

OAKMULGEE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
(Bibb, Hale, Perry & Tuscaloosa Counties)
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES
Hunting Regulations – September 2016 – August 2017

PERMITS: Gun deer permits will be issued daily from the checking station on the Nov. 19-20, Dec. 2-3 and Dec. 30-31 hunts only. This map shall serve as a permit for all other deer hunting, small game hunting, and turkey hunting. Maps permits are available at the self-service box located at the checking station; locally at Wal-Mart, Skyland Blvd., Tuscaloosa; Duncanville Feed and Seed, Hwy. 82 E. Duncanville; Woods and Waters, Skyland Blvd., Tuscaloosa; and Pleasant Valley Store, Hwy. 25 S., Hale County; and Academy Sports and Outdoors, Skyland Blvd., Tuscaloosa; or via the internet at www.outdooralabama.com. Requests for small game, archery deer, youth deer, primitive weapons deer, and all turkey permits by mail should be sent to Area Biologist Jeff Makemson, 10949 County Road 50, Moundville, AL 35474 (phone (205) 371-6375 or (205) 339-5716). Include a large, self-addressed stamped envelope and current hunting license number. All deer killed on the Nov. 19-20, Dec. 2-3 and Dec. 30-31 gun deer hunts must be checked in at the checking station on the day of the hunt. All deer killed during all other deer hunts, all turkeys killed during any turkey season, and all feral swine killed during any hunt must be reported by completing the self-service form at the checking station or contacting the Area Biologist. Trapping permits must be obtained from the Area Biologist. On each gun deer hunt, all hunters less than 16 years of age and all female hunters will be issued an either-sex deer permit good for that day's hunt only.

LOCATION OF CHECKING STATION: 11 miles east of Moundville on Hale County Road 50, adjacent to the Elliott Creek Work Center. **The checking station will be open one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset on the Nov. 19-20, Dec. 2-3 and Dec 30-31 gun deer hunts only.**

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) 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 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 remain within 30 feet of supervisors at all times.
- Individuals ages 16 through 64 that utilize the shooting range on Oakmulgee WMA are required to possess a valid Wildlife Heritage License, State hunting license, WMA license, or resident annual freshwater fishing license, or pay the USFS fee of \$3.00 per vehicle.
- Statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies to all WMAs.
- 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:

Zones A & B (Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): **Nov. 12-13.** Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered deer.
*Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone A.
(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): **Nov. 19-20, Dec. 2-3, Dec. 30-31.** Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. A predetermined percentage of the permits issued will be hunter's choice.
*Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone A.
(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: **Dec. 9-11 and Jan. 13-15.** One antlered buck per day. *Antlered buck restrictions apply Zone A.
Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): **Nov. 14-18 and Dec. 14-18.** Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone A.
(Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): **Oct. 15 – Feb. 10.** Two deer per day. One unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
Antlered bucks only during buck only gun hunts. *Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone A.
*Antlered buck restrictions apply – Minimum of 3 point (1 inch or more) on at least one main beam.

TURKEY: (Youth) **Mar. 11-12** (Daylight until 1:00 pm). Gobblers only. Sign in each day at check station to hunt and record harvest.
(Physically Disabled) **Mar. 14** (Daylight until 1:00 pm). Gobblers only.
(Regular) **Mar. 15 - Apr. 30** (Daylight until 1:00 pm). Gobblers only.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: **Sep. 15 – Mar. 5.** No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.
Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

QUAIL: **Nov. 5 - Feb. 28.** No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX: **Sep. 1 – Mar. 5** (Nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.
Fox hunting – Dogs only; no weapons.

DOVE: **State season** (12:00 noon until sunset). No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.
WOODCOCK & SNIPE: **Dec. 16 - Jan. 29.** No hunting on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

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. Only one fox per day.

CROW: **Sep. 1 – Mar. 5.** No hunting on days of youth gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

WATERFOWL: **State season.** No hunting on days of scheduled youth gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

FERAL SWINE: (Special Hunt) **Mar. 1-5.** Permitted firearms & bow and arrow and hunter orange requirements same as that for gun deer hunting on WMA.
No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only.

FURBEARER TRAPPING: (excluding feral swine) **Nov. 5 – Feb. 28.** All trappers must wear hunter's orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

BAG LIMITS: Deer (*antlered bucks only hunts*) – Zone A: minimum of three (3) points, 1-inch or longer, on at least one antler – 1 a day (statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies), Zone B: antlers visible above the natural hairline – 1 a day (statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies); deer (*archery, primitive weapons, hunter's choice gun hunts*) - either-sex (except spotted fawns) – Zone A: two deer per day-one unantlered deer and one antlered buck with a minimum of 3 points, 1 inch or greater on at least one antler (statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies), Zone B - two deer per day-one unantlered deer and one antlered buck with antlers visible above the natural hairline (statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies); squirrel – 8 a day; rabbit – 8 a day; quail – 8 a day; woodcock – 3 a day; snipe – 8 a day; raccoon – 5 a day; opossum – no limit; fox – 1 a day; bobcat – no limit; mourning dove – 15 a day; crow – no limit; waterfowl – State and Federal regulations apply; turkey (*gobblers only*) – 1 a day (5 per season); feral swine – no limit; coyote – no limit.

