

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS

Title 40: Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks

Part 2: Wildlife

Part 2, Chapter 1: Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)

Rule 1.1 BASIC REGULATIONS FOR ALL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS (WMAs).

Disclaimer: *State wildlife management areas (WMAs), fishing lakes, and parks, are managed to be as close to a natural condition as possible, while providing access and opportunities for outdoor recreation. Any number of animals, plants, and insects, some of which may be dangerous to humans, may be found on state WMAs, lakes, and parks. Please enjoy the opportunities we offer to interact with nature, but be mindful of your surroundings. Should you have any questions about specific locations, please call us at 601-432-2199 or visit www.mdwfp.com. To report a wildlife violation, call 1-800-BESMART.*

A. Safety Precautions:

1. Target shooting is prohibited, except on designated ranges.
2. No hunting or shooting within 200 yards of any building.
3. No alcoholic beverages allowed. Persons intoxicated or careless with firearms shall be removed immediately.
4. No shooting across WMA boundary lines. Unless they have been tampered with, all WMA boundary lines are marked. Lands adjacent to any WMA may be private lands. Crossing onto adjacent private lands may subject the hunter to criminal liability for trespassing. Stands, blinds, or other hunting positions should be placed so that the hunter does not shoot across any boundary line and onto adjacent private property. Hunters shall obey all markers and related signs on the WMA. A violation of this provision may also subject the hunter to charges for a violation of WMA hunting regulations and possible loss of hunting privileges on a WMA.

B. Hunter Orange/Fluorescent Pink: When hunting deer or hogs during any firearm season for deer on a WMA, including during special hunts, hunters must wear in full view a minimum of 500 square inches of solid unbroken fluorescent orange or pink. When hunting quail or rabbit on a WMA, hunters must wear a fluorescent orange or pink vest or cap. During any Youth Hunt for Deer, ALL deer hunters on the area must wear a minimum of 500 square inches of solid unbroken fluorescent orange or pink when hunting or walking to / from a stand / blind unless otherwise stated below. Hunters shall not be required to wear five hundred (500) square inches of solid unbroken fluorescent orange or pink when: Hunting from a deer stand that is elevated twelve (12) feet or more above the ground; or hunting in a fully enclosed blind.

C. Firearms: Shoulder fired weapons must be unloaded and cased while in a vehicle on a WMA. Shoulder-fired weapons in an ORV/ATV are not required to be cased. The case must be a container specifically designed for firearms and must be zipped, snapped, buckled, tied or otherwise fastened with no portion of the weapon exposed.

D. Legal Weapons: Unless otherwise stated in individual WMA regulations, the following are legal weapons for all WMAs.

1. Primitive Weapons: Primitive weapons are those defined by 40 Mississippi Administrative Code Part 4, Chapter. 1, Rule 1.3 and Archery Equipment.

2. Archery Equipment: Longbows, recurves, compounds, and crossbows are legal archery equipment.

3. Turkey: Only archery equipment and shotguns with #2 shot or smaller may be used for turkey hunting.

4. Small Game: Legal weapons for small game hunting (excluding waterfowl) during Daylight hours are shotguns using #2 shot or smaller, rifles and air rifles, or handguns no larger than .22 rimfire (which includes .22 magnums), muzzleloading rifles .40 caliber or smaller, and archery equipment.

E. All Vehicles within, entering, or leaving a WMA are subject to being checked at roadblocks or checkpoints for compliance with hunting and fishing and/or WMA laws and regulations.

F. All Persons 15 Years of age or younger, while hunting on a WMA, 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 hold a valid Mississippi license for the species being hunted.

G. Youth Hunt Eligibility: Persons eligible to participate in specially designated youth hunts are those who are fifteen (15) years of age or younger.

H. Youths hunting during Primitive Weapon Deer Hunts on a WMA may carry and use any firearm allowed in the "legal weapons for deer hunting" descriptions for that specific WMA.

I. During permitted draw hunts for deer and turkey, for selected hunters 21 years old or older, one youth aged 15 years old or younger may accompany or hunt with the permitted adult hunter. The adult and youth combined harvest shall not exceed the permit bag limit. The drawn hunter may have one non-permitted licensed guest 16 years of age or older. This guest is not allowed to harvest deer or turkey.

J. Dogs: Dogs are not allowed on WMAs during closed seasons except by field trial permit.

K. Roads/Vehicles: During all WMA deer firearms seasons, no loaded shoulder-fired weapons allowed within 100 feet of the center line of any road or designated vehicle trail within a

WMA. No motorized, regardless of size or type, vehicles allowed off-road or on any roads blocked or posted as closed. No ATV/ORV allowed on any public road open to licensed motorized vehicles. No loaded weapon may be in possession when operating an ORV/ATV. ORVs/ATVs may be used on the WMA by any Federal or State employee, Law Enforcement Officers, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force engaged in the performance of an official duty. Vehicles blocking any gate, road, trail, levee, right-of-way, boat ramp, or permit station are prohibited and may be towed at the owner's expense. See individual wildlife management area regulations for exceptions to this rule.

L. Horses: Horses are defined as any equine species, or livestock, that may be ridden. No horses allowed on any levees within a WMA unless otherwise stated. On areas where horses are allowed, all horse riders must wear a minimum of 500 square inches of solid unbroken fluorescent orange or fluorescent pink during any open hunting season.

M. Food Plots/Agricultural Leases: No horses, ATVs/ORVs or other vehicles allowed on wildlife food plots or on un-harvested crop land.

N. Harassment of wildlife, including spotlighting, is prohibited.

O. Tree Stands and Blinds: It shall be illegal to construct or to hunt from any permanent stands or blinds. Destroying, defacing, cutting, driving nails or spikes into, or otherwise damaging any standing live tree, natural feature, or plant is prohibited. Portable stands (including tripods and ground blinds) that are not removed from the area daily must have the hunter's name and phone number permanently and legibly written on or attached to the stand. Stands left on the area do not reserve hunting locations. Portable stands may not be installed on the management area prior to 7 days before deer season opens, nor left longer than 7 days after deer season closes. Stands not in compliance with these regulations may be confiscated and disposed of by the MDWFP.

P. Fall-Arrest Systems: While climbing a tree, installing a tree stand that uses climbing aids, or while hunting from a tree stand on a WMA, hunters must use a fall-arrest system (full body harness) that is manufactured to industry standards. Tree saddle users must remain connected to the tree at all times by means of a lineman's belt or tether.

Q. 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.

R. During Deer Seasons Without Dogs, the use of organized drivers and standers is prohibited.

S. During Raccoon, Opossum, and Bobcat Seasons, hunting is allowed without dogs during daylight hours and with dogs from one-half hour after sunset until 4 a.m.

T. Beavers, Coyotes, and Hogs may be killed during daylight hours only during any open season on a WMA with weapons and ammunition legal for that season.

U. Posting of Regulations: Area Managers shall post regulations, and changes thereto, at each check-in station and at the area headquarters. All posted draw hunt procedures and rules must be followed.

V. Boundary Signs: It shall be the responsibility of WMA personnel to properly identify boundaries with agency signs at intervals no greater than 300 feet. Signs shall be replaced as needed.

W. Guides/Outfitters: No person or group of persons may act as a guide, outfitter, or in any other capacity for which they are paid or promised to be paid by any other individual or individuals for services rendered. Commercial dog training is prohibited.

X. Transporting or Releasing into the wild or capture and removal of any live animal or plant is prohibited without Commission approval.

Y. Other Seasons: Hunting seasons for animals not listed in individual WMA regulations are the same as statewide seasons.

AA. Handicapped Hunter Access: Individuals with disabilities who meet the criteria stated in Rule 1.4, may receive special permitted privileges on all Wildlife Management Areas, except on lands owned by the U.S. Forest Service, which may be subject to other rules. Special privileges to eligible hunters may include: access to handicapped-exclusive areas, special facilities, or access to any open portion of the WMA by ATV/UTV, or other power-driven mobility device. Users must provide documentation or other credible assurance of his or her disability in order to determine eligibility for these special privileges. Contact the Jackson Office at 601-432-2199 for information on obtaining a special privilege permit.

BB. Applicants Selected to Hunt on a WMA during Permitted Draw Hunts must follow all rules included in the draw hunt application and posted at the WMA.

CC. Littering: Littering is prohibited, including spent shotgun shells.

DD. No one shall use metal detectors on any Wildlife Management Area.

EE. WILD HOGS: 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 open WMA hunting season with weapons and ammunition legal for that season. Trapping (including snaring) of hogs is prohibited.

FF. BEARS: Black bears may be present on a WMA. Bears are State protected as an Endangered species. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit card. Sightings may also be reported at www.mdwfp.com.

GG. Unmanned Aerial Vehicles may not be launched from or landed on MDWFP-Owned Wildlife Management Areas.

HH. Trail cameras must have the hunter’s name and phone number permanently and legibly written on or attached to the camera.

II. WMA Check-In: All visitors must check-in before using the WMA and check-out upon leaving the WMA and may do so by using the MDWFP WMA Check-In Application. All harvested game must be reported using the WMA Check-In Application or the Daily Visitor Use Card.

JJ. CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 36 will be followed.

KK. CWD Sampling: All antlerless deer harvested on WMAs within a CWD Management zone must be submitted for sampling.

LL. Tracking and/or Retrieval of Wounded Deer: If blood-trailing/tracking dogs are used, no more than two (2) dogs may be used. If the deer being tracked is discovered alive, but wounded, the hunter or tracker may dispatch the deer by using a handgun with a barrel no longer than six (6) inches chambered in a caliber no larger than .45 caliber. WMA annual user permit and WMA check-in and out required. All off-road motorized vehicle/ATV/UTVs rules apply.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§39-7-11, 49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

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Rule 1.2 NON-STATE OWNED, NON-COE WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Bienville, Representative Richard L. Dick Livingston AND Dale O. Windham WMA at Caney Creek, Caston Creek, Chickasaw, Chickasawhay, Choctaw, John Starr, Leaf River, Little Biloxi, Mason Creek, Red Creek, Sandy Creek, Tallahala, Upper Sardis, and Wolf River Wildlife Management Areas:

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see LEGAL BUCKS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DOG RESTRICTIONS, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks. Bienville, Caney Creek, Caston Creek, Chickasaw, Choctaw, John

		Starr, Sandy Creek, Tallahala, and Upper Sardis.
	Oct. 15 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks. Chickasawhay, Leaf River, Little Biloxi, Mason Creek, Red Creek, and Wolf River.
Youth Deer	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving through Dec. 1	Legal Bucks with Dogs: Bienville, Caney Creek, Caston Creek, Chickasaw, Leaf River, Mason Creek, and Tallahala.
		Legal Bucks without Dogs: Chickasawhay, Choctaw, Little Biloxi, Red Creek, Sandy Creek, and Wolf River.
		Antlerless deer and legal bucks without Dogs: Upper Sardis and John Starr.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 – 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
		Red Creek: Legal bucks only.
Gun	Dec. 16 – 23	Legal bucks only: Caston Creek, Chickasawhay, Choctaw, Leaf River, Little Biloxi, Mason Creek, Red Creek, Sandy Creek, and Wolf River.
		Antlerless deer and legal bucks: Bienville, Caney Creek, Chickasaw, John Starr, Tallahala, and Upper Sardis
Gun	Dec. 24 until 47 days of regular gun hunting for entire deer season.	Legal bucks with dogs: Caney Creek, Caston Creek, Chickasaw, Leaf River, Mason Creek, and Tallahala.
		Legal bucks without dogs: Chickasawhay, Choctaw, Little Biloxi, Red Creek, Sandy Creek, and Wolf River.

