



JACKSON COUNTY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS & REFUGES INCLUDING COON GULF TRACT

Jackson 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 – **Austin LeCroy (256) 437-2788**

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:

- 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:

CROW CREEK, MUD CREEK & RACCOON CREEK WMAS:

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

(Archery) **Oct. 21 - 29 and Dec. 30 - Jan. 7** – Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. Archery hunters must abide by all mandatory check day requirements and gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts.

(Primitive Weapons) **Nov. 13 - 17** – Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.

DATA COLLECTION – All deer harvested must be submitted at check station at Wannville office for data collection on: Oct.21, Oct. 28, Nov.13-17, Dec. 30, Jan. 6. 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 day.

TURKEY: **No Open Season**

WATERFOWL:

(Youth/Active Military/Veterans) **Nov. 18, 2023 and Feb. 3, 2024** – State bag limits. 25 shell limit does not apply to youth on these days.

(Special Teal) **Sept. 9 - 24** – Dewatering units open 7 days/week. State bag limit.

(Duck, Coot, Merganser) **Nov. 24 - 25 and Dec. 2 - Jan. 28** – **State bag limits. (½ hour before sunrise to sunset).**

(All Geese) **Sept. 2 - Oct. 1, Oct. 14 - Oct. 28, Nov. 24-25, and Dec. 2 - Jan 28** – State bag limits.

(Sandhill Crane) **Dec. 2 - Jan 8 and Jan 15 - Jan 30** – **(Sunrise to 12:00 noon)** By limited quota permit only.

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 special teal and early goose season and the last 14 days of regular waterfowl season. All waterfowl hunting activity prohibited in these locations on these days except scouting by foot.

DOVE: **State Season (Opening day: 12:00 noon until sunset; remainder of season: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset) – Bag limit: 15 per day.**

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

FERAL SWINE (Archery Only): **March 1-14 – No bag limit.**

CROW: **Sept. 1 - March 3 – No bag limit.**

QUAIL: **No Open Season**

RAIL: **State season – Bag limit: 15 per day.**

WOODCOCK: **State season – Bag limit: 3 per day.**

SNIPE: **State season – Bag limit: 8 per day.**

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

BOW FISHING: **March 1 - August 31** – Nongame Fish Only. **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** – Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist

COON GULF TRACT:

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

(Archery) **Oct. 14- Feb. 10** – One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. No hunting on days of youth deer hunt.

(Youth) **Nov. 11 - 12** – One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

(Primitive Weapons) **Nov. 13 - 17** – One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

(Gun) **Nov. 18 - 19, Nov. 23 - 26, and Jan. 11 - 14** – One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

DATA COLLECTION: The results of all hunts for all species 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 Coon Gulf Tract.

WATERFOWL: **No Open Season**

DOVE: **State Season (Opening day: 12:00 noon until sunset; remainder of season: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset) – Bag limit: 15 per day.**

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: **Sept. 9 - Mar. 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 (Archery Only): **March 1 - 14 – Daylight hours only. No dogs allowed. No bag limit**

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

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SNIPE: **State season – Bag limit: 8 per day.**

RACCOON & OPOSSUM: **Sept. 1 - Mar. 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** – Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist

KNOW THE RULES AND REGULATIONS



NORTH SAUTY AND CROW CREEK WATERFOWL REFUGES:

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

(Archery) **Oct. 21 - 29 and Dec. 30 - Jan. 7** – 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.

Sauta Cave NWR - closed to deer hunting.

DATA COLLECTION – All deer harvested must be submitted at check station at Wannville office for data collection on: Oct.21, Oct. 28, Nov.13-17, Dec. 30, Jan. 6. 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 day.

WATERFOWL: **No Open Season**

TURKEY: **No Open Season**

DOVE: **Sept. 2 - Oct. 22** – **(Opening day: 12:00 noon until sunset; remainder of season: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset)** **Bag limit: 15 per day.**

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: **Sept. 9 - Oct. 20, Feb. 5 - Mar. 3** – No hunting on days of archery, primitive weapons, or deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March. **Bag limit: 8 squirrels per day. 8 rabbits per day.**

FERAL SWINE (Special Season): **Sept. 1 - 9 and May 1 - 8** – (Archery, Rimfire, and Shotguns with slugs only). Daylight hours only. No dogs allowed. **No bag limit.**

QUAIL: **No Open Season**

BOWFISHING: **April 1 - Aug. 31** – Nongame fish only.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM: **Sept. 1 - Oct. 20** – 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.**

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 - Jun. 31** – (water or land sets); **Feb. 1-29** – (water sets only). Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist

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



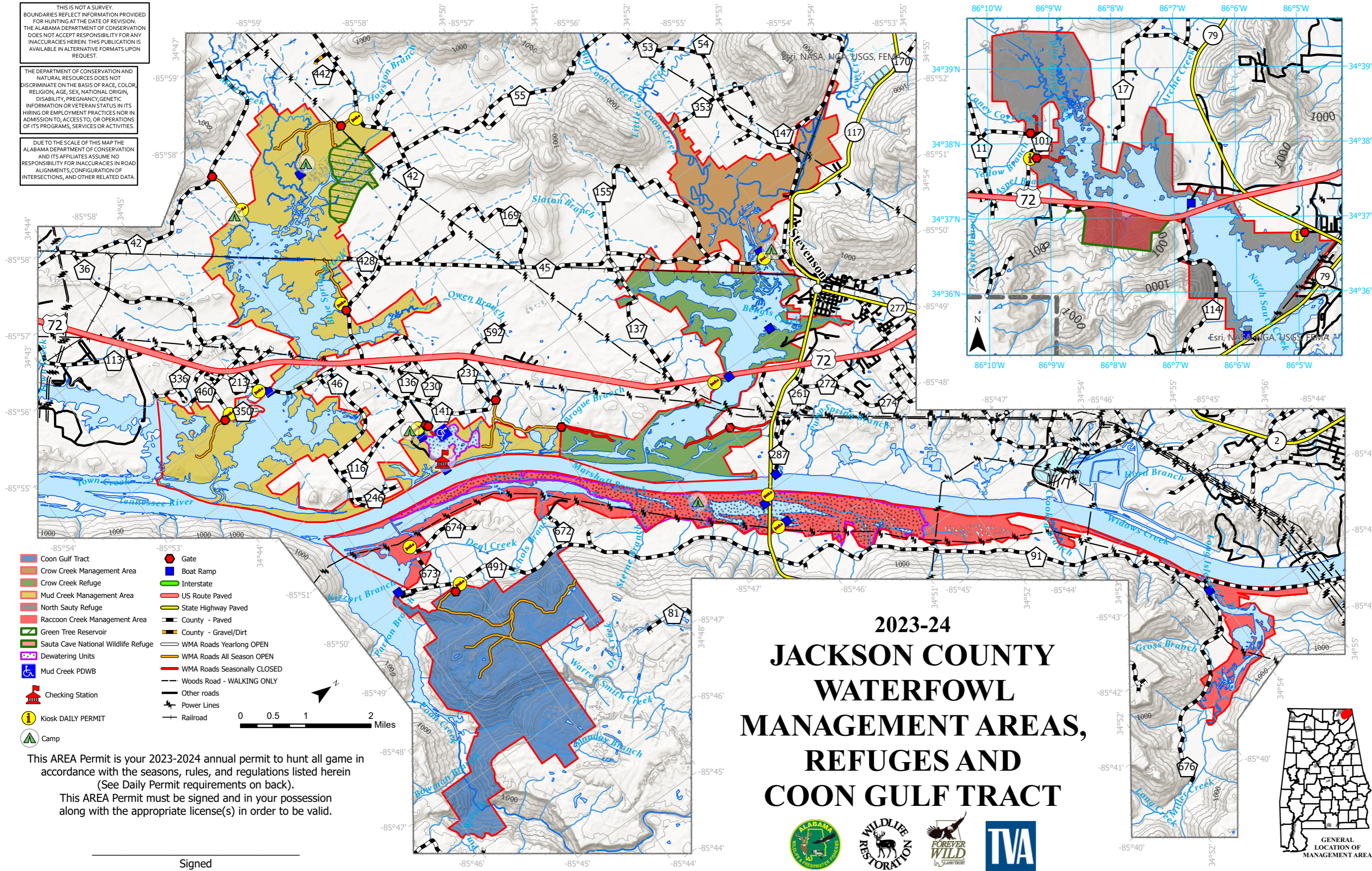
By using this Wildlife Management Area I acknowledge I have read, understand, and agree to the current WMA Regulation 220-2-.55. The information provided here is not the full regulation and users must refer to 220-2-.55

