



RIVERTON COMMUNITY HUNTING AREA

Colbert County

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES – WILDLIFE & FRESHWATER FISHERIES DIVISION

Hunting Regulations September 2023 – August 2024

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For information and questions regarding regulations or use of the WMA, please contact Biologist – **Courtenay Conring at (256) 278-5379**

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 through 64) and 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 AREA 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 day.

NOTES:

- Riverton CHA 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 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 HIGH-RISK ZONE.
- Statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies to all WMAs, except for bonus buck as allowed.
- 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 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 hunt at 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:

(Gun)

DEER: (No Dog Deer Hunting) (No Buckshot)

(Archery) **Oct. 14-Feb. 10** – Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.

(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.

Open each Wednesday and Saturday of the regular Gun Deer Season in

Colbert County and from Nov. 18-26, Dec. 9-17, and Jan. 13-21 – Two

deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.

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.

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 Riverton CHA.

WATERFOWL:	No Open Season
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 squir-
	rels per day. 8 rabbits per day.
FERAL SWINE:	Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammu-
	nition approved for hose hunts. 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. 29. – No hunting on days of youth, 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:**

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

- 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 public 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 (w) & (x).

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.

KNOW THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

















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



By using this Wildlife Management Area I acknowledge I have read, understand, and agree to the current WMA Regulation 220-2-.55. The information provided here is not the full regulation and users must refer to 220-2-.55

Scan the QR code or visit
OutdoorAlabama.com/WMARules
for the complete WMA rules and regulation 220-2-.55