		Antlerless deer and legal bucks without dogs: Upper Sardis and John Starr.
	Dec. 24 – 31	Legal bucks without dogs: Bienville.
	Jan. 1 until 47 days of regular gun hunting for the entire deer season.	Legal bucks with dogs: Bienville.
Primitive Weapon	Day after the final day of Gun season - Jan. 31.	Legal bucks only: Bienville, Caney Creek, Caston Creek, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Sandy Creek, and Tallahala.
		Antlerless deer and legal bucks: Upper Sardis and John Starr.
	Day after the final day of Gun season – Feb. 15.	Legal bucks only: Chickasawhay, Leaf River, Little Biloxi, Mason Creek, Red Creek, and Wolf River.
YOUTH TURKEY	March 8 – 14	Bienville, Chickasaw, Caney Creek, Caston Creek, Chickasawhay, John Starr, Leaf River, Red Creek, Sandy Creek, Tallahala, Upper Sardis, and Wolf River.
YOUTH TURKEY	Last Saturday and Sunday in March	Choctaw, Little Biloxi, and Mason Creek
TURKEY – PERMIT ONLY	March 15 – March 31.	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TURKEY	April 1 – May 3	Bienville, Caney Creek, Caston Creek, Leaf River, Sandy Creek, Tallahala, and Upper Sardis.
TURKEY (for WMAs without permitted hunts)	March 15 – May 3 March 15 – Mar. 31 – Non-Residents by permit only through the Non-Resident Public Land Draw.	Chickasaw, Chickasawhay, John Starr, Red Creek, and Wolf River.
TURKEY (for WMAs without permitted hunts)	Apr. 1 – May 3	Choctaw, Little Biloxi, and Mason Creek
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	Bienville, Caney Creek, Caston Creek, Chickasaw,

SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28 May 15 – June 1	Chickasawhay, Choctaw, John Starr, Leaf River, Little Biloxi, Mason Creek, Red Creek, Sandy Creek, Tallahala, Upper Sardis, and Wolf River.
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 – Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 – Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPPOSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 – Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. WMA USER PERMIT: All persons participating in hunting, fishing, or trapping on these wildlife management areas, 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 completing the daily visitor use permit or using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold. Exceptions: Turkey Fork Lake, Davis Lake, Puskus Lake, and Choctaw Lake where no WMA user permits are required.

2. All persons using the following wildlife management areas, except those exempt from purchasing an annual hunting or fishing license must carry on their person an annual statewide Wildlife Management Area User Permit: John Starr and Wolf River. This permit is required in addition to completing the daily visitor use permit or using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

C. CLOSED AREAS:

1. Chickasaw: Areas with boundaries marked with white paint around Davis Lake area, Girl Scout Camp area, Prairie U. M. Church, and area west of Chickasaw WMA work center are designated as NO SHOOTING/NO HUNTING AREAS.

2. Choctaw: Area with boundary marked with white paint around Choctaw Lake and Campground is designated as NO SHOOTING/NO HUNTING AREAS.

3. John Starr: Areas with boundaries marked with red paint around Dorman Lake, School Forest hunter check station, campground on St. Mark Road, and ranger residence are designated as NO SHOOTING/NO HUNTING AREAS.

D. BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits, except the bag limit on antlerless deer is one (1) per day and one of the three (3) bucks may be any antlered deer on Upper Sardis. ALL harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

E. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be recorded on DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card or the WMA Check-In App before leaving the area. All deer harvested must be checked at a self-service data collection 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. All heads from antlerless deer must be deposited in a Little Biloxi WMA CWD collection freezer or a collection freezer inside the Harrison CWD Zone.

F. LEGAL BUCKS:

1. Caston Creek, Chickasaw, Chickasawhay, Choctaw, John Starr, Little Biloxi, Mason Creek, Red Creek, Sandy Creek, Upper Sardis, and Wolf River: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck, EXCEPT FOR Mason Creek, and Caston Creek where, during gun seasons with dogs, a legal buck is a buck with an inside spread of at least 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches.

2. Bienville, Caney Creek, Leaf River, and Tallahala: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 12 inches OR one main beam length of at least 15 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck, EXCEPT FOR Bienville and Leaf River where, during gun seasons with dogs, a legal buck is a buck with an inside spread of at least 12 inches OR one main beam length of at least 15 inches.

G. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.

1. Caney Creek:

a. AREA I (Deer Hunting Without Dogs Area): That portion of the WMA north of I-20, south of Hwy. 80, and east of Hwy. 501. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

b. AREA II (Deer Hunting With Dogs Area): That portion of the WMA south of I-20 and north of Morton-Marathon Road (Road 506). Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during any deer with dogs season. In addition, hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 1 – Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game.

c. AREA III (Deer Hunting Without Dogs Area): That portion of the WMA south of Morton-Marathon Road (Road 506). Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 1 – Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game.

2. Caston Creek:

a. DEER HUNTING WITHOUT DOGS AREA: The portion of the area west of Forest Service Road 155. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 1 – Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game.

b. DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA: The portion of the area east of Forest Service Road 155. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during any deer with dogs season. In addition, hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 1 – Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game

i. From November 1 – January 31, all dog hunting groups or individuals hunting with dogs must obtain a permit to use dogs to hunt any animal or to train dogs on areas open to deer hunting with dogs on Homochitto National Forest. There is no cost for this permit. A permit will be issued to the dog hunting group. All hunters hunting with this group must be listed on the permit prior to hunting; except youth 15 years of age and younger. All hunters hunting with dogs or with the dog hunting group must have the permit on their person while hunting.

ii. Five (5) guest permits will be available in addition the individuals listed on the permit. Guest permits will be valid for 4 consecutive days and must be filled out with the date, hunter's name, hunting license number, and signed by the hunter prior to use. All guests must have the permit on their person while hunting. Guest permits must be turned in to the USFS Meadville office for replacement guest permits to be issued. When guest permits are turned in, a season permit will be issued for these individuals and replacement guest permits will be issued to the group.

iii. Permit numbers must be visually displayed on the back window of all vehicles in the hunting group A permit number will be provided with each individual permit issued. Hunters must display this permit number using 3-inch, block numbers in contrast to the background color.

iv. Permits will be available from the U.S. Forest Service Meadville office. Office location: 1200 Highway 184 East, Meadville, MS 39653. Office hours: 8 am - 4:30 pm (Monday – Friday).

v. Dogs must wear a functional tracking collar and be identified at all times with the permit number and the owner's contact information. Dogs must be kept on the Homochitto National Forest lands that allow deer hunting with dogs.

vi. An administrative review panel of MDWFP and U.S. Forest Service officials may, upon two (2) convictions or documented evidence of two (2) violations of this regulation within a 3-year period, revoke the dog hunting permit for a period of Twenty (20)

days open to hunting deer with dogs. Upon three (3) convictions or documented evidence of three (3) violations of this regulation within a 3-year period, the dog hunting permit may be revoked for a period of one (1) year.

vii. Any person who files a false affidavit in justice court alleging a violation or violations of this rule, provides false information regarding a violation of this rule, or facilitates a situation which will cause a violation of this rule to occur may be subject to prosecution for perjury and, if found guilty, punished under the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. §97-9-19, and/or be subject to a civil suit for false prosecution by the person accused of the violation.

3. Chickasaw:

a. DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA: That portion of the WMA located north of Hwy. 32. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only from Feb. 1 - Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during any deer with dogs season.

b. DEER HUNTING WITHOUT DOGS AREA: That portion of the WMA located south of Hwy. 32. 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 - Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game.

4. Leaf River:

a. DEER HUNTING WITHOUT DOGS AREA: Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 16 - Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game.

b. DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA: That portion of the WMA west of Forest Service Road 315. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during any deer with dogs season. In addition, hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 16 – Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game.

5. Little Biloxi, Wolf River, and Red Creek: Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 16 – Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game.

6. Mason Creek: Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during any deer with dogs season. In addition, hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 16 – Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game.

7. Sandy Creek and Upper Sardis: Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 1 - 28 with weapons legal for small game.

8. Tallahala:

a. DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA: The portion of the WMA north of Forest Service Road 506 and west of Cedar Creek. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during

any deer with dogs season. In addition, hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 1- Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game.

b. DEER HUNTING WITHOUT DOGS AREA: Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 1 – 28 with weapons legal for small game.

9. Bienville: Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during any deer with dogs season. In addition, hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 1 – 28 with weapons legal for small game.

10. Chickasawhay, Choctaw and John Starr: Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

H. TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS: Turkey hunting for March 15 – March 31 is allowed by special permit only on Bienville, Caney Creek, Caston Creek, Leaf River, Sandy Creek, Tallahala, and Upper Sardis. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

I. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs or buckshot, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting, EXCEPT FOR Chickasaw, Chickasawhay, Choctaw, John Starr, Little Biloxi, and Upper Sardis where only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting and no buckshot is allowed.

J. NO HUNTING:

1. Caney Creek: No parking or hunting from I-20.

K. OFF-ROAD VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road vehicle use, including electric bicycles, will be governed by U. S. Forest Service regulations or the regulations below:

1. John Starr/Wolf River: ORVs/ATVs/electric bicycles are allowed for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs only. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

2. Little Biloxi: Off-road vehicle use will be governed by U. S. Forest Service regulations. On Weyerhaeuser property within the wildlife management area, ORVs/ATVs/electric bicycles are allowed for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs only.

3. Upper Sardis: Off-road vehicle use will be governed by U. S. Forest Service regulations. Off-road vehicle use will be governed by U. S. Army Corps of Engineers regulations on property owned by the Corps within Upper Sardis WMA. No motorized vehicles, including electric bikes, are allowed off-road nor on closed roads on U.S. Forest Service-owned portion of Upper Sardis WMA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-owned portion of Upper Sardis WMA west of Twin Culverts Road/Riverside. Use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for the

retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on the COE-owned portion of Upper Sardis WMA east of Twin Culverts Road/Riverside for hunting and fishing access only.

L. HORSES: Hunting from horseback is allowed.

1. John Starr and Wolf River: During WMA deer and turkey seasons, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed during nighttime hours.

2. Little Biloxi: USFS Portion: Hunting from horseback is allowed. Weyerhaeuser Portion: During deer and turkey seasons, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed during nighttime hours.

M. CAMPING: Camping is allowed subject to U.S. Forest Service regulations or the regulations below:

1. Wolf River:

- a. Camping is allowed in designated areas only.
- b. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days.
- c. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours.
- d. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

2. John Starr:

- a. Camping is allowed in designated campsites only.
- b. Campers must obtain a permit from MSU Forest Operations (662) 325-2191.

3. Little Biloxi:

- a. USFS Portion: Camping is allowed subject to U.S. Forest Service regulations.
- b. Weyerhaeuser Portion: No camping allowed.

N. HUNTING PERMITS: John Starr: All hunters must obtain a hunting permit from the College of Forest Resources, Forest Operations Office, and (662) 325-2191.

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Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.3 WMA FACILITY RENTAL.

A. The following fees will be charged for rental of the facilities at Black Prairie WMA, or Hell Creek WMA: \$150.00 for one day and \$50 for each additional day.

B. Reservations will be made through WMA personnel.

C. All fees must be paid in advance and are non-refundable and non-transferable.

D. Money order or cashier's check made out to Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks in the appropriate amount must be received before the reservation is final.

E. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on WMA property.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.4 SPECIAL USE REGULATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

A. The following criteria will determine the eligibility of individuals to be issued a special use permit for the purpose of accessing special use areas for individuals with disabilities on wildlife management areas. Permits for individuals who meet the following criteria may be issued by Wildlife Management Area or District Office personnel without physician certification.

1. Individuals who are paraplegic or hemiplegic.

2. Individuals who are permanently dependent upon a wheelchair for mobility.

3. Individuals who require permanent use of braces, full prosthesis (one or both legs), or crutches for walking.

4. Individuals who have a complete single leg amputation.

B. Permits for individuals who suffer from chronic pulmonary or cardiovascular conditions may be issued by Wildlife Management Area or Regional Office personnel upon written certification by a physician licensed to practice in the State of Mississippi that the individual meets the following criteria:

1. The individual suffers significantly from lung disease to the extent that forced expiratory volume for one second when measured by a spirometer is less than one liter, or the oxygen tension is less than sixty millimeters of mercury on room air at rest.

2. The individual suffers significantly from cardiovascular disease to the extent that functional limitations are classified in severity as Class 3 or 4, according to the standards accepted by the American Heart Association on 05/03/88.

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Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.5 OFF-ROAD VEHICLES ON US FOREST SERVICE WMAS.

