

**STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE LANDS DIVISION**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR THE LEASE OF TRACTS
FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING**

The Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, through its State Lands Division (State Lands) previously awarded 5-year leases for the 2025-2030 Hunting Lease cycle pursuant to a Complete Announcement of Auction for Hunting Leases dated April 17, 2025, and Invitation for Bids for Hunting Leases dated September 26, 2025 (Hunting Lease Announcement). State Lands is now accepting written bids via email for tracts that did not successfully lease pursuant to the Hunting Lease Announcement or are otherwise currently available for 4-year leases during the 2026-2030 Hunting Lease cycle which ends June 30, 2030.

All bids submitted must be in an amount equal to or greater than the minimum for the first-year lease rental amount as detailed in the "October 2026 List of 2026-30 Hunting Tracts" (October List of Tracts) set forth below. Specification of a minimum bid amount to be considered does not suggest acceptance of any bid which may equal or exceed that amount.

Bids will be accepted separately for each individually numbered tract (in its entirety). Lump sum bids for all tracts or combinations/portions of tracts will not be considered. The bid may be written in any form but must separately state **FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL TRACT** the following:

TRACT NUMBER: _____
(See below October List of Tracts for Individual Tract #)

BID AMOUNT: _____
(Amount of first year's rental in an amount no less than minimum identified in the October List of Tracts)

NAME OF LESSEE: _____
(As it will appear on the lease)

NAME OF BIDDER: _____

BIDDER MAILING ADDRESS: _____

BIDDER EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

BIDDER CELL NUMBER: _____

Bids must be received by State Lands **NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM, October 22, 2026**. NO BID SHALL BE RECEIVED FOR ANY REASON ANY TIME AFTER THIS DEADLINE. IT SHALL BE THE **SOLE RESPONSIBILITY** OF THE BIDDER TO ENSURE **ACTUAL RECEIPT** OF THE BID BY THE STATE LANDS DIVISION PRIOR TO THIS DEADLINE. Bids should be submitted **by email** as follows:

EMAIL: bailey.forks@dcnr.alabama.gov Subject: "Hunting Lease Bid Tract # ____"

Beginning at 10:00 AM on October 23, 2026, all bids will be reviewed by State Lands. As soon as practicable upon completion, an unofficial list of high bids will be posted to <https://www.outdooralabama.com/Oct2026HuntingLeaseBids>.

State Lands will then attempt to contact high bidder(s) to provide instructions as to next steps toward lease execution (including process in the event of tie bids). It is the sole responsibility of each bidder to provide accurate and legible email and cell phone contact information.

Regardless of successful contact made by State Lands, the high bidder must deliver no later than 4:00 PM on November 6, 2026, ALL of the following:

- (1) a certified check or a cashier's check (NO PERSONAL CHECKS, CASH OR MONEY ORDERS) made payable to the "State Lands Division" for the amount of the successful high bid; and
- (2) a SEPARATE certified check or a cashier's check (NO PERSONAL CHECKS, CASH OR MONEY ORDERS) made payable to the "State Lands Division" for the "Reimbursement" amount (for remaining tract appraisal/advertising costs) as identified on the October List of Tracts.
- (3) For tracts listed as not having public access, evidence of high bidder's right to access the tract in a form that is acceptable to State Lands

State Lands reserves the right to immediately proceed with the next highest bidder(s) in the event the required payment is not properly submitted by the initial high bidder and/or actually received by State Lands by this deadline. State Lands further reserves all rights and conditions previously set forth in the Hunting Lease Announcement including, but not limited to, the right to withdraw any or all tracts from consideration; to reject any or all bids; and further to negotiate a higher lease price for the lease of the property with the highest bidder.

Bids awarded for 2026-30 Hunting Lease Tracts pursuant to this October 2026 Invitation will also be subject to the terms and conditions of the lease required to be executed by successful bidders. A copy of the sample lease agreement, Hunting Lease Announcement, and maps corresponding to the individual tract numbers set forth in the October List of Tracts below are available at <https://www.outdooralabama.com/Oct2026HuntingLeaseBids> or by calling State Lands at 334-242-3484.

Before submitting a bid, potentially interested bidders must review the terms set forth in the sample lease which include Lessee's responsibility to establish and maintain all necessary rights to access and be able to evidence such rights in a form acceptable to the State Lands Division.

A successful bidder must complete the lease transaction within thirty (30) days of the official bid award date or forfeit the submitted bid check and reimbursement check.

The State does not warrant nor guarantee either title or access to any tracts and further does not warrant or guarantee the condition of said tracts or any improvements related thereto. All bidders should satisfy themselves as to the State's title, accuracy of acreage offered, tract condition and tract accessibility. The listing of certain tracts specifically identified as having no public access does not constitute any representation or guarantee that other tracts do have public access.

Officers and employees of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, as well as members of their families, shall be excluded from bidding on any tract described herein. Where

applicable, as noted in the October List of Tracts, additional individuals may also be excluded from bidding on specified tracts.

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, disability, pregnancy, genetic information or veteran status in its hiring or employment practices nor in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities.

October 2026 LIST OF 2026-30 HUNTING TRACTS

TRACT MINIMUM BID AMOUNTS & LOCATION:

The listing of certain tracts in this list identified as having "no public access" does not constitute any representation or guarantee that other tracts do have public access.

(Note: Any bid in an amount less than the minimum bid for the first year's rental amount for each parcel will not be considered.)

Public Access

#10. DeKalb County – T6S, R10E, the E2NW, the E2SW and the W2SE of Section 16; containing 240± acres. **Minimum Bid - \$3,079.00 BOW HUNTING ONLY!**

#25. Marion County – T10S, R13W, entire Section 16; containing 640± acres. **Minimum Bid - \$8,250.00**

#45. Tuscaloosa County – Alabama Department of Mental Health Institutional land within T21S, R11W, the S2NWNW and the SWNW less 1 acre in the southwest corner of Section 31; T21S, R12W, the E2SWSE south of Boothtown Road in Section 25; the S2SENE, the W2NE and the E2NW of Section 36; containing 251± acres. **Minimum Bid - \$2,408.00** Note: Officers and employees of the Alabama Department of Mental Health, as well as members of their families, shall be excluded from submitting bids for this tract.

#53. Walker County – T13S, R10W, the S2NW and the SW of Section 29; and the NENE of Section 31; containing 282± acres. **Minimum Bid - \$3,024.00**

#58. Walker County – T14S, R8W, the N2NE of Section 36; containing 80± acres. **Minimum Bid - \$695.00**

THE FOLLOWING TRACTS DO NOT HAVE PUBLIC ACCESS

#81. DeKalb County – T9S, R7E, the W2NW of Section 22; containing 80± acres. **Minimum Bid - \$742.00** (Reimbursement amount due in the amount of \$115)

#82. DeKalb County – T8S, R7E, the E2NE of Section 36; containing 80± acres. **Minimum Bid - \$546.00**

#83. DeKalb County – T9S, R7E, W2SW of Section 32; containing 80± acres. **Minimum Bid - \$906.00** (Reimbursement amount due in the amount of \$115)

#85. Etowah County – T10S, R6E, the NWNW of Section 26; containing 40± acres. **Minimum Bid - \$515.00** (Reimbursement amount due in the amount of \$115)

#107. Mobile County – T6S, R4W, the SE fraction of Section 32; containing 96± acres. **Minimum Bid - \$840.00** BOW HUNTING ONLY! (Appraisal and advertising costs due in the amount of \$115)

#112. Talladega County – T19S, R5E, SESE of Section 16; containing 40+ acres. **Minimum Bid - \$234.00**

#121. Walker County – T13S, R9W, the S2SW of Section 32; containing 75± acres. **Minimum Bid - \$386.00** (Reimbursement amount due in the amount of \$115)

#124. Walker County – T13S, R10W, the SWSW of Section 27; containing 40± acres. **Minimum Bid - \$206.00** (Reimbursement amount due in the amount of \$115)

#126. Walker County – T13S, R10W, the SENE of Section 33; containing 40± acres. **Minimum Bid - \$206.00** (Reimbursement amount due in the amount of \$115)



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