



MULBERRY FORK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
(Tuscaloosa & Walker Counties)
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 – Courtney McDaniel at the District III Office at (205) 339-5716.

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.

DATA COLLECTION:

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:

DEER:	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 15 – Feb. 10. One deer per day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. Archery hunters must harvest antlered bucks on days of antlered buck only gun deer hunts. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt. Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts and MANDATORY check station days. *Antlered buck restrictions apply.
	(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 13-14. One deer per day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. *No antler restrictions apply.
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 15-19 and Dec. 17-19. One deer per day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Dec. 18 (including archery) to the check station for analysis and data collection. Check station will be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Dec. 10-12. One deer per day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Dec. 10-11 (including archery) to the check station for analysis and data collection. Check station will be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 20-21, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 24-26, Dec. 31 - Jan. 2, Jan. 7-9, Jan. 21-23 and Feb. 4-6. One antlered buck per day. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 20, Nov. 27, Dec. 11, Jan. 8 and Jan. 22 (including archery) to the check station for analysis and data collection. Check station will be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

***To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have at least three (3) antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam.**

TURKEY:	(Youth)	Mar. 26 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.
	(Physically Disabled)	Mar. 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.
	(Regular)	Apr. 1 – 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 Mulberry Fork WMA.

CROW:	Sep. 1 – Feb. 28. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapon deer hunts.
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:	Sep. 1 – Feb. 28. (Nighttime hours only).
DOVE:	State season (12:00 noon until sunset). No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapon deer hunts.
FERAL SWINE (Special Season):	Sep. 4-5. Permitted firearms and archery equipment same as for gun deer hunts on the WMA. No buckshot. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	Sep. 11 – Mar. 6. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapon deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.
QUAIL:	Nov. 6 - Feb. 28. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapon deer hunts.
WATERFOWL:	State season (½ hour before sunrise to noon). No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapon deer hunts.
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:	State season. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapon deer hunts.
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.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine):	Oct. 30 - Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

BAG LIMITS:

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; Raccoon - 5 per day; Opossum - No Limit; Fox - 1 per day; Dove – 15 a day; Rabbit - 8 per day; Squirrel - 8 per day; Quail - 8 a day; Waterfowl – State bag limit; 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. | warming fires shall be permitted away from camping area. | |
| 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.) | 7. To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated game species while legally hunting. | 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). | 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. | 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. | 9. To discharge fireworks at any time. | 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. | 10. To discharge firearms for target practice except on the designated target ranges. | 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 | 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. | 20. To erect any permanent tree stand; install any screw-in style steps, spikes, or nails; or otherwise damage any tree. |
| | 12. To possess alcoholic beverages outside designated camping areas. | 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. |
| | 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. | 22. For any unauthorized person to ride or possess horses on WMA except as detailed in Regulation 220-2-.55 (v) & (w). |
| | 14. For any unauthorized person to possess and/or operate ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE on WMA. | |
| | 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 | |

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