A. The current Memorandum of Understanding dated April 10, 2002, between the U.S. Forest Service and the MDWFP establishes the Forest Service as having authority to regulate access on wildlife management areas within National Forest Lands.

B. Off-road vehicle (ORV) use will be governed by the U.S. Forest Service under 36 CFR §261, Subparts A and B, and 36 CFR §295. Anyone operating ORVs/ATVs should be familiar with the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) published annually by the U.S. Forest Service. The MVUM explains when and where ORVs/ATVs may be used. Motor Vehicle Use Maps are available at the local U. S. Forest Service office and online at www.fs.usda.gov/main/mississippi/maps-pubs.

C. ORVs / ATVs are allowed on designated roads or trails, and for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. No loaded weapon may be in possession while operating an ORV/ATV.

History: Updated April 2014.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-1-49, 49-4-4, 49-4-8, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.6 WMA USER PERMITS.

A. In addition to any required license, all users must carry on their person an Annual, Individual, or Family Wildlife Management Area User Permit, while using any Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks Wildlife Management Area that is operated on property not owned by the U.S. Forest Service. Users exempt from purchasing a hunting or fishing license (Miss. Code Ann. §§49-7-5 and 49-7-9) are exempt from purchasing the WMA User Permits.

B. For Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks Wildlife Management Areas operated on property owned by the U.S. Forest Service, all users participating in hunting, fishing, or trapping activities, must carry on their person an annual Wildlife Management Area User Permit in addition to any required license. Exemptions stated above will also apply.

C. Exemptions for educational purposes may be granted at the discretion of the Executive Director.

D. Wildlife Management Area User Permits:

1. Resident Annual WMA User Permit	\$ 15.00
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2. Non-Resident Annual WMA User Permit

\$ 30.00

History: Updated April 2020

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.7 CANAL SECTION WMA AND JOHN BELL WILLIAMS WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Canal Section and John Bell Williams WMAs - Itawamba, Monroe, Prentiss, and Tishomingo Counties.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see CLOSED AREAS, LEGAL BUCKS, DOG RESTRICTIONS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, YOUTH/HANDICAP DEER HUNTING, ARCHERY ONLY AREA, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	October 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Deer	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving through Dec. 1	Legal Bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 – 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16 – 23	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 24 – until 47 days of regular gun hunting for entire deer season.	Legal Bucks only.

Primitive Weapon	Day after the final day of Gun season - Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	March 8 – 14	See ACKER LAKE TURKEY HUNTING
TURKEY – PERMIT ONLY	March 15 – March 31.	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TURKEY	April 1 – May 3	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28 May 15 – June 1	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 – Feb. 28	
RACCOON	July 1 – Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPPOSUM, BOBCAT	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 – Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Same as statewide seasons.	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with the statewide Youth Waterfowl Season.	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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 completing the daily visitor use permit or using the WMA Check-In App and any required license.

2. CLOSED AREAS:

- a. No deer or hog hunting from the Tenn-Tom Waterway Levee.
- b. No loaded centerfire rifles or primitive weapons allowed on the Tenn-Tom Waterway levee.
- c. Hunters must be past the toe of the levee before loaded weapons for deer hunting are allowed.

3. HIGH WATER: All hunting seasons (excluding waterfowl season) are closed for 24 hours from south of Walker's Levee boat ramp road to north of Ironwood Bluff Road on the WMA when the 5 a.m. Tombigbee River gauge at Fulton reads 16.0 ft or higher. Also, hunting 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 5 a.m. Tombigbee River gauge at Bigbee reads 17.0 ft. or higher. River gauge readings may be obtained from www.mdwfp.com/wma.

4. ARCHERY ONLY AREAS: Archery only deer hunting areas include the portions of the WMA between the Tenn-Tom Waterway and the waterway levee from AB3 Waterfowl Impoundment south to Hwy. 45/25 at Aberdeen and between the Tombigbee River and the Tenn-Tom Waterway from Hwy. 6 south to the intersection of the old Tombigbee River and the Tenn-Tom Waterway.

5. 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.

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

7. 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. ALL antlerless deer heads harvested on John Bell Williams WMA must be deposited in a CWD Collection freezer.

8. DOG RESTRICTIONS:

- a. Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited.
- b. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.
- c. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

9. YOUTH/HANDICAP DEER HUNTING:

- a. Only youth and handicapped hunters are allowed to deer hunt on the Acker Lake Tract.
- b. Only youth and handicap hunters will be allowed ATV access on the Acker Lake Handicap Hunting Area each day of the deer seasons. Only handicapped hunters will be allowed vehicular access is only allowed on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays during the gun and primitive weapon seasons.
- c. All handicap hunters must pre-register by contacting the Jackson Office (601-432-2199).

10. ACKER LAKE TURKEY HUNTING:

- a. Only youth and handicapped hunters will be allowed to turkey hunt this area on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays.
- b. Only handicapped hunters will be allowed ATV and vehicular access on those days and youth hunters will be allowed ATV access.
- c. On Wednesday through Saturday of each week, all hunters are allowed to hunt.
- d. All handicap hunters must pre-register by contacting the Jackson Office (601-432-2199).

11. TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS: Turkey hunting from March 15 – 31 is allowed by special permit only on Canal Section and John Bell Williams. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

12. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. The AB3 Waterfowl Impoundment and Matubby Creek Island are closed to all firearms. EXCEPTION: Only archery equipment is allowed for deer hunting in the ARCHERY ONLY DEER HUNTING AREA.

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

14. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs/WATERCRAFT: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles 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 must be registered or have the owner’s name and phone number permanently and legibly written and attached to the hull. Watercraft not in compliance with these regulations or if left unattended more than 30 days may be confiscated and disposed of by MDWFP.

15. 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 or John Bell Williams WMAs.

16. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

History: Updated March 2026.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.8 COPIAH COUNTY WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Copeiah County Wildlife Management Area.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, DOG RESTRICTIONS, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

Shotgun / Primitive Weapon / Handgun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving – Jan. 7	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Archery/Youth Gun/Muzzleloader	Jan. 8 - 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	March 8 – 14	
TURKEY – Permit Only	March 15 – Apr. 17	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMIT in
TURKEY	Apr. 18 – May 3	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 May 15 – June 1	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sept. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1- Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 - Feb. 28	
QUAIL	Thanksgiving Day through the first Saturday in March.	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. 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.

3. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at WMA Headquarters 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.

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

5. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

6. TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS: Turkey hunting from March 15 – Apr. 17 is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

7. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. Exception: youth deer hunters, 15 years of age or younger, are allowed to use centerfire rifles.

8. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed only for the retrieval of harvested deer and hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

9. 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. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed on entire area during nighttime hunting hours.

10. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated March 2026.

RULE 1.9 DIVIDE SECTION WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Divide Section Wildlife Management Area in Tishomingo and Prentiss Counties.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see LEGAL BUCKS, DOG RESTRICTIONS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, YOUTH/HANDICAP DEER HUNTING, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Deer	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Dec. 1	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 – 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16 – 23	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 24 – until 47 days of regular gun hunting for entire deer season.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Day after the final day of Gun season - Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	March 8 – 14	See JACKSON CAMP PENINSULA TURKEY HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TURKEY – Permit Only	March 15 – March 31	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS and JACKSON CAMP PENINSULA TURKEY

TURKEY	April 1 – May 3	HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28 May 15 – June 1	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 – Feb. 28	
RACCOON	July 1 – Sept. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPPOSUM, BOBCAT	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 – Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Same as statewide seasons.	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
DOVE	See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **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.

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

4. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at a check station and recorded on WMA Daily Use Permit Card or WMA Check-In App or 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 measurement, and jawbone). Instructions and equipment will be provided. ALL antlerless deer heads harvested on Divide Section WMA must be deposited in a CWD Collection freezer.

5. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

6. YOUTH/HANDICAPPED DEER HUNTING: Only youth and handicapped hunters are allowed to deer hunt on the Jackson Camp Peninsula. Only youth and handicapped hunters on the Jackson Camp Peninsula will be allowed ATV access each day of the deer seasons. Only handicapped hunters will be allowed vehicular access on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays during the gun and primitive weapon seasons. All handicapped hunters must pre-register by contacting the Jackson Office (601-432-2199).

7. JACKSON CAMP PENINSULA TURKEY HUNTING: Only youth and handicapped hunters will be allowed to turkey hunt this area on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays. Handicapped hunters will be allowed ATV and vehicular access on those days, and Youth hunters will be allowed ATV access. On Wednesday through Saturday of each week, all hunters are allowed to hunt but access will be by foot traffic only. All handicapped hunters must pre-register by contacting the Jackson Office (601-432-2199).

8. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

9. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are not allowed.

10. 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.

11. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

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

13. DOVE HUNTING: Dove hunting is allowed from 2 P.M. – sunset during the first season. No entry prior to 1 p.m. on opening day. The number of hunters on the dove field is limited to 35. After the first season, dove hunting follows statewide season dates.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated March 2026.

RULE 1.10 LAKE GEORGE WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Lake George Wildlife Management Area in Yazoo County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	October 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to the opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Dec. 1	WITHOUT DOGS. Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 - 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16 – Jan. 31	WITHOUT DOGS. Legal bucks only.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct.1 – Feb.28 May 15 – June 1	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	

WATERFOWL	Same as statewide seasons.	
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	See Federal Regulations.	Open after waterfowl season.
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct.15 - Feb. 28	
QUAIL	Thanksgiving Day through the first Saturday in March.	
TURKEY	Season Closed	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide bag limits, except the bag limit on antlerless deer is one (1) and on legal bucks is two (2). All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

3. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA headquarters and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

4. **LEGAL BUCKS:** Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 15 inches OR one main beam length of at least 18 inches. During the Youth Gun Hunt ONLY, hunters 15 years of age or younger may harvest any antlered buck. During ALL other hunts, a youth hunter must harvest a buck with an inside spread of at least 15 inches OR one main beam length of at least 18 inches.

5. **DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

6. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

7. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles is allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

8. 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 during nighttime hunting hours.

9. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

10. HIGH WATER LEVEL CLOSURE: ALL activities, EXCEPT for waterfowl hunting, will close when the Steele Bayou landside gauge reaches 90.0 feet and shall remain so until the Steele Bayou level falls to or below 88.0 feet.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated April 2023.

RULE 1.11 LEROY PERCY WMA REGULATIONS.

The Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, hereby declares that part of the property known as “Leroy Percy State Park,” located in Washington County, is and shall be, a wildlife management project or refuge to be managed as a Wildlife Management Area, under the authority of MISS. CODE ANN. Section 49-5-13.

A. Regulations for Leroy Percy Wildlife Management Area in Washington County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	October 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to the opening day of Primitive Weapon season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Dec. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Archery/Youth Gun	Jan. 1 - 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct.1 - Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with statewide season.	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Feb. 1 - 28	
YOUTH DOVE with Guardian	First Saturday in September	See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
DOVE	See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	Open after waterfowl season.	See Federal Regulations
TURKEY	Season Closed	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **CLOSED AREA:** Primitive weapon deer hunting is limited to south of Highway 12 and north of Highway 12 east of Black Bayou. Archery hunting allowed in any open hunting zone during deer seasons. No hunting allowed north of Hwy. 12, west of Black Bayou and east of the no hunting boundary signs that are west of the park lodge.

3. **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.

4. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the Leroy Percy State Park lodge and recorded on WMA Daily Use Permit Card or WMA Check-In App by the hunter who harvested them before leaving the WMA.

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

6. **DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

7. **LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting during the Youth Gun deer hunt. Other deer seasons are restricted to archery and primitive weapons. Rifles or handguns may not be used in the small game and archery area west of the park lodge.

8. **DOVE:** Opening Saturday is reserved for youth hunters and guardians only. Guardians accompanying youth may hunt dove on the youth with guardian hunt. A guardian is defined as a person 21 years of age or older with a valid hunting license. One guardian is allowed per youth. All youth and guardians must hunt together in one of the 25 designated hunting locations. After the youth hunt, during the first season, hunting is allowed on Wednesdays and Saturdays only. Dove season is open with state framework after the first season. Hunting hours are from 2 p.m. until sunset on opening day. Hunting hours are from 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset after opening day.

9. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are only allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

10. BOATS: No motorized boats allowed in Black Bayou within the WMA boundary.

11. HORSES: No horses allowed.

12. CAMPING: Camping is allowed under State Park regulations.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated April 2023.

RULE 1.12 MAHANNAH WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Mahannah Wildlife Management Area in Issaquena and Warren Counties.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, SPECIAL BUCK TAGS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery – Permit Only	Oct. 1	Oct. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun –	Nov. 1	Nov. 2	Antlerless deer and any antlered buck.
Primitive Weapon	Nov. 6	Nov. 30	Antlerless deer and legal bucks

- Permit Only			
Gun - Permit Only	Dec. 1	Dec. 31	Antlerless deer and Legal bucks.
Archery/ Youth Gun	Jan. 1	Jan. 14	Legal bucks only.
Senior Adult – Permit Only	Jan. 15	Jan. 16	Antlerless deer and Legal bucks. See bag limits.
TURKEY	Permit Only		See Turkey HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24	Sept. 30	
SQUIRREL & RABBIT	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	Saturdays only, except closed on Nov. 1
SQUIRREL & RABBIT	Jan. 1	Feb. 28	Daily.
SQUIRREL	May 15	June 1	Daily.
RACCOON	Jul. 1	Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 Jan. 1	Dec. 26 Feb. 28	Friday nights only. Daily.
FISHING	Feb 1 Oct 1	Sept 30 Jan 31	Daily. Saturdays only. Fishing not allowed in waterfowl and timber hunting units.
TRAPPING	Jan. 1	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL - Permit Only - Except for youth. Veterans, and active military	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.		

waterfowl hunts, and the post season light goose conservation order.			
YOUTH, VETERANS, AND ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with the statewide Youth, Veterans, and Active Military Waterfowl Season		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	See Federal Regulations.		Open after waterfowl season.
QUAIL	Nov. 29 Jan. 1	Dec. 31 Mar. 7	Saturdays and Wednesdays Only. Daily.
DOVE	See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS. Migratory Bird Hunting in Special Instructions.		
WOODCOCK and SNIPE	Same as Statewide Seasons.		Saturdays and Wednesdays only prior to Dec. 31. Daily from Jan. 1 to the close of the season. See Migratory Bird Hunting in Special Instructions.
Mahannah WMA Will Be Closed To ALL ACTIVITES On Tuesdays from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31. SCOUTING IS ALLOWED ON SATURDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS			

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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 completing the daily visitor use permit or using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **CLOSED AREA:** The Waterfowl Sanctuary, enclosed by the East Sanctuary Road on the east, Anderson Tully Road on the south and the main levee on the west, is closed to ALL ENTRY.

3. **BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide bag limits except that during permit hunts on deer the legal buck bag limit is one per hunt and 1 adult gobbler per permitted hunt. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated. The bag limit during the Senior Adult Hunt will be 1 legal buck and 1 antlerless deer per hunt.

4. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA headquarters and recorded on WMA Daily 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. ALL antlerless deer heads harvested on Mahannah WMA must be deposited in the Mahannah or Phil Bryant CWD Collection freezer.

5. **DEER HUNTING PERMITS:** Deer hunting, except for the youth gun hunt and the January archery hunt, is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

6. **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 Youth Only Hunt ONLY, hunters 15 years of age or younger may harvest any antlered buck. During ALL other Permit Only hunts, and the Archery/Youth Gun season (Jan. 1 – Jan 14), a youth hunter must harvest a buck with an inside spread of at least 16 inches OR one main beam length of at least 20 inches.

7. **DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

8. **TURKEY HUNTING:** Turkey hunting is allowed by permit only.

9. **LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

10. **WATERFOWL:** All waterfowl hunts, except for the waterfowl youth, Veterans, and Active Military hunts, and the post season light goose conservation order, are draw hunts only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts. Shooting hours end at 12 p.m. Waterfowl hunters must be out of the assigned unit and back to Anderson-Tully Road by 1 p.m. except during the youth, Veterans, and Active Military waterfowl hunt which shall run concurrent with the statewide waterfowl youth, Veterans, and Active Military hunt. No boats, blinds, or decoys are to be left out overnight. No persons may leave the Anderson-Tully Road or launch a boat until the waterfowl draw process has been completed. Waterfowl draw hunts will be conducted for Mahannah/Buck Bayou on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays only.

11. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles is allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. During all WMA deer firearms seasons, no loaded shoulder fired weapons allowed within 100 feet of any road within Mahannah WMA, including ATV trails. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails. No ATV/ORV/Electric Bicycle or boat may be left on the WMA overnight.

12. 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.

13. CAMPING: Camping is allowed in designated areas only. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure. The camping area is located next to the Mahannah WMA Headquarters.

14. 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.

15. HIGH WATER: ALL activities, EXCEPT for waterfowl, woodcock, and snipe hunting, will close when the Mississippi River gauge at Vicksburg reaches forty-three (43.0) feet and shall remain so until the Mississippi River level falls to or below 41.0 feet and/or when the Steele Bayou landside gauge reaches 82.0 feet and shall remain so until the Steele Bayou level falls to or below 80.0 feet. Small game hunting during high water is restricted to the area north of Anderson Tully Road and east of the Waterfowl Sanctuary. Closings will be posted at www.mdwfp.com/wma.

16. MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING: Dove hunting will be allowed daily from 2 p.m. until sunset during the first dove season. No entry prior to 1:00 p.m. on opening day. During waterfowl season, only permitted waterfowl hunters may hunt in the designated waterfowl impoundments.

History: Updated April 2025.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13

RULE 1.13 MALMAISON WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Malmaison Wildlife Management Area in Grenada, Carroll, and Leflore Counties.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see LEGAL BUCKS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DOG RESTRICTIONS, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Deer	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving through Dec. 1	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 – Dec. 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16 – Dec. 23	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 24 – until 47 days of regular gun hunting for entire deer season.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Day after the final day of Gun season – Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Last full weekend in March.	
TURKEY	Apr. 1 – May 3	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 – 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28	

	May 15 – June 1	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 – Feb. 28	
RACCOON	July 1 – Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPPOSUM, BOBCAT	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 – Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **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.

3. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA headquarters and recorded on WMA Daily 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 measurement, and jawbone). Instructions and equipment will be provided.

4. **LEGAL BUCKS:** Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 15 inches OR one main beam length of at least 18 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

5. **DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

6. **LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

7. WATERFOWL:

- a. Waterfowl hunting closes at noon.
- b. The Greentree Reservoir and the state-owned portion of the McIntyre Scatters:
- 2 p.m.
- i. Parking areas and boat ramps are closed 1½ hours after sunset until
- ii. Access to these areas is prohibited prior to 4a.m.
- iii. Waterfowl hunters must be out by 1 p.m.
- iv. Hunters are allowed no more than 25 shotshells per person.
- v. No boats or waterfowl hunting gear are permitted on the area, except in camping areas or roadways, later than 30 minutes after sunset.
- vi. Hunting equipment, including but not limited to boats and decoys, may not be left unattended.
- vii. All boat access in the Greentree Reservoir is prohibited during the two weeks before the opening day of regular waterfowl season. During the regular waterfowl hunting season boat access in the Greentree Reservoir is allowed from 4 a.m. until 1 p.m. daily.
- viii. The WMA boundary lines in the McIntyre Scatters are marked. Lands adjacent to the WMA are privately-owned lands. Hunters are cautioned to stay on the WMA side of the posted boundary, and not trespass onto adjoining private lands. Crossing onto adjoining private lands, to include floating past the marked boundary lines in a boat or other floating hunting blind or apparatus, may subject the hunter to criminal liability for trespass. Additionally, placement of stands, blinds or other hunting positions/apparatus on or near the boundary line, may place the hunter within shotgun range of hunters on adjacent private property. Therefore, hunters should set their hunting positions a safe distance from the line. Additional signs or markers are near the boundary line and in close proximity to active hunting areas on the adjacent private lands, to make WMA hunters aware of those active sites. Stands, blinds, or other hunting positions should be placed so that the WMA hunter does not shoot across any boundary line and onto or over adjacent private property. All rules of safety and proper hunting etiquette shall be observed at all times. A violation of this provision may also subject the hunter to charges for a violation of these WMA hunting regulations, and possible loss of hunting privileges on this WMA, as provided in 40 Miss. Admin. Code, Part 2, Rule 1.1.E.

8. NO WAKE ZONES: No boat shall exceed idle speed when motoring through these areas.

- a. The state-owned portion of the McIntyre Scatters.

b. In the greentree reservoir, from the boat ramp down the main channel to a point extending 700 yards from the boat ramp.

9. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are only allowed on WMA levees for retrieval of harvested deer and hogs and for handicapped access. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

10. 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 allowed during nighttime hours.

11. CAMPING: Camping is allowed in designated areas only. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated March 2026.

RULE 1.14 MARION COUNTY WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Marion County Wildlife Management Area in Marion County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, DOG RESTRICTIONS and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	October 15 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

Shotgun / Primitive Weapon / Handgun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Dec. 1	Legal bucks only.
Shotgun / Primitive Weapon / Handgun	Dec. 2 - Dec. 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Shotgun / Primitive Weapon / Handgun	Dec. 16 - Jan. 3	Legal bucks only.
Archery/ Youth Gun	Jan. 4 – Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Archery/ Youth Gun	Feb. 1 - Feb. 15	Legal bucks only.
YOUTH TURKEY	Last Saturday and Sunday in March	
TURKEY	Apr.1 – May 3	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 May 15 - June 1	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sept. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 - Feb. 28	
QUAIL	Thanksgiving Day through the first Saturday in March	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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 completing the daily visitor use permit or using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. CLOSED AREA: The land areas within the road and firebreak boundary around Lake Bill Waller and Lake Columbia are closed to all hunting.

3. 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.

4. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA headquarters and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

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

6. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

7. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. Exception: youth deer hunters, 15 years of age or younger, are allowed to use centerfire rifles.

8. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed only for the retrieval of harvested deer and hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

9. 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 during nighttime hunting hours.

10. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

11. NO HUNTING: No hunting from or within 100ft. of pipeline rights-of-way during any deer firearm season west of Game Reserve Road.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated March 2026.

RULE 1.15 OKATIBBEE WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Okatibbee Wildlife Management Area in Lauderdale and Kemper Counties.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see LEGAL BUCKS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DOG RESTRICTIONS, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to the opening day of Primitive Weapon/Shotgun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon/Shotgun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Jan. 28	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Handicapped Hunt	Jan. 29 - Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks. See HANDICAPPED HUNT in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH TURKEY	March 8 – 14	
TURKEY	March 15 – May 3 March 15 – Mar. 31 – Non-Residents by permit only through	

	the Non-Resident Public Land Draw.	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 May 15 - June 1	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Shooting hours end at 12 p.m.	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 - Feb. 28	
QUAIL	Thanksgiving Day through the first Saturday in March.	
DOVE	Same as statewide seasons.	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **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.

3. LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

4. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the check station near the WMA Headquarters building and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

5. HANDICAPPED HUNT: To apply, hunters must register at the WMA Office prior to Jan. 1. This is a three day hunt starting at 12 p.m. on Jan. 29 and ending at 12: p.m. on Jan. 31. Eligible handicapped hunters must meet the criteria specified in 40 Miss Admin Code Part 2, Rule 1.4. During the Handicapped Hunt, weapons will be hunter's choice. Hunters may be accompanied by someone to assist, but not participate in the hunt.

6. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

7. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only shotguns with slugs and primitive weapons may be used for deer hunting, EXCEPT that youth may use centerfire rifles during the youth deer hunt and during the shotgun/primitive weapon season.

8. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs only. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

9. HORSES: No horses allowed.

10. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated March 2026.

