

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS

Title 40: Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks

Part 4: Law Enforcement

Part 4, Chapter 1: General regulations on hunting.

RULE 1.1 HUNTING RACCOONS FROM BOAT PROHIBITED.

It shall be unlawful to hunt, take, shoot, or kill any raccoon from a boat in any waters of the State of Mississippi.

History: Revised September 2014.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-7-45.

RULE 1.2 LAWFUL WEAPONS AFTER HOURS.

Legal weapons for hunting between one-half (½) hour after sunset to one-half (½) hour before sunrise are restricted to handguns or rifles using NO larger than .22 Long Rifle rimfire bullet or shot cartridges (.22 magnums are excluded), and shotguns with shot NO larger than No.6.

History: Revised September 2014.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-7-59.

RULE 1.3 PRIMITIVE WEAPON DEFINED.

A. Primitive firearms for the purpose of hunting deer, are defined as:

1. Single or double barreled muzzle-loading rifles of at least .38 caliber;
2. Single shot, breech loading, cartridge rifles (.35 caliber or larger) and replicas, reproductions or reintroductions of those type rifles; and
3. Single or double-barreled muzzle-loading shotguns with single ball or slug.
4. All muzzle-loading Primitive Firearms must use black powder or a black powder substitute with either percussion caps or #209 shotgun primers or flintlock ignition.
5. Breech loading single shot rifles must have exposed hammers and use metallic cartridges.

B. For the purposes of this rule, a 'black powder substitute' is defined as a substance designed, manufactured and specifically intended to be used as a propellant in muzzleloading or other black powder firearms, excluding modern smokeless powder.

C. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the use of a primitive firearm with telescopic sights.

D. The firearm type and caliber restrictions, set forth above, shall not apply to hunters fifteen (15) years of age and younger, who are hunting during any Youth Hunting Season as set by the Commission. Youths hunting during special youth hunting seasons may carry and use any firearm with which they can safely hunt, and in compliance with other applicable laws, rules and regulations.

E. The requirement to purchase and possess a separate ~~crossbow~~, archery and/or primitive weapon hunting license, as set forth in MISS. CODE ANN. §49-7-37(6), shall apply during the special open seasons for hunting deer with bow and arrow, and/or primitive firearms as set forth in MISS. CODE ANN. §49-7-31, *et. seq.*

History: Revised September 2014.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-7-37.

RULE 1.4 HUNTING FROM A MOTORIZED VEHICLE.

A. It is unlawful to shoot at any wild animal, or wild bird from a motorized vehicle or motorized conveyance unless the progress from such vehicle or conveyance has completely ceased.

B. It is unlawful to hunt, chase, take, kill, or pursue any wild animal other than squirrels and beaver from a motor boat or other water craft having a motor, unless the motor has been completely shut off and its progress has ceased.

C. It is unlawful to discharge any firearm, other than .22 Long Rifle (rimfire) caliber rifles or pistols, using "rat" or "snake shot" ammunition, from a boat or other watercraft operating on the public waters of this state during night time hours from 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise; except the Commission may set special seasons and regulations for the taking of alligators at night during dates and times set by them.

History: Revised September 2014.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-7-45.

RULE 1.5 REGULATIONS REGARDING THE TAKING, CATCHING OR KILLING OF ANY WILD BIRD OR WILD ANIMAL ON LANDS AFFECTED BY FLOOD WATERS.

A. Be it ordered that no person shall take, catch or kill, or attempt to take, catch or kill any wild bird or wild animal, except waterfowl, between October 1 and February 1 on lands in DeSoto, Tunica and Coahoma Counties which lie south of the Tennessee State line, west of Highway 61 and north of Highway 49 when the Mississippi River level reaches thirty-four (34) feet on the Memphis, Tennessee gauge and shall remain so until the Mississippi River level falls to or below thirty-two (32) feet on the Memphis gauge.

B. Be it ordered that no person shall take, catch or kill, or attempt to take, catch or kill any wild bird or wild animal, except waterfowl, between October 1 and February 1 on lands in Coahoma, Bolivar and Washington Counties which lie south of Highway 49, west of Highway 61 to the intersection of Highway 61 and Highway 444, west of Highway 1 and north of Highway 82 when the Mississippi River level reaches forty-one (41) feet on the Helena, Arkansas gauge and shall remain so until the Mississippi River falls to or below thirty-nine (39) feet on the Helena gauge.

C. Be it ordered that no person shall take, catch or kill, or attempt to take, catch or kill any wild bird or wild animal, except waterfowl, between October 1 and February 1 on lands in Washington and Issaquena Counties which lie south of Highway 82, west of Highway 1 and North of Highway 14 when the Mississippi River level reaches forty-eight (48) feet on the Greenville, Mississippi gauge and shall remain so until the Mississippi River level falls to or below forty-six (46) feet on the Greenville gauge.

D. Be it ordered that no person shall take, catch or kill, or attempt to take, catch or kill any wild bird or wild animal, except waterfowl, between October 1 and February 1 on lands in Issaquena, Sharkey and Warren Counties which lie south of Highway 14, west of Highway 61 and north of the Big Black River when the Mississippi River level reaches forty-three (43) feet on the Vicksburg, Mississippi gauge and shall remain so until the Mississippi River level falls to or below forty-one (41) feet on the Vicksburg gauge.

History: Revised September 2014.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-7-77.