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SWAN CREEK & MALLARD-FOX CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE & FRESHWATER FISHERIES
Hunting Regulations – September 2022–August 2023

LICENSE/PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:
• In compliance with 220-2-55, a Wildlife Management Area License (required for deer, turkey and waterfowl), plus 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 AWMA; provided however that properly licensed persons under the “Wildlife Heritage License” may hunt legal small game, except waterfowl, on AWMA without the other licenses described herein. Please, in order to hunt waterfowl on AWMA, all licensed hunters must possess an approved Waterfowl Stamp (available at any state license agent) and Waterfowl Sticker (updated each season).
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 – Drew Able at (256) 278-0681.

NOTES:
• Deer season begins the 1st Saturday in November and ends the 1st Saturday in February, except in the Swan Creek WMA dewatering slough that is unoccupied by the selected party 30 minutes prior to legal shooting hours may be utilized the public.
• Hunters must contact the Swan Creek Management Area District Office for regulations governing the construction of permanent blinds on the dewatering slough.
• Administrators of the hunt shall have the right to divide 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 incidents or injuries that may occur.

DATA COLLECTION:
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:

TURKEY:
• State season
• 10 days before regular waterfowl season.

DEER:
• One deer a day; unlimited antlered and one antlerless.

CROW:
State season.

RAIL:
(25 shell limit does not apply to youth hunters on these days).

DOVE:
State season.

GOOSE:
State season.

WOODCOCK & SNIPE:
State season.

FALCONRY:
Falconry will be legal on all WMA scheduled hunts for legally permitted falconers; following the dates those seasons are open on each WMA.

PERMITTED FIREARMS, BOW AND ARROW, & FALCONRY:
All WMA are deer, waterfowl, upland game, and sandhill crane hunting areas. No all-purpose license is required to hunt or fish on WMA.

IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL:

1. To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, traps, or bow and arrow, except as otherwise designated target ranges and except equipment, without a valid Area Permit, or by using the Outdoor Alabama Wildlife Management Area Region or Outdoor Alabama WMA Permit or Area Authorization, except as otherwise designated target ranges and target locations on these days.
2. In application is valid only during scheduled Area Seasons during daylight hours and only with the WMA license(s) and stamps only with weapons and ammunition approved for use on the WMA.
3. For any person to possess or to carry in or on a vehicle, any of the following firearms [including pistols/handguns] with ammunition in the magazine, breech or clip attached to firearms, or black powder weapons with primer, cup or flash plug in place, cocked ready to fire (Nothing in this regulation prohibits the possession of a firearm authorized for hunting purposes).
4. To use dogs for hunting, deer, turkey, or feral swine. (Leashed dogs do not include the express purpose of retrieving wounded deer, limited to two dogs per tracking event).
5. To use dogs for hunting, trapping, or any other purpose outside of a designated hunting area.
6. For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on the WMA unless accompanied by an adult, 18 years of age or older, with a valid hunting license, designated by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
7. To camp in the WMA except in designated sites. Individuals or groups may camp on the WMA for a period not to exceed until the last 30 days in any 30-day period. Campers must be extinguished before leaving. No warming fires shall be permitted away from camping area.
8. To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those specified in the respective hunting seasons.
9. To transport harvested game as provided in Section 20-30-600.
10. To harvest, possess, or transport any species of fish, amphibian, or reptile butchers and any equipment required to hunt the WMA.
11. To transport any fish, amphibian, or reptile, or hunting equipment other than that which is lawfully licensed and properly equipped for the purpose of hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, or sanctioned activities. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 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.
12. To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated target ranges in accordance with listed rules during posted times and dates.
13. To use dogs for hunting, deer, turkey, or feral swine; with the express purpose of retrieving wounded deer, limited to two dogs per tracking event.
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BAG LIMITS:
Deer – see above deer hunt schedule for limits; Raccoon - 5 per day; Opossum - No Limit; Fox - 1 per day; Crow - No Limit; Dove – 15 a day; Rabbit - 8 per day; Squirrel - 8 per day; Rail – 15 a day; Sandhill Crane – State bag limit; Goose – State Bag Limit; Sandhill Crane – State Bag limit; Woodcock – 3 a day.

PERMITTED USES:
Fur bearer trapping:
No waterfowl or sandhill crane hunting in Swan Creek waterfowl impoundments (outlined on map/regulation form) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays except for the last 14 days of regular waterfowl season. All waterfowl hunting activity prohibited in these locations on these dates.

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IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL:

Users who should refer to WMA Regulation 220-2.25 and 220-2.165 for the complete list of WMA regulations.

To take, hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, traps, or bow and arrow, except as otherwise designated target ranges and except equipment, without a valid Area Permit, or by using the Outdoor Alabama Wildlife Management Area Region or Outdoor Alabama WMA Permit or Area Authorization, except as otherwise designated target ranges and target locations on these days.

To use dogs for hunting, deer, turkey, or feral swine. (Leashed dogs do not include the express purpose of retrieving wounded deer, limited to two dogs per tracking event).

To use dogs for hunting, trapping, or any other purpose outside of a designated hunting area.

To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated target ranges in accordance with listed rules during posted times and dates.

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