

LAUDERDALE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
(Lauderdale County)
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE & FRESHWATER FISHERIES
Hunting Regulations – September 2017 – August 2018

PERMITS: Permits for Gun Deer Hunts less than four days in length and Youth Turkey Hunts will be issued from the checking station on the dates of the hunts. Season permits for turkey, small game, and archery seasons may be obtained by writing Area Biologist Daniel Toole, 4200 White Pike, Cherokee, AL 35616 (enclose current hunting license number with a self-addressed stamped envelope) or email at Daniel.Toole@dcnr.alabama.gov or locally in Florence at Dick's Sporting Goods; Perkins Outdoors, McFarland Bottom; Wal-Mart and from Probate Judge's Office, Lauderdale County Courthouse; and from the self-serve permit box at the Checking Station in Waterloo or by printing from the Internet at www.outdooralabama.com/hunting/wildlife-areas/wmamaps/ (both pages of the internet map/permit must be together to be valid). All deer and turkey harvested shall be reported to the administrators of the hunt at the checking station located on Waterloo Road prior to leaving the WMA. Should the station be closed, animals can be recorded on the report form located in the permit box at the checking station. Trapping permits must be obtained from area biologist.

NOTE: • A State Hunting License, Wildlife Management Area (WMA) License and a wildlife management area permit are required when hunting deer, turkey, or waterfowl on a wildlife management area. For residents, a State hunting license or Wildlife Heritage License (residents only) or State fishing license (residents only), and WMA permit are required for hunting small game, except waterfowl on wildlife management areas. Nonresidents must possess a wildlife management area license in addition to a hunting license and WMA permit to hunt big game and small game.
• Youth hunters on 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.
• Statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies to all WMAs except on BONUS BUCK DAY.
• Hunters must check in at check station for all Gun Deer Hunts less than 4 consecutive days and Youth Turkey Hunt. The check station will open to issue permits by 5:00 AM on those hunt days of the deer hunts and available 4:00PM to 6:00PM the day before the hunt. Season map/permits for deer hunts of more than 4 days and other types of hunting are available at the locations shown above.
• Administrators of the hunt shall have the right to distribute the hunters and to inspect all vehicles or other equipment while on the areas. 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.

HUNTING DATES:

DEER: Zone A and B
(Gun)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): **Nov. 18.** One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. All deer harvested must be recorded at check station for data collection. ***Antlered buck antler restrictions apply.**

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: **Nov. 24-26, Jan. 4-6 (Jan. 6 BONUS BUCK DAY, must be validated by WFF personnel at check station) and Jan 12-14.** One antlered buck per day. All deer harvested must be recorded at check station on these dates for data collection. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.**

(Primitive Weapons)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): **Nov. 13-15.** One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. All deer harvested must be recorded at check station or hunter information board. ***Antlered buck antler restrictions apply.**

(Archery)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): **Oct. 14-Feb. 10.** One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. All deer harvested must be recorded at check station or hunter information board. ***Antlered buck antler restrictions apply.**

Zone A (Gun)
(West of Co. Rd. 45)

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: **Dec. 1-5 and Dec. 22-26.** One antlered buck per day. ***Antlered buck antler restrictions apply.** Check station will be open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Dec. 2 and Dec. 23. All deer harvested must be presented at check station on these dates for data collection.

Zone B (Gun)
(East of Co. Rd. 45)

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: **Dec. 6-10 and Dec. 27-31.** One deer antlered buck per day. ***Antlered buck antler restrictions apply.** Check station will be open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Dec. 9 and Dec. 30. All deer harvested must be presented at check station on these dates for data collection.

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

TURKEY: (Youth)
(Physically Disabled)
(Regular)

Mar. 24 (Daylight hours). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station.

Mar. 31 (Daylight hours). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station.

Apr. 1-30 (Daylight hours). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station.

QUAIL:

Nov. 4-Feb. 28. No hunting on days of primitive weapons and gun deer hunts.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL:

Sep. 16-Mar. 4. No hunting on days of primitive weapons and gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed in February and March.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX:

Sep. 1- 30 and Feb. 1-28 (Nighttime Hours Only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of scheduled gun deer hunts.

Fox hunting: dogs only- no weapons.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX:

Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts.

No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only. One fox per day.

WOODCOCK:

Dec. 15-Jan. 28. No hunting on days of gun deer hunts.

SNIPE:

Nov. 11-Feb. 26. No hunting on days of primitive weapons and gun deer hunts.

