All Persons 15 Years of Age or Younger, must be in the presence and under the direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter at least twenty-one (21) years of age, when hunting. A licensed hunter supervising a child as provided in this section must be at least one (1) calendar year, the person's privileges to hunt and fish on a WMA with weapons and ammunition legal for that season. Trapping (including snaring) is allowed for selected seasons. The Buck Bayou Unit will be closed to ALL ACTIVITIES on Tuesdays from Oct. 1–Dec. 31, SCOUTING IS ALLOWED ON SATURDAYS and WEDNESDAYS.

For deer hunting regulations see HAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG REGULATIONS. For waterfowl see FEDERAL INSTRUCTIONS, and for the post season light goose conservation order see FEDERAL REGULATIONS.
WMA USER PERMIT: All persons using this wildlife management area, except those exempt from purchasing an annual hunting or fishing license, must carry on their person an annual statewide Wildlife Management Area User Permit. This permit is required in addition to the daily visitor use permit and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

BAG LIMITS: Season bag limit of 3 deer, of which only 1 may be a legal buck. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits.

DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at a WMA check station by the hunter who harvested them before leaving the WMA. If WMA personnel are not available to check the deer, the hunter is responsible for collecting and legibly recording all biological data (weight, antler measurements, and jawbone). Instructions and equipment will be provided. Once the jawbone is removed, all antlerless deer heads harvested on Phil Bryant WMA must be tagged and deposited in the Mahannah or Phil Bryant CWD Collection freezer.

DEER HUNTING PERMITS: You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 16 inches or one main beam length of at least 20 inches. During the Buck Bayou Unit Youth Only Hunt ONLY, hunters 15 years of age or younger may harvest any antlered buck. During the Buck Bayou and Mahannah Units, a youth hunter must check-out by 1 p.m. except during the statewide waterfowl youth hunt. No boats, blinds, or decoys are to be left out overnight.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs is allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. During all WMA deer firearms seasons, no loaded shoulder fired weapons allowed within 100 ft of any road within WMA, including ATV trails.

HORSES: Horseback riding is prohibited during WMA deer and turkey seasons. At all other times, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles and designated ATV trails. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed on entire area during nighttime hunting hours.

CAMPING: Camping is allowed in designated areas only. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

SCOUTING: Buck Bayou: Scouting is allowed daily prior to Oct. 1, and on any Saturdays, Wednesdays, and on any small game hunting days thereafter. Only those persons drawn to hunt, and waterfowl hunters during waterfowl season, will be allowed on the area during permitted hunts.

HIGH WATER: Phil Bryant WMA will be closed to all activities, except waterfowl hunting, at 82 ft on the Steele Bayou Landside Gauge.

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DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

CAUTION: Public use trails may be located on this wildlife management area. Recreational and users, and other visitors should be aware that other users may be on the area at the same time they are. All users should learn and observe trail safety guidelines and always make other users aware of their presence.

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