RULE 1.16 O'KEEFE WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for O'Keefe Wildlife Management Area in Quitman County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
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DEER		For deer hunting regulations see <u>LEGAL BUCKS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DOG RESTRICTIONS, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.</u>
Archery	Oct. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Deer	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Primitive Weapon season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Dec. 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16 - Dec. 31	Legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Jan. 1 - Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
TURKEY	Closed	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 May 15 - June 1	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 – Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sept. 30	Friday and Saturday nights.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Same as statewide seasons. See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	

YOUTH, VETERANS, and ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	Open after waterfowl season.	See Federal Regulations.
DOVE		See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **CLOSED AREAS:** 1) The portion of the WMA in Tallahatchie County. 2) No deer hunting in flooded greentree reservoir prior to 1 p.m. FOR INFORMATION ON FLOODED GREENTREE RESERVOIR, see map at permit stations or at www.mdwfp.com.

3. **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.

4. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA headquarters and recorded on WMA Daily 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. All heads from antlerless deer harvested on O'Keefe WMA must be deposited in the O'Keefe WMA CWD collection freezer.

5. 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. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

6. DOG RESTRICTIONS:

- a. Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited.
- b. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.
- c. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

7. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

8. WATERFOWL: Waterfowl hunting closes at 12 p.m. Waterfowl hunters must vacate the WMA by 1 p.m., except during the Youth, Veterans, and Active Military waterfowl hunt which shall run concurrent with the statewide waterfowl Youth, Veterans, and Active Military hunt. Hunters may not leave the parking area prior to 5 a.m. Hunters are allowed no more than 25 shotgun shells per person in the waterfowl hunt areas, except during the Post Season Light Goose Conservation Order Hunts. No gas boat motors allowed in the greentree reservoir. All decoys, boats, and blinds must be removed from the hunting area by 1 p.m. each day.

9. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles is allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

10. 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. Squirrel hunting from horses is allowed in February on entire area. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed during nighttime hours.

11. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

12. DOVE: Hunting hours for opening day are 2:00 p.m. until sunset. No entry prior to 1:00 p.m. on opening day. During the remaining statewide season framework, dove hunting hours are from 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

History: Updated April 2025.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.17 OLD RIVER WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Old River Wildlife Management Area in Pearl River County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 15 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Dec. 1	Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 - Dec. 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16 - Dec. 23	Legal bucks only.
Gun	December 24 until 47 days of regular gun hunting for entire deer season.	Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Day after the final day of Gun Season through February 15	Legal bucks only.
YOUTH TURKEY	Season Closed.	
TURKEY	Season Closed.	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	

	May 15 - June 1	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct.1 - Feb. 28	See BOBCAT in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	See TRAPPING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 - Feb. 28	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **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.

3. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA Headquarters and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

4. **LEGAL BUCKS:** Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

5. **DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

6. **LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. No buckshot is allowed.

7. **OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed only on designated trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use

of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs only. EXCEPTION: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are not allowed on that portion of the area within the Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

8. HORSES: During WMA deer and turkey seasons, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed during nighttime hours.

9. CAMPING: Camping is allowed in designated areas only. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. After 14 consecutive days, all camping equipment must be removed for a minimum of 72 hours. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

10. HIGH WATER: Hunting seasons (excluding Waterfowl season) are closed on the WMA when the Pearl River gauge at Bogalusa reads 18.0 ft or higher. Horseshoe Lake Road will be closed when the river gauge at Bogalusa reads 16.0 ft or higher. Roads will be re-opened when conditions are suitable for vehicle use that will minimize road damage. River stages can be obtained from the internet at www.mdwfp.com/wma, the local newscast, or by calling 985-649-0357.

11. TRAPPING: Trapping is not allowed on that portion of the WMA within the Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge.

12. BOBCAT: The harvest of bobcat is not allowed on that portion of the WMA within the Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge.

13. TREE REMOVAL: No timber or firewood may be cut or removed from area without written permission from Area Manager, to include the removal of live, dead, floating or submerged timber.

14. SLAT BOXES: No slat boxes are allowed in or may be transported through the WMA.

15. WATERCRAFT: Watercraft left unattended must be registered or have the owner's name and phone number permanently and legibly written and attached to the hull. All watercraft left unattended in ALL waterways within the WMA boundaries must be registered or have the owner's name and phone number permanently and legibly written and attached to the hull. Watercraft left unattended in all area waterways for more than 30 days may be confiscated and disposed of by the MDWFP. ORVs/ATVs/Watercraft not in compliance with these regulations or left unattended on the area more than 30 days may be confiscated and disposed of by the MDWFP.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated May 2024.

RULE 1.18 PASCAGOULA RIVER WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Pascagoula River Wildlife Management Area in George and Jackson Counties.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, and AREA RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 15 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Dec. 1	WITH DOGS in DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA only. Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 - Dec. 15	Legal bucks only.
Gun	Dec. 16 - Dec. 23	WITHOUT DOGS. Legal bucks only.
Gun	December 24 until 47 days of regular gun hunting for entire deer season.	WITH DOGS in DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA only. Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Day after the final day of Gun Season through February 15	Legal bucks only.
YOUTH TURKEY	March 8 – 14	
TURKEY	March 15 – May 3	

	March 15 – March 31 – Non-Residents by permit only through the Non-Resident Public Land Draw.	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 May 15 - June 1	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Same as statewide seasons.	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 - Feb. 28	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. AREA RESTRICTIONS:

a. **DEER HUNTING WITHOUT DOGS AREA:** That portion of the WMA located in Jackson County east of the Pascagoula River and north of Big Slough. Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hog hunting with dogs allowed during daylight hours only Feb. 16 – 28 with weapons legal for small game.

b. **DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA:** That portion of the WMA located in George County and the portion located in Jackson County west of the Pascagoula River and south of Big Slough. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.

Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during any deer with dog season. In addition, hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 16 – 28 with weapons legal for small game.

3. 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.

4. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA Headquarters or at the first self-service data collection station encountered and recorded on WMA Daily Use Permit Card or WMA Check-In App by the hunter who harvested them before leaving 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.

5. LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger, any antlered buck is a legal buck, except during gun seasons with dogs, when a legal buck is a buck with an inside spread of at least 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches.

6. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs or buckshot, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

7. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs/WATERCRAFT:
ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles is only allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Deer hunting is not allowed from designated ORV/ATV trails. ORVs/ATVs/Watercraft left unattended in the Big Swamp must be stored at one of the three designated storage areas. These areas must be maintained in a neat and orderly manner. ORVs/ATVs left unattended must have the owner's name and phone number permanently and legibly written and attached to the handlebars. Watercraft left unattended must be registered or have the owner's name and phone number permanently and legibly written and attached to the hull. ORVs/ATVs/Watercraft not in compliance with these regulations or left unattended on the area more than 30 days may be confiscated and disposed of by the MDWFP. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

8. HORSES: During WMA deer and turkey seasons, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed during nighttime hours.

9. CAMPING: Camping is allowed only in designated areas, or on sandbars and along rivers and creeks, provided such camp is visible from a boat. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. All campsites must be maintained in a neat and orderly manner. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

10. HIGH WATER: Hunting seasons (excluding waterfowl season) are closed when the Pascagoula River gauge at Merrill reads 18.0 ft or higher or Graham Ferry reads 15.0 ft or higher. Deep Slough and Graham Lake Roads in Jackson County will be closed when the river gauge at Graham Ferry reads 12.0 ft or higher. Roads will be re-opened when conditions are suitable for vehicle use that will minimize road damage. River stages can be obtained from www.mdwfp.com/wma or by calling 228-769-6508. The earliest daily reading will determine WMA closure for the entire day.

11. HOUSEBOATS: Houseboats are not allowed to be anchored, secured, or otherwise attached to any lands or structure within WMA boundaries.

12. TREE REMOVAL: No timber or firewood may be cut or removed from the WMA without written permission from the Area Manager, to include the removal of live, dead, floating, or submerged timber.

PASCAGOULA RIVER WMA – LAND BETWEEN THE CREEKS UNIT REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Pascagoula Wildlife Management Area – Land between the Creeks Unit

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery – Permit Only	Oct. 15	Oct. 30	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun – Permit Only	Nov. 1 Dec. 19	Dec. 1 Dec. 28	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun – Permit Only	Dec. 5 Jan. 16	Dec. 14 Jan. 25	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

Gun - Senior Adult by permit only	Jan. 2	Jan. 11	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY – Permit Only	March 8	April 5	See YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TURKEY – Permit Only	April 10	April 26	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept 24	Sept 30	
SQUIRREL	Feb. 1	Feb. 28	See SQUIRREL HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
NO OTHER SEASONS shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.			
The Commission may expand, shorten, restrict or otherwise alter, the hunting opportunities set forth herein, in order to best manage the animal population(s) on the management area. Any changes in hunting opportunities may be affected by Executive Order.			

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. BAG LIMITS:

a. Deer: One (1) antlerless deer and one (1) legal buck per permitted hunt. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated. Youth are allowed harvest of one (1) antlerless deer during specified seasons.

b. Turkey: One (1) legal turkey per permitted hunt.

c. Squirrel: Ten (10) per day.

3. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All harvested deer must be checked at the Unit deer data station and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

4. DEER HUNTING PERMITS: Deer hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

5. YOUTH DEER HUNTING PERMITS: Youth deer hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

6. LEGAL BUCKS: During the Land between the Creeks Unit Youth Only Hunt, ONLY hunters 15 years of age or younger may harvest any antlered buck. During ALL other Permit Only hunts, a youth hunter must harvest a buck with an inside spread of at least 12 inches OR one main beam length of at least 15 inches.

7. TURKEY HUNTING: Turkey hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

8. YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING: Youth turkey hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

9. SQUIRREL HUNTING: Squirrel hunting is allowed only during the youth squirrel season Sep. 24 – 30 and from Feb. 1 – Feb. 28

10. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Hunting with dogs is prohibited, except squirrel hunting with dogs is allowed during squirrel season.

11. LEGAL WEAPONS: Centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, centerfire handguns, primitive weapons, and archery equipment may be used for deer hunting. Buckshot is prohibited.

12. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs are allowed to be driven to designated parking areas and for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. During Turkey Season, electric carts may be used on any WMA road open to motorized vehicles for turkey hunting access during turkey season only. During all WMA deer firearms seasons, no loaded shoulder fired weapons allowed within 100 feet of any road within a WMA. Access to the unit via watercraft is prohibited during permitted deer and turkey hunts. The landings at Carter Landing (Black Creek) and Holly Landing (Red Creek) may be accessed by watercraft for non-consumptive purposes. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

14. HORSES: Horseback riding is allowed on roads outside of any open hunting season.

15. CAMPING: Camping is allowed in designated camping areas during permitted draw hunts only.

16. SCOUTING is allowed daily from May 2 – October 14 and Feb. 1 – March 14. From October 15 – Jan 31 scouting is allowed Wednesdays only and from March 15 – May 1 is allowed on Thursdays only. Only those persons drawn to hunt and/or accompanying adult for youth will be allowed on the area during permitted deer hunts. During permitted turkey hunts, only the hunter and their partner will be allowed on the area.

17. FISHING: Fishing is only allowed on Saturdays and Sundays from May – August in Doyle’s Pond.

18. TREE REMOVAL: No timber or firewood may be cut or removed from the WMA without written permission from the Area Manager, to include the removal of live, dead, floating, or submerged timber.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated March 2026.

RULE 1.19 PEARL RIVER WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Pearl River Wildlife Management Area in Madison County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, LEGAL WEAPONS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	October 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to the opening day of Primitive Weapon	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

	season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	
Primitive Weapon	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Jan. 31.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	March 8 – 14	
TURKEY	March 15 – May 3 March 15 – Mar. 31 – Non-Residents by permit only through the Non-Resident Public Land Draw.	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct.1 - Feb. 28 May 15 - June 1	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct.15 - Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Same as statewide seasons.	See SPECIAL YOUTH AREA, HANDICAPPED AREA, AND WATERFOWL IMPOUNDMENTS in Special Instructions. No waterfowl hunting west of Pipeline Road except for youth hunters during waterfowl season.
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. CLOSED NO ACCESS AREA: The area around Turcotte Lab and the Hunter Safety Shooting Area within the Waterfowl Refuge is a NO ACCESS AREA.