FURBEARER TRAPPING:

Nov. 4-Feb. 28. All trappers must wear hunter's orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

(excluding feral swine)

BAG LIMITS: Deer – (ALL BUCKS HARVESTED ON WMA'S MUST BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE ANNUAL STATE WIDE 3 BUCK LIMIT, EXCEPT ON BONUS BUCK DAY). Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns) - One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck; antlered bucks must have a minimum 3 points on one side, each at least one inch in length; Bucks Only with buck antlered restrictions: Minimum 3 points on one side (one deer per day); Archery (except spotted fawns) - One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck; antlered bucks must have a minimum 3 points on one side, each at least one inch in length; Turkey (gobblers only) - 1 a day (5 per season); Squirrel - 8 a day; Quail - 8 a day; Rabbit - 8 a day; Raccoon & Opossum - No Limit; Fox - 1 a day; Woodcock - 3 a day; 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:

Deer: Stalk Hunts: As defined in Alabama Regulations legal arms and ammunition in 220-2-.02(2), (excluding buckshot) and archery equipment in 220-2-.03.

Turkey: As defined in 220-2-.02(3), except no center-fire pistols or crossbows allowed.

Remainder of Seasons: Legal arms and ammunition as defined in 220-2-.02 and archery equipment in 220-2-.03.

Trapping: As Defined in 220-2-.30(2), except no .22 magnums are allowed.

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

IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL:

- To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, ammunition, traps or bow and arrow without a valid permit. A permit is valid only during scheduled management and refuge area seasons during legal hunting hours and only with weapons and ammunition permitted for hunting the wildlife listed on permit. See (21) for limited exception for certain lawfully licensed handguns possessed for personal protection.
- To use dogs for stalk hunting of deer or turkey.
- To use dogs for hunting, training or any purpose from March 6 to August 31.
- For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on the management area unless accompanied by a licensed hunter at all times.
- For any person to carry in or on a vehicle, any of the following: any firearm (including pistols) 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 crossbows. See (21) for limited exception for certain lawfully licensed handguns possessed for personal protection.
- To camp in the management area except in designated sites. Campers using generators must camp in site designated for generator use. Individuals or groups may camp on the management area 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 kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those period of the deer and turkey seasons in that county, when possessing a valid permit and using weapons and ammunition that are legal for the open designated WMA hunt designated for hunting.
- To discharge fireworks at any time.
- To discharge firearms for target practice.
- To hunt or discharge firearms within 150 yards of any camping area, dwelling, dam or timber operation, or within 100 yards of any paved public road, highway, or within a posted safety zone, or within one-half mile of a church on Sunday **or from within the right of way of any developed road open to vehicular traffic.**
- To possess open alcoholic beverages outside designated camping areas.**
- 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.
- For any unauthorized person to possess and/or operate ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE on any AREA, except when utilized for the expressed purpose of retrieving game animals, traveling to or from a hunting location, or any other hunting related activity. Any other recreational use of ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE on any AREA is prohibited.
- To ride or possess horses except on roads or trails open to four-wheel motorized vehicles or on roads, trails, or in areas designated as open to horses. Riding or possession of horses is prohibited on any AREA on days of scheduled gun deer hunts, and during legal hours of turkey hunting. Riding or possession of horses shall be restricted to holders of a current valid Wildlife Management Area license and a valid wildlife management area permit.
- For any person to hunt deer on days of scheduled gun or primitive weapons hunts without wearing a vest containing a minimum 144 square inches of hunter orange color, or either a full size hunter orange hat or cap. The hunter orange must be of solid color, except for a small logo on the front of the cap, and visible from any angle.
- 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 is impossible.
- To deposit, distribute or scatter grain, salt, litter, or any other materials on management area prior to receiving approval from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- For any person to damage or remove any artifacts, trees, crops or other plants, dirt, gravel or sod from management area without legal authorization.
- To hunt from an elevated stand or platform without first attaching themselves to the tree or platform **with a full body safety harness** capable of supporting their weight.
- To transport deer killed during the gun hunts from the management area before being examined at the checking station for scientific data.
- Nothing in this regulation prohibits or requires a wildlife management 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 (including persons while bow hunting) except as otherwise provided by this regulation.
- Users should refer to WMA Regulation 220-2-.55 for the complete list of WMA specific regulations.**

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 Tennessee Valley Authority, the Forever Wild Land Trust, Private Landowners and the Alabama Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation.