This AREA Permit is your 2023-2024 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.
WHAT YOU NEED:

- To hunt DEER or TURKEY: a Wildlife Management Area License and the applicable Resident or Non-Resident All-Game Hunting License (for Alabama residents 16 through 64 years of age and for non-residents 16 years of age and older), are required.
- To hunt WATERFOWL: a Wildlife Management Area License, current HIP certification and valid State (ages 16 and over) or Federal (ages 16 and over) Waterfowl Stamp, and applicable Resident or Non-Resident Small Game or All Game Hunting License (for Alabama residents 16 through 64 years of age and for non-residents 16 years of age and older), are required.
- To hunt small game except waterfowl: a Wildlife Heritage License OR applicable Resident or Non-Resident Small Game or All Game Hunting License (for Alabama residents 16 through 64 years of age and for non-residents 16 years of age and older), is required.
- For ALL HUNTS: a paper WMA Permit and a paper WMA daily permit are required UNLESS using the Outdoor Alabama WMA Check-in application to check in and out each hunt.

NOTES:

- Lauderdale WMA is located within the HIGH-RISK ZONE of the CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) MANAGEMENT ZONE.
- HUNTERS SHALL SUBMIT DEER HEADS FOR CWD TESTING FROM ALL DEER HARVESTED AT THE WMA CHECK STATION OR DROP-OFF SAMPLING FREEZER LOCATIONS OR A SCHEDULED DCNR MOBILE SAMPLING LOCATION.
- NO WHOLE DEER BODY PARTS SHALL BE TRANSPORTED OUTSIDE OF HIGH-RISK ZONE (ALL LAUDERDALE COUNTY AND NORTH OF HWY 72 IN 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 CAFES, IF NO VISIBLE BRAIN OR SPINAL CORD TISSUE IS PRESENT; UPPER CANINE TEETH, IF NO VISIBLE BRAIN OR SPINAL CORD TISSUE IS PRESENT; OR FINISHED TAXIDERMY PRODUCTS OR TANNED HIDES CAN BE TRANSPORTED OUTSIDE OF THE HIGH-RISK ZONE.
- Statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies to all WMAs, except for bonus buck as allowed.
- Youth hunts on youth deer and turkey hunts must be less than 16 years of age. Supervision must be 21 years old or older, or a parent, and must be properly licensed. Youth must always remain within 30 feet of supervisors.
- 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 they have their 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 & BAG LIMITS:

| DEER: (No Dog Deer Hunting) (No Buckshot) | Zones A & B: (Archery) | October 14–Feb. 10 – Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt. Archery hunters must abide by all mandatory check station day requirements and gun deer hunt regulations/until restrictions when hunting on days of gun deer hunts. |
| | (Youth) | Nov. 11–12 – Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. |
| | (Primitive Weapons) | Nov. 13–17 – Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. |
| | (Gun) | Nov. 18-19, Nov. 23-24, Dec. 21-24, and Dec. 20-31 – Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. (Dec. 30 Bonus Buck Day, must be validated by WFF personnel at check station prior to leaving Area). |
| Zone A: | (Gun) | Nov. 30-Dec. 3, Dec. 14-17, and Jan. 4-7 – Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. |
| Zone B: | (Gun) | Dec. 7-10 and Jan.11-14 – Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. (Jan. 13 Bonus Buck Day, must be validated by WFF personnel at check station prior to leaving Area). |

DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be submitted at check station for data collection on Nov. 11-12 and all Fridays and Saturdays of gun hunts. The check station is open from 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Additionally, 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.

TURKEY: (Youth) April 6 (Daylight until 1 p.m.) Gobblers only (Physically Disabled) April 7 (Daylight until 1 p.m.) Gobblers only (Regular) April 8 - May 8 (Daylight until 1 p.m.) 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 of the WMA regular season. No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Lauderdale WMA.

WATERFOWL: State season. No hunting on days of hunting, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. State bag limits.

DOVE: No Open Season

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: Sept. 9 - March 3 – No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March. Bag limit: 8 squirrels per day. 8 rabbits per day.

FERAL SWINE (Special Season): Feb. 12-18 – No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only. No bag limit.

CROW: Sept. 1 - March 3 – No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. No bag limit.

QUAIL: Nov. 4 - Feb. 25. – No hunting on days of primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Bag limit: 8 per day.

WOODCOCK: State season – No hunting on days of gun deer hunts. Bag limit: 3 per day.

SNIPE: State season – No hunting on days of gun deer hunts. Bag limit: 8 per day.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM: Sept. 1 - March 3 – Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. No bag limit.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, OPOSSUM, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON, FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only. No bag limit.

FURBEARER TRAPPING: (Excluding feral swine) Oct. 28 - Feb 29 – Permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

**IMPORTANT:**

All hunters must be familiar with WMA Regulation 220-2-55. This regulation contains complete rules for hunting on this property. In addition, it shall be unlawful:

1. To transport harvested deer or turkey from the WMA before reporting harvest in the Game Check System. Hunters must also submit such harvests at the WMA check station for data collection if hunt date is indicated as a mandatory check station day on the Outdoor Alabama WMA Application or AREA Permit. All other harvested game must be recorded on the Outdoor Alabama WMA Application or WMA Daily Permit.
2. To discharge firearms for target practice except on designated target ranges in accordance with listed rules during posted times and dates.
3. For any person, except authorized personnel, to operate any motor-driven vehicle behind locked gates, barricaded roads, or signs which prohibits vehicular traffic.
4. 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 principal four wheel motorized vehicle traffic.
5. To damage or remove any artifacts, trees, firewood, plants, dirt, gravel, or sod without legal authorization.
6. To erect any permanent tree stand; install any screw-in style steps, spikes, or nails; or otherwise damage any tree.
7. For any unauthorized person to ride or possess horses on WMA except as detailed in Regulation 220-2-55 (al 6 & 8).

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, and TVA.

For complete list of legal firearms, ammunition, and archery equipment, see QR code.