3. SPECIAL YOUTH AREA, HANDICAPPED AREA, AND WATERFOWL IMPOUNDMENTS: Hunting in the Youth Area is allowed by youth hunters only with the following exceptions: deer hunting during the archery season, raccoon hunting, and trapping is allowed. Waterfowl hunting is allowed by youth hunters during the entire waterfowl season. Waterfowl hunting is allowed in the waterfowl impoundments by special permit. Hunting in the Special Handicapped area is restricted to handicapped hunters only. Contact the Jackson Office at 601-432-2199 for access to the Special Handicapped area.

4. 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.

5. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the self-service deer check stations located on the Madison County Pipeline Road, on Rocks Road, and on Beach Bluff Road and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

6. LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of 10 inches or more OR a main beam of at least 13 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

7. 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 Feb. 1 - 28 with weapons legal for small game.

8. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only archery equipment and primitive weapons may be used by adults for deer hunting. Youth Hunters 15 years of age and younger may use centerfire rifles, primitive weapons, or shotguns with slugs during the youth season and primitive weapon season for deer.

9. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed only for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be

ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

10. HORSES: No horses allowed.

11. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

12. FISHING: No fishing allowed in the waterfowl impoundments or in Fisheries Experimental Ponds.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated March 2026.

RULE 1.21 SHIPLAND WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Shipland Wildlife Management Area in Issaquena County

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to the opening day of Primitive Weapon season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving through Dec. 1.	Legal bucks only.
	Dec. 2 – 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
	Dec. 16 – 31	Legal bucks only.
Archery	Jan. 1 – 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

/ Youth Gun		
TURKEY	Permit Only.	See TURKEY HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct.1 - Feb.28 May 15 - June 1	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Same as statewide seasons.	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct.15 - Feb.28.	
DOVE	Hunting hours the first season are 2:00 pm until sunset.	
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE COSERVATION ORDER	See Federal Regulations.	Open after waterfowl season.

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide bag limits, except the bag limit on antlerless deer is one (1) and on legal bucks is two (2), and 1 adult gobbler per permitted hunt. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

3. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA Headquarters and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

4. LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 15 inches OR one main beam length of at least 18 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

5. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

6. TURKEY HUNTING: Turkey hunting is allowed by permit only.

7. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting during the youth deer hunt. Other deer seasons are restricted to archery and primitive weapons.

8. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

9. 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 during nighttime hunting hours.

10. CAMPING: Camping is allowed in designated areas only. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

11. HIGH WATER: Hunting seasons (excluding waterfowl season) are closed when the Mississippi River gauge at Vicksburg reads 41.0 ft or higher and re-open when the gauge reads 39.0ft or lower. River stages can be obtained from www.mdwfp.com/wma. The earliest daily reading will determine WMA closure for the entire day.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated May 2024.

RULE 1.22 STONEVILLE WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Stoneville Wildlife Management Area in Washington County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see LEGAL BUCKS and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct.1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to the opening day of Primitive Weapon through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving – Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 – 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct.1 – Feb. 28 May 15 – June 1	
RACCOON	July 1 – Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with statewide season.	See Federal Regulations
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 – Feb. 28	
TURKEY	Season Closed	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- A. 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 Delta Branch Experiment Station hunting permit, completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App, and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.
2. HUNTING PERMITS: All hunters over 15 years of age must have a Delta Branch Experiment Station hunting permit in their possession while hunting on the area. All hunters 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult with a permit in their possession. Permits are available from the Delta Branch Experiment Station in Stoneville (662-686-9311).
3. 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.
4. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the self-service deer check station located near the west entrance of the WMA and recorded on WMA Daily Use Permit Card or WMA Check-In App by the hunter who harvested them before leaving the WMA. The hunter is responsible for collecting and legibly recording ALL biological data (weight, antler measurements, and jawbone). Instructions and equipment will be provided.
5. LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 12 inches OR one main beam length of at least 15 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.
6. 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 weapons legal for small game.
7. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting during the youth deer hunt. Other deer seasons are restricted to primitive weapons.
8. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs only. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.
9. 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. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed during nighttime hunting hours.
10. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated April 2023.

RULE 1.23 SUNFLOWER WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Sunflower Wildlife Management Area in Sharkey County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see LEGAL BUCKS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DOG RESTRICTIONS, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Deer	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving through Dec. 1	Legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 –15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16 –23	Legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 24 – until 47 days of regular gun hunting for entire deer season.	Legal bucks with dogs
Primitive Weapon	Jan 23 – 31	Legal bucks.
TURKEY	Permit only	See TURKEY HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 – 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28 May 15 – June 1	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 – Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 – Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPPOSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 – Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Same as statewide seasons.	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

YOUTH, VETERANS, and ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with the statewide Youth Waterfowl Season	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
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B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- A. WMA USER PERMIT: All persons participating in hunting, fishing, or trapping on 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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.
2. BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits except that the bag limit on antlerless deer is one (1) and on antlered deer is two (2), and 1 adult gobbler per permitted hunt. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.
3. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be recorded on DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card before leaving the area. All deer harvested must be checked at a self-service data collection station and recorded on WMA Daily 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 jawbones). Instructions and equipment will be provided.
4. LEGAL BUCKS Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 15 inches OR one main beam length of at least 18 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.
5. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during any deer with dogs season. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 1 – 28 with weapons legal for small game.
6. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs or buckshot, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.
7. WATERFOWL: Shooting hours end at 12:00 noon in the greentree reservoir, except during the youth, veterans, and active military waterfowl hunt which runs concurrent to statewide seasons.
8. NO HUNTING from or within 100ft of the toe of the greentree reservoir levees or from or within 100ft of pipeline rights-of-ways during deer firearm seasons.

9. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails, and only for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Before operating ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles, users must obtain an ATV/UTV permit from the U.S. Forest Service and be familiar with the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) published annually by the U.S. Forest Service. The MVUM explains when and where ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles may be used. Permits and MVUMs are available from the Delta Ranger District office in Rolling Fork, MS, and MVUMs online at www.fs.usda.gov/main/mississippi/maps-pubs.

10. HORSES: Hunting from horseback is allowed.

11. CAMPING: Camping is allowed subject to U.S. Forest Service regulations.

12. HIGH WATER LEVEL CLOSURE: ALL activities, EXCEPT for waterfowl hunting, will close when the Steele Bayou landside gauge reaches 90.0 feet and shall remain so until the Steele Bayou level falls to or below 88.0 feet.

History: Updated May 2025.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.24 TWIN OAKS WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Twin Oaks Wildlife Management Area in Sharkey County.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, SPECIAL BUCK TAGS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery – Permit Only	Oct. 1	Oct. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Nov. 1	Nov. 2	Antlerless deer and any antlered buck.
Primitive	Nov. 6	Dec. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

Weapon – Permit Only			
Archery / Youth Gun	Jan. 1	Jan. 14	Legal bucks only.
YOUTH TURKEY	Permit Only		
TURKEY - PERMIT ONLY	Permit Only		
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24	Sept. 30	
SQUIRREL & RABBIT	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	Saturdays only, except closed on Nov. 1
	Jan. 1	Feb. 28	Daily.
SQUIRREL	May 15	June 1	Daily.
RACCOON	Jul. 1	Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Dec. 27	Friday nights only.
	Jan. 1	Feb. 28	Daily.
TRAPPING	Jan. 1	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH, VETERANS, and ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with the statewide Youth, Veterans, and Active Military Waterfowl Season		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	See Federal Regulations.		Open after waterfowl season.
QUAIL	Nov. 29	Dec. 27	Saturdays only.

	Jan. 1	Mar. 1	Daily.
DOVE	See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.		
WOODCOCK	Woodcock hunting is allowed on any small game hunting day during legal woodcock season.		
SNIPE	Snipe hunting is allowed on any small game hunting day during legal snipe season.		
Twin Oaks WMA Will Be Closed To ALL ACTIVITIES On Tuesday from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31. SCOUTING IS ALLOWED ON SATURDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS.			

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide season bag limits, EXCEPT that for permitted deer hunts the daily bag limit is one legal buck per permit and one doe per day, and 1 adult gobbler per permitted hunt. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

3. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA Headquarters and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

4. **DEER HUNTING PERMITS:** Deer hunting, except for the youth gun hunt and the Jan. 1 – Jan. 14 archery/youth gun hunt, is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

5. **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 Youth Permit Only Hunt, hunters 15 years of age or younger may harvest any antlered buck. During all other Permit Only hunts and the Archery/Youth Gun Season (Jan. 1 – Jan. 14), a youth hunter must harvest a buck with an inside spread of at least 16 inches OR one main beam length of at least 20 inches.

6. **DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

7. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only archery equipment and primitive weapons may be used for deer hunting. Exception: Youth deer hunters, 15 years of age or younger, are allowed to use centerfire rifles during the youth gun and primitive weapon seasons.

8. WATERFOWL: Through Dec. 31, waterfowl hunting will be allowed on Saturdays during the legal waterfowl season. After Dec. 31, waterfowl hunting is allowed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays during the legal waterfowl season EXCEPT that the Youth, Veterans, and Active Military Waterfowl season shall be open concurrent with the statewide season. Shooting hours end at 12 p.m.

9. DOVE: Dove hunting is allowed daily during legal dove season prior to Oct. 1. Dove hunting is allowed on any small game hunting day during the legal dove season after Oct. 1.

10. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs only. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

11. 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 during nighttime hunting hours.

12. CAMPING: Camping is allowed in designated areas only. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

13. SCOUTING: Scouting is allowed daily prior Sept. 30, and on any Saturdays, Wednesdays, and on any small game hunting days thereafter. Only those persons drawn to hunt will be allowed on the area during permitted hunts.

14. HIGH WATER LEVEL CLOSURE: ALL activities, EXCEPT for waterfowl hunting, will close when the Steele Bayou landside gauge reaches 90.0 feet and shall remain so until the Steele Bayou level falls to or below 88.0 feet.

History: Updated April 2025.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.25 WARD BAYOU WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Ward Bayou Wildlife Management Area in Jackson County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
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DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, DOG RESTRICTIONS, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 15 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Dec. 1	WITH DOGS IN DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA only. Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 - 15	Legal bucks only.
Gun	Dec. 16 - 23	WITHOUT DOGS. Legal bucks only.
Gun	December 24 until 47 days of regular gun hunting for entire deer season.	WITH DOGS IN DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA only. Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Day after the final day of Gun Season through February 15.	Legal bucks only.
YOUTH TURKEY - Permit Only	March 8 – May 1	Friday, Saturday, and Sunday by permit only. See SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 May 15 - June 1	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sept. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 - Feb. 28	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **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.

3. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the self-service data collection station and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

4. **LEGAL BUCKS:** Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger, any antlered buck is a legal buck, except during gun seasons with dogs, when a legal buck is a buck with an inside spread of at least 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches.

5. **DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Deer and small game hunting with dogs is allowed EXCEPT in the Still Hunting Only Area. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

6. **YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS:** Youth turkey hunting on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from March 8 - May 1 will be allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

7. **LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

8. **WATERFOWL HUNTING:** Waterfowl hunting in and entering into any ponds west of the hill road from the WMA headquarters to the large power line is prohibited.

9. **OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs only. Motorized vehicles are not allowed on sandbars. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

10. **HORSES:** During WMA deer and turkey seasons, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed during nighttime hours.

11. **CAMPING:** Camping is allowed only on sandbars and along rivers and creeks, provided such camp is visible from a boat. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. All campsites must be maintained in a neat and orderly manner. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

12. **HIGH WATER:** Hunting seasons (excluding waterfowl season) are closed on the WMA when the river gauge at Graham Ferry reads 15.0 ft. or higher. Ward Bayou Road will be closed from the Ward Bayou bridge eastward when the river gauge at Graham Ferry reads 12.0 ft. or higher. Roads will be re-opened when conditions are suitable for vehicle use that will minimize road damage. River stages can be obtained from www.mdwfp.com/wma or by calling 228-769-6508. The earliest daily reading will determine WMA closure for the entire day.

