, Crow Creek, and Raccoon Creek) WMAs.
- For any per to leave waterfowl decoys overnight in the Green Tree Reservoir, Mud Creek Dewatering Unit, or Raccoon Creek Dewatering Unit.