Legal Weapons:

Firearms:

- From a stand or blind, unless otherwise stated.
- Hunters shall not use rifles or shotguns of solid unbroken fluorescent orange when hunting or walking to/from a WMA.
- Hunters must wear a hunter orange vest or cap.
- During any Youth Hunt for Deer, WMA as defined in Forfeiture of Hunting Privileges section.

Archery Equipment:

- Primitive weapons are those defined by 40 Miss Admin Code Pt 2 Chap 1.7.
- No food plots may be placed on WMAs except by area personnel.

Food Plots/Agricultural Leases:

- Portable stands may not be installed on the management area more than 200 feet from any road or designated vehicle trail within a WMA.
- Unless otherwise stated in individual WMA regulations for exceptions to this rule.
- No ATV/ORV allowed on any road or designated vehicle trail within a WMA.
- Hunters may be required to use a rope or tether.

Wildlife:

- Wild hogs are classified as nuisance animals and hunters are encouraged to kill them at every lawful opportunity. The opportunity to kill hogs on WMAs is provided only for population control purposes and not for sport. Wild hogs may be killed during daylight hours only during any WMA hunting season with weapons legal for that season.
- Bears: Black bears may be present on a WMA. Be aware of State parks that are State park management areas and may be subject to other rules. Special privileges to eligible hunters may include: access to harvest black bears.

Roads/Vehicles:

- All WMA boundary lines are marked. Lands adjacent to any WMA may be private lands. Crossing onto private lands may subject the hunter to criminal liability for trespass. Stands, blinds, or other hunting locations should be placed so that the hunter does not shoot across any boundary line and onto adjacent private property.
- ATV/ORV may be placed on WMAs unless otherwise stated in individual WMA regulations for exceptions to this rule.

Baiting and Feeding:

- No bait or feed is allowed on WMAs at any time. No food plots may be placed on WMAs except by area personnel.

Fall-Arrest Systems:

- While climbing a tree, installing a tree stand or blind, or otherwise damaging any standing live tree, natural or artificial, the tree stand or blind may be confiscated and disposed of by the MDWFP.

Bears:

- No loaded centerfire rifles are allowed on WMAs.

Littering:

- Littering is prohibited.

Baiting and Feeding:

- No bait or feed is allowed on WMAs at any time.

Special instructions:

- All WMA deer hunting seasons (excluding waterfowl season) are closed for 24 hours from south of the Tombigbee River gauge at Bigbee reads 17.0 ft or higher.
- All waterfowl seasons (excluding waterfowl season) are closed for 24 hours for all areas of the WMA lying north of HWY 278, south of HWY 6, west of the Tombigbee River, and east of Town Creek when the 6:00 a.m. Tombigbee River gauge at Bigbee reads 17.0 ft or higher.

REFERENCES:

- CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 55, Section 16-44.3.
- Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§39-7-11, 49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.
By contacting the Jackson Office (601-432-2199).

weapon seasons. All handicap hunters must pre-register and vehicular access is only allowed on Sundays, 6 south to the intersection of the old Tombigbee River and the Tens-Tom Waterway.

BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits, except the bag limit on antlerless deer is one (1) per day. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 12 inches OR a main beam length of at least 15 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at a check station and recorded on WMA Daily Visitor Use Permit card or WMA Check-In App 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.

DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only from Feb. 1–28. With legal small game. Legal weapons: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. The Matabby Creek Island is closed to all firearms. EXCEPTION: Only archery equipment is allowed for deer hunting in the ARCHERY ONLY DEER HUNTING AREA.

WATERFOWL: The WMA may be hunted each day from one-half hour before sunrise until 12:00 p.m. All decoys, boats, and blinds must be removed from the hunting area by 1:00 p.m. each day.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATV/ WATERCRAFT: ORVs/ATVs are not allowed on Canal Section WMA. ORVs/ATVs are allowed on John Bell Williams WMA only for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Watercraft left unattended more than 30 days may be confiscated and disposed of by MDWFP.

HORSES: Horseback riding is prohibited during WMA deer and turkey seasons. At all other times, horseback riding is restricted to hard surface roads. No hunting from horses allowed on Canal Section WMA, however, raccoon hunting from horses is allowed on John Bell Williams WMA during night-time hunting hours.

CAMPING: No camping allowed.