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.
Primitive Weapons: Using only muzzle loading rifles (.40 caliber or larger), muzzle loading shotguns, air-powered guns (.30 caliber or larger) or archery equipment as defined in 220-2-.03.
Turkey: As defined in 220-2-.02(3), except no center-fire pistols or crossbows allowed.
Special Feral Swine Hunts: Same as Stalk Deer Hunts (**Hunter Orange Requirements Apply**).
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(1), except no .22 magnums are allowed.
Falconry will be legal on all AREA scheduled hunts for legally permitted falcons; following the dates those seasons are open on each AREA.

IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL:

1. To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, traps, or bow and arrow, except on open designated target ranges, without a valid permit. A permit is valid only during scheduled WMA 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. See (25) for limited exception for certain lawfully licensed handguns possessed for personal protection.
2. To use dogs for hunting of deer, turkey, or feral swine.
3. To use dogs for hunting, training or any purpose from March 6 until the opening of the following fall gun season.
4. For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on any WMA unless accompanied by a licensed hunter at all times.
5. To have in possession any fully automatic rifle.
6. For any person to hunt deer with gun without first presenting the required license at the checking station.
7. For any person to carry in or on a vehicle, any of the following: any firearms [including pistols/handguns, except as described in (25)] 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 (25) for limited exception for certain lawfully licensed handguns possessed for personal protection.
8. To cast a light of any kind either handheld, affixed to vehicle, or otherwise between the hours of sunset and sunrise. This does not apply to headlights of traveling vehicles in a normal manner on open established roads.
9. To camp on any WMA except in designated sites. On WMAs located on U.S. Forest Service lands, this camping restriction applies from October 1-January 31. Individuals or groups may camp on WMAs for a period not to exceed nine (9) days in any thirty (30) day period. Campfires must be extinguished before departing. No warming fires shall be permitted away from camping area.
10. To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting. However, this regulation shall not apply to coyote or feral swine, which may be killed during all scheduled WMA hunts, when possessing a valid permit and using weapons and ammunition that are legal for such designated hunts during daylight hours only.
11. To discharge fireworks at any time.
12. To discharge firearms for target practice provided, however, that this regulation shall not apply to the designated target ranges on Oakmulgee WMA. All range users shall abide by the listed rules. Permits for the excepted uses will be issued by the Area Biologist. The range may be closed as necessary by the Area Biologist.
13. To hunt or discharge firearms within 150 yards of any camping area, dwelling, dam or timber operation, 100 yards of any paved public road or highway, or from within the right-of-way of any developed U.S. Forest Service road (paved or unpaved) which is open for vehicular traffic; within a posted safety zone or on Sunday within one-half mile of any church.
14. For any person to possess any firearm while hunting with bow and arrow or crossbow, except on days of either-sex gun deer hunts (See 26 for limited exception).
15. To transport deer killed during gun hunts from the WMA before being checked at the designated checking station for scientific data.
16. 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.
17. For any unauthorized person at any time to operate any unlicensed motor scooter, motorcycle, trail bike, ATV, UTV, or other motor driven vehicle on the WMA. Utility right-of-ways are not open to vehicular traffic.
18. For any unauthorized person to ride or possess horses except on roads and trails open to four-wheel motorized vehicles.
19. For any person to hunt deer or feral swine on days of scheduled youth, gun, or primitive weapons deer, or special feral swine hunts without wearing an outer garment above the waist containing a minimum of 144 square inches of hunter orange color or either a full size hunter orange hat or cap. Hunters are not required to wear hunter orange when hunting from a stand elevated twelve (12) feet or more above the ground. The hunter orange must be of solid color, except for a small logo and/or printing on the front of the cap, and visible from any angle.
20. 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.
21. For any person to deposit, distribute or scatter grain, salt, litter, or any other materials on any WMA maintained by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources prior to receiving approval from said Department.
22. To damage or remove any artifacts, trees, crops, or other plants, dirt, gravel or sod without legal authorization.
23. To erect or use a permanent tree stand or scaffold.
24. 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.
25. 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 except as otherwise provided by this regulation.
26. For any person to field-dress or move any harvested antlered buck or turkey without first properly recording it on the hunter's Antlered Deer Harvest Record or Turkey Harvest Record form.
27. To use the target ranges on Oakmulgee WMA without a valid State hunting license, WMA license, Wildlife Heritage license, or freshwater fishing license, or paying the USFS fee of \$3.00 per vehicle.
28. 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 U.S. Forest Service.