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

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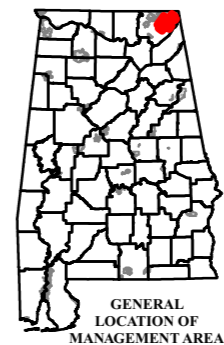
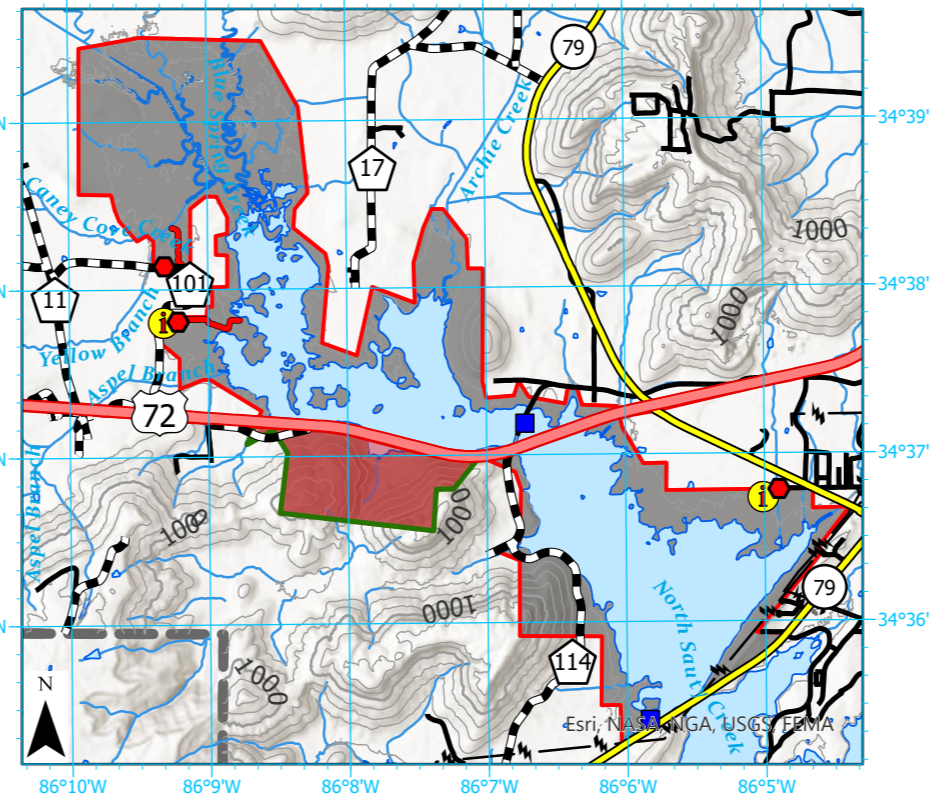
DUE TO THE SCALE OF THIS MAP THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR INACCURACIES IN ROAD ALIGNMENTS, CONFIGURATION OF INTERSECTIONS, AND OTHER RELATED DATA.



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.

Signed _____

2023-24 JACKSON COUNTY WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREAS, REFUGES AND COON GULF TRACT



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 hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, traps, or bow and arrow, except bowfishing 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.
- 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 of age or older or the parent, and who is in possession of all state hunting licenses, stamps, and permits 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 area.
- 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.
- To discharge firearms for target practice except on designated target ranges in accordance with listed rules during posted times and dates.
- To hunt or discharge firearms 150 yards of any camping area, dwelling, dam, or timber operation; within 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 for vehicular traffic.
- For any unauthorized person to possess and/or operate ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE on WMA (except Coon Gulf Tract).
- For any unauthorized person to possess and/or 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 map to be open to for public four-wheel motorized vehicle traffic.
- 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 sections (w) and (x).
- 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 person to leave waterfowl decoys overnight.
- 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.
- To have more than 25 shotgun shells in the possession of each hunter (excluding youth hunters during the designated youth hunt days) while hunting waterfowl on all Jackson County Waterfowl Management Areas (Crow Creek WMA, Mud Creek WMA, and Raccoon Creek WMA).

The following shall apply to the DEWATERING Unit on Mud Creek and Raccoon Creek WMAs:

- All activity is prohibited from 7:00 PM to 3:00 AM during the period of Nov. 1 - Feb. 15 and 48 hours prior to waterfowl season openings.
- It is unlawful to use gasoline-powered motors in Mud Creek (Wannville) dewatering unit and Raccoon Creek dewatering unit (North of Hwy 117).
- 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, TVA, and USFWS.