13. **TREE REMOVAL:** No timber or firewood may be cut or removed from area without written permission from the Area Manager, to include the removal of live, dead, floating, or submerged timber.

14. **COMMERCIAL FISHING:** Commercial fishing is not allowed within the WMA.

15. **CLOSED SANDBARS:** Sandbars within the WMA boundaries are closed for the protection of nesting endangered species. No overnight camping allowed during this time. No dogs allowed on sandbars.

16. **HOUSEBOATS:** Houseboats are not allowed to be anchored, secured, or otherwise attached to any lands or structure within WMA boundaries.

17. **NATURE TRAILS:** Use of designated nature trails is allowed from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset only.

18. ROADS: The gate at Kirkwood Road will be closed to vehicular traffic from June 1 – October 1.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated May 2023.

RULE 1.26 BOB M. DEARING NATCHEZ STATE PARK WMA REGULATIONS.

The Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks hereby declares that part of the property known as “Natchez State Park,” located in Adams County, is and shall be a wildlife management project or refuge to be managed as a Wildlife Management Area, under the authority of MISS. CODE ANN. Section 49-5-13.

A. Regulations for Natchez State Park in Adams County.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, ELIGIBLE HUNTERS, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery – Permit Only	Oct. 2	Jan. 25	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Handicapped Gun – Permit Only	Oct. 9	Oct. 12	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun – Permit Only	Oct. 18	Nov. 16	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon – Permit Only	Nov. 20	Jan. 25	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon Group Hunt – Permit Only	Dec. 11 Dec. 18	Dec. 14 Dec. 21	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

YOUTH SQUIRREL	Feb. 1	Feb. 28	Saturdays and Sundays only. See YOUTH SQUIRREL HUNTING in Special Instructions.
YOUTH TURKEY – Permit Only	Mar. 8	May 1	See YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in Special Instructions.
NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.			

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **HUNTING AREA:** See map at mdwfp.com/wma.

3. **BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide bag limits EXCEPT the bag limit on antlered buck deer is one (1) buck per day, not to exceed two (2) per year and on antlerless deer is one (1) per day, not to exceed three (3) per year. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

4. **PERMIT STATIONS:** All hunters must check-in at the Park office or via the MDWFP WMA Check-In App.

5. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be brought to the check station for biological data collection and recorded on the WMA Daily Use Permit Card or WMA Check-In App by the hunter who harvested them. 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.

6. **DEER HUNTING PERMITS:** Deer hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

7. **ELIGIBLE HUNTERS:**

- a. Youth: Mississippi resident hunters 15 years of age or younger.

b. Handicapped: Any hunter who is quadriplegic, paraplegic, or disabled, requiring mobility support from braces and/or crutches.

c. Primitive Weapon: Restricted to Mississippi residents.

d. Archery: Restricted to Mississippi residents.

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

9. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

10. YOUTH SQUIRREL HUNTING: See Map for areas open to youth squirrel hunting.

11. YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING: Youth turkey hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

12. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only primitive weapons and archery equipment may be used for deer hunting, except for during the Youth and Handicap Gun hunts when archery equipment, centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, muzzleloaders, or centerfire handguns may be used. Only shotguns may be used during the youth squirrel hunt.

13. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed only for the retrieval of harvested deer and hogs. Exception: handicapped hunters may access hunting area with ATVs/Electric Bicycles during handicapped hunt only. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

14. PARKING: Hunters must park in designated parking areas only.

15. HORSES: During deer and turkey seasons, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles.

16. CAMPING: Camping is allowed under State Park regulation.

History: Updated April 2025.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.27 NANIH WAIYA WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Nanih Waiya Wildlife Management Area in Neshoba and Winston Counties.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see LEGAL BUCKS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DOG RESTRICTIONS, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to the opening day of Primitive Weapon season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving through Dec. 1.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 – 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16 – Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	March 8 – 14	
TURKEY	March 15 – May 3 March 15 – 31 – Non-Residents by permit only through the Non-Resident Public Land Draw.	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28. May 15 - June 1	
RACCOON	Jul.1 - Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct.1 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov.1 - Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 – Feb. 28	
QUAIL	Thanksgiving Day through the first Saturday in March.	
DOVE	See Federal Regulations.	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **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.

3. **LEGAL BUCKS:** Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

4. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA Headquarters building or at a check station and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

5. **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 Feb. 1 - 28 with weapons legal for small game.

6. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only archery equipment, centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

7. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated graveled roads for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

8. HORSES: No horses allowed.

9. CAMPING: Primitive camping is allowed. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated March 2026.

RULE 1.28 BLACK PRAIRIE WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Black Prairie Wildlife Management Area in Lowndes County.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Youth Gun – Permit Only	Nov. 1 Dec. 22	Nov. 2 Dec. 27	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun – Permit Only	Nov. 6 Nov. 13 Nov. 20 Nov. 27	Nov. 9 Nov. 16 Nov. 23 Nov. 30	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

Gun – Permit Only	Dec. 12 Jan. 16	Dec. 16 Jan. 18	Legal bucks only.
Archery Only	Oct. 1 Dec. 17 Jan. 5 Jan. 19	Oct. 31 Dec. 21 Jan. 9 Jan. 23	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
TURKEY – Permit Only	Apr. 3 Apr. 10 Apr. 17 Apr. 24	Apr. 5 Apr. 12 Apr. 19 Apr. 26	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
SQUIRREL and RABBIT	Oct. 15 Nov. 3 Nov. 10 Nov. 17 Dec. 1 Dec. 8 Dec. 17 Dec. 28 Jan. 12 Jan. 19 Jan. 26 Feb. 2 Feb. 16 Feb. 23	Oct. 31 Nov. 5 Nov. 12 Nov. 19 Dec. 5 Dec. 11 Dec. 21 Jan. 2 Jan. 15 Jan. 23 Jan. 30 Feb. 13 Feb. 20 Feb. 28	

RACCOON	Jul. 1	Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	No trapping allowed.		
DOVE	See DOVE HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.		
The WMA is closed to hunting during special event dates (see SPECIAL EVENTS section below).			

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide bag limits EXCEPT:

- a. Turkey - A bag limit of one (1) legal gobbler per permit.
- b. Rabbit - party limit of 8 rabbits per day.
- c. Deer - One legal buck and three antlerless deer per year. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

3. **DEER HUNTING PERMITS:** Deer hunting will be allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts. Hunters must check in a 1½ year old or older doe during their permitted gun hunt to be issued a permit to harvest one (1) legal buck. This buck permit will be valid for the duration of the permitted hunt and during the legal bucks only deer hunt (Dec. 12 – 16).

4. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the Area Headquarters and recorded on WMA Daily Use Permit Card or WMA Check-In App by the hunters 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.

5. **LEGAL BUCKS:** Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 15 inches OR one main beam length of at least 18 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

6. **DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

7. **TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS:** Turkey hunting will be allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

8. **LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only archery equipment, centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

9. **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

a. Hunting dog field trials and other special events will be allowed by special use permit only. These permits may be obtained from the MDWFP, see Area Manager for additional information.

b. Special events will be restricted to the following dates: Sept. 6 – 7, Nov. 27 – 30, Dec. 6 – 7, Dec. 12 – 16, Dec. 22 – 27, Jan. 3 – 4, Jan. 10 – 11, Jan. 16 – 18, Jan. 24 – 25, Jan. 31 – Feb. 1, Feb. 14 – 15, Feb. 21 – 22.

c. The WMA is closed to hunting during special event dates. Anyone participating in permitted special events must obey conduct rules as designated and posted by club or group permitted to hold event.

10. **DOVE HUNTING:** A youth dove hunt will be held on a designated field Sept. 1, 2025, from 2 p.m. - sunset. Youth dove hunters must register prior to the special youth dove hunt. Dove hunting will be allowed on designated fields after the Sept. 1 youth hunt and the Sept. 3 permitted adult dove hunt, from 2 p.m. - sunset, on Wednesdays and Saturdays only, during the first season only. The number of hunters on the dove field is limited to 75. All drawn hunters for the permitted adult hunt must arrive to the dove field parking area by 12:00 p.m. to check in. Non-permitted hunters may come to the dove field parking area by 12:00 p.m. and enter a random drawing for any openings created by the permitted hunters not showing up.

11. **OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs only. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

12. **HORSES:** During WMA deer seasons, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed during nighttime hours.

13. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

14. FISHING: Fishing is allowed. Boats prohibited.

History: Updated April 2025.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.29 HELL CREEK WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Hell Creek Wildlife Management Area in Union and Tippah Counties.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMIT, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL WEAPONS and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Gun	Oct. 2	Oct. 5	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
– Permit Only	Oct. 9	Oct. 12	Antlerless deer and legal bucks
	Oct. 16	Oct. 19	Antlerless deer and legal bucks
Gun	Dec. 13	Dec. 21	Legal bucks only.
– Permit Only			
Senior Adult Gun	Dec. 26	Dec. 29	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
– Permit Only			
Archery Only	Oct. 6	Oct. 8	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	
	Oct. 20	Dec. 12	
	Dec. 30	Jan. 31	

Youth Gun	Nov. 15 Dec. 30 Jan. 13 Jan. 19	Dec. 3 Jan. 2 Jan. 15 Jan. 29	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY - Permit Only			See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
SQUIRREL & RABBIT	Oct. 20 Nov. 17 Dec. 30 Jan. 13 Jan. 19 Feb. 5 Feb. 16	Oct. 22 Dec. 3 Jan. 2 Jan. 15 Jan. 29 Feb. 11 Feb. 28	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24	Sept. 30	
SQUIRREL	May 15	June 1	
RACCOON	Jul. 1	Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	No Trapping Allowed		
QUAIL	Nov. 18	Nov. 20	

- Training Only	Nov. 25 Dec. 30 Jan. 26 Feb. 16	Nov. 27 Jan. 2 Jan. 29 Feb. 28	
Quail	Nov. 27 Jan. 22 Feb. 16	Dec. 3 Jan. 29 Mar. 4	See BAG LIMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH DOVE	Statewide opening day		See DOVE HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
DOVE	See DOVE HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.		

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **BAG LIMIT:** Same as statewide bag limits EXCEPT:

a. Rabbit - party limit of 6 rabbits per day.

b. Quail - party limit of 15 quail per day.

c. Deer - One (1) legal buck per day, not to exceed two (2) per year and on antlerless deer is one (1) per day, not to exceed three (3) per year. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

3. **DEER HUNTING PERMITS:** Deer hunting will be allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts. Hunters on the October permitted gun hunt must check in a doe that is 1½ years or older to be issued a permit to harvest (1) legal buck. This buck permit will be valid for the duration of the permitted hunt and during the legal bucks only deer hunt (Dec. 13 – Dec. 21). Senior Gun hunt permits will be valid for (1) legal buck and (1) doe, with no doe harvest prerequisite.

4. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at a check station and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

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

6. YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS: Turkey hunting from is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

7. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

8. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

9. SPECIAL EVENTS:

a. Hunting dog field trials and other special events will be allowed by special use permit only. These permits may be obtained from the MDWFP, see Area Manager for additional information.

b. Special events will be restricted to the following dates: Oct. 23 – Nov. 14, Dec. 4 – 7, Jan. 3 – 12, Jan. 16 – 18, Jan. 30 – Feb. 4, Feb. 12 – 15, Mar. 5 – 8, Mar. 12 – 15.

c. The WMA is closed to all firearm hunting during special event dates. Anyone participating in permitted special events must obey conduct rules as designated and posted by club or group permitted to hold event.

10. BIRD DOG TRAINING: During bird dog training dates, a person may not use area facilities more than 4 consecutive days.

11. DOVE HUNTING: A youth dove hunt will be held on a designated field on the statewide opening day from 2 p.m. - sunset. After the youth dove hunt, dove hunting will be allowed from 2 p.m. – sunset during the first season, except during scheduled deer gun hunts. After the first season, dove hunting is allowed during the statewide season dates, except during special event days. See SPECIAL EVENTS.

12. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs only. Additionally, electric bicycles may be

ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

13. HORSES: During WMA deer and turkey seasons, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles. Raccoon hunting from horses allowed on entire area during nighttime hours.

14. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

15. FISHING: Fishing is allowed on area ponds. Fishing is subject to special regulations posted at each pond.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: April 2025.

RULE 1.30 TRIM CANE WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Trim Cane Wildlife Management Area in Oktibbeha County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER Handicapped, Youth, and Senior Adult by permit only	Dec. 1 - Jan. 31	See HANDICAPPED, SENIOR, and YOUTH DEER HUNTING and LEGAL BUCKS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	Trapping prohibited during area rabbit hunts.
Waterfowl - Permit Only	See federal regulations.	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
DOVE	See DOVE HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
RABBIT Permit Only	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	See BAG LIMIT and RABBIT in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday. NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. BAG LIMIT: Same as statewide bag limits EXCEPT: Rabbit - a party limit of 8 rabbits per day and the bag limit on antlered buck deer is one (1) buck and on antlerless deer is one (1). All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

3. WATERFOWL:

a. All waterfowl hunts, except for the waterfowl youth, Veterans, and Active Military hunts and the post season light goose conservation order, are draw hunts only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

b. Waterfowl hunts will be held on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Dates for the special youth, Veterans and Active Military hunt will be the same as the statewide special youth waterfowl hunt. Each permitted hunter will be allowed two hunting guests.

c. All hunters must be checked in and out by area personnel.

d. All hunters must remain inside their assigned hunt station areas at all times.

e. On the morning of area waterfowl hunts, non-permitted hunters may come to the WMA Headquarters and enter a random drawing at 5 a.m. for any openings created by permitted hunters not showing up.

f. Shooting hours are one half hour before sunrise until 12 p.m.

g. All hunters and equipment must be removed from area by 1 p.m. Spent shot shells must be removed from area.

4. RABBIT:

a. Rabbit hunting will be allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

b. Selected hunters can bring 4 guests during each hunt.

5. HANDICAPPED, SENIOR ADULT, and YOUTH DEER HUNTING:

a. Handicapped, Youth, and Senior Adult hunting is by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

b. To be eligible, handicapped applicants must have a physical condition which makes them fully dependent on a wheelchair for mobility.

c. Handicapped and Youth hunts will be held on Saturdays beginning at 1:00pm and all selected participants must check in and out at the headquarters.

6. LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

7. DOVE HUNTING: Dove hunting is allowed on designated fields from 2 p.m. – sunset on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the first season only. No entry prior to 1:00pm on opening day. The number of hunters on the dove field is limited to 40.

8. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Dogs are allowed for rabbit and waterfowl hunting only. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

9. LEGAL WEAPONS: Handicapped and Youth deer hunt participants may use centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, or primitive weapons during any hunt date.

10. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting access only. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

11. HORSES: No horses allowed.

12. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

13. NON-HUNTING USE/SCOUTING: During Waterfowl seasons, non-hunting use/scouting is allowed by foot traffic only on Tuesdays and Fridays from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated May 2024.

RULE 1.31 UPPER SARDIS WMA - AREAS INCLUDED.

The Upper Sardis Wildlife Management Area shall consist of all U. S. Army Corps of Engineer lands in Lafayette and Marshall Counties which are east of the Graham Lake Boat Ramp road,

south of the Little Tallahatchie River Canal and west of the Union County line and all National Forest land in Lafayette County.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-1-49, 49-4-4, 49-4-8, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.32 HARVEY MOSS WMA at TUSCUMBIA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Harvey Moss Wildlife Management Area at Tuscumbia in Alcorn County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
UNIT 1		
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DOG RESTRICTIONS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, BAG LIMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Primitive Weapon – Permit Only	Oct. 1 – 30	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Archery	Nov. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Deer	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Dec. 1	Antlerless deer and legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 - 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16 - 23	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 24 - until 47 days of regular gun hunting for entire deer season.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

Primitive Weapon	Day after the final day of Gun season - Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	March 8 – 14	
TURKEY – Permit Only TURKEY	March 15 – Apr. 17 Apr. 18 – May 3	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMIT in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 May 15 - June 3	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sept. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	See TRAPPING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
WATERFOWL	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
YOUTH, VETERANS, ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with the statewide Season.	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
RABBIT	Oct. 31 - Feb. 28	
UNIT 2		

DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER HUNTING - Unit 2, DOG RESTRICTIONS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, BAG LIMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Primitive Weapon – Permit Only	Oct. 1 – 30	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Archery	Nov. 1 – Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	March 8 – 14	
TURKEY – Permit Only	March 15 – Apr. 17	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMIT in
TURKEY	Apr. 18 – May 3	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sept. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL, RACCOON, OPPOSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - the day prior to the opening day of waterfowl season. Feb. 1 - 28	
SQUIRREL	May 15 – June 1	
RABBIT	Oct. 31 to the day prior to the opening day of waterfowl season. Feb. 1 - 28	Rabbit season is closed during statewide Youth Waterfowl Season.
DOVE	See DOVE HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	

TRAPPING	Feb. 1 - 28	See TRAPPING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
WATERFOWL – Permit Only	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
YOUTH, VETERANS, and ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with the statewide Season.	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide bag limits, except the bag limit on antlerless deer is one (1) per day. Permitted deer hunt bag limits – 2 does and 1 buck per permit, no daily bag limit. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

3. **LEGAL BUCKS:** Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

4. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at a check station and recorded on WMA Daily 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. ALL antlerless deer heads harvested on Tuscumbia WMA must be deposited in a CWD Collection freezer or submitted to WMA staff for CWD sampling.

5. **DEER HUNTING PERMITS:** Deer hunting will be allowed by special permit only from Oct. 1 – 30. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts. Hunters must check in a doe that is 1½ years old or older during their permitted primitive weapon hunt to be issued a permit to harvest (1) legal buck. This buck permit will be valid for the duration of the permitted

hunt.

6. DEER HUNTING – UNIT 2: Once the waterfowl draw hunts begin, archery and youth gun hunting will be allowed only on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. On Wednesday and Saturday, archery hunting, youth gun hunting, and scouting will be allowed after 1 p.m.

7. DOG RESTRICTIONS:

- a. Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited.
- b. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.
- c. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

8. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

9. TRAPPING: All kill type traps must be at least 50% submerged in water.

10. WATERFOWL:

a. UNIT 1: Open with state seasons and bag limits. Shooting hours on Unit 1 are one-half hour before sunrise until 3 p.m., except during the waterfowl youth, Veterans, and Active Military hunt which runs concurrent with state seasons. Waterfowl hunters must wear fluorescent orange or pink cap or vest to and from hunt site. Waterfowl scouting is allowed during any open hunting season.

b. UNIT 2: All waterfowl hunts, except for the waterfowl youth, Veterans, and Active Military hunts and September teal season, are draw hunts only. The waterfowl youth, Veterans, and Active Military hunt shall run concurrent with the statewide season. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

c. All hunters must remain inside their assigned hunt station areas at all times.

d. All hunters must be checked in and out by area personnel.

e. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until 12 p.m.

f. All hunters and equipment must be removed from area by 1 p.m.

g. Spent shot shells must be removed from area.

h. Waterfowl scouting is allowed during any open hunting season, except on Wednesdays and Saturdays during waterfowl season.

11. TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS: Turkey hunting from March 15 – Apr. 17 is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

12. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: UNIT 1: Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles is allowed for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. UNIT 2: For permitted waterfowl hunters, ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails to access assigned waterfowl impoundments during waterfowl permit hunts. Otherwise, ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are only allowed for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

13. HORSES: No horses allowed.

14. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

15. DOVE HUNTING – Unit 2: Dove hunting is allowed from 2 p.m. – sunset during the first season. After the first season, dove hunting follows statewide season dates.

16. HIGH WATER: All hunting seasons are closed when the Tuscumbia River gauge at Corinth reads 14.0 ft. or higher. River stages can be obtained from www.mdwfp.com/wma. The earliest daily reading will determine WMA closure for the entire day.

History: Updated March 2026.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.34 MUSCADINE FARMS WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Muscadine Farms Wildlife Management Area in Washington County.

1. Muscadine Farms Tract:

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
SEPTEMBER TEAL – PERMIT ONLY	See SEPTEMBER TEAL HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
WATERFOWL – PERMIT ONLY	See WATERFOWL_HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	

YOUTH/VETERAN, and ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with statewide season.	
OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS	Same as Statewide Seasons. See OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS	
TRAPPING	Feb. 1 - 28	
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	Open after waterfowl season.	See Federal Regulations
YOUTH DOVE	Sept. 6	See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
DOVE	Sept. 7 – last day of the 1 st statewide dove season	See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS: All other migratory game birds may be hunted in assigned units while on permitted waterfowl hunts during the legal season for the species. Outside of the regular waterfowl season, migratory game birds may be hunted daily on the WMA during the legal season for those species.		
NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.		

2. Washington and Po-Lutken Tracts:

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER -PERMIT ONLY	One youth with accompanying adult every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Nov. 1 – Jan. 31.	Deer hunting is allowed by special permit only. Youth draw. Washington Tract ONLY.
RABBIT	Feb. 1 – Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 – Oct. 31 Feb. 1 – Feb. 28	

QUAIL	Thanksgiving Day through the first Saturday in March.	
WOODCOCK		See Federal Regulations.
DOVE		See Federal Regulations. See LEGAL SHOT and SHOOTING HOURS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday. NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide bag limits, except the bag limit on antlerless deer is two (2) and one (1) any antlered buck. ALL harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

3. **LEGAL SHOT:** Only non-toxic shot may be used for hunting waterfowl on this area. Any weapon may be used for the Permitted YOUTH DEER Hunts.

4. **SEPTEMBER TEAL HUNTING PERMITS:** September teal hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

5. **WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMITS:** All waterfowl hunts, except for the youth/veteran/active military hunts, are draw hunts only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts. Duck draw hunts will be conducted on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays only.

6. DOG RESTRICTIONS:

a. Retrievers are allowed during migratory bird hunts on Muscadine Farms Tract. All other dogs are prohibited on Muscadine Farms Tract.

b. On Washington and Po-Lutken Tracts, small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.

c. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs and/or deer with the use of dogs is prohibited.

7. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles prohibited. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

8. HORSES: No horses allowed.

9. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

10. SHOOTING HOURS: Shooting hours for waterfowl end at 12 p.m. Waterfowl hunters must check-out by 1 p.m. For first season dove hunting shooting hours are from 2 p.m. until sunset. All other migratory bird shooting hours are the same as statewide seasons.

11. NON-HUNTING USE OF THE AREA/SCOUTING: During Waterfowl seasons, non-hunting use of the area is allowed by foot traffic only on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays 12 p.m. until 3 p.m.

12. DOVE: A special youth dove hunt will be held on a designated field Sept. 6, 2025, from 2 p.m. until sunset. No dove hunting shall be allowed prior to the special youth dove hunt. Youth dove hunters must apply online at www.mdwfp.com and register at the WMA Headquarters on Sept. 6 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Dove hunting will be allowed on Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays only from Sept. 7, 2025 at 2 p.m. until sunset for the remainder of the first statewide dove season. Dove hunters may not enter the WMA prior to noon. All other migratory game birds may be hunted in assigned units while on permitted waterfowl hunts during the legal season for the species. Outside of regular waterfowl season, migratory game birds may be hunted daily on the WMA during the legal season for those species.

13. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be recorded on DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card or the WMA Check-In App before leaving the area. All deer harvested must be checked at a self-service data collection 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.

14. DEER HUNTING PERMITS: Deer hunting on the Washington Tract ONLY is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-1-49, 49-4-4, 49-4-8, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated April 2025.

RULE 1.35 YOCKANOOKANY WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Yockanookany Wildlife Management Area in Attala County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon – Permit Only	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	March 8 – 14	
TURKEY – Permit Only	March 15 – March 31.	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS IN SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TURKEY	April 1 – May 3	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28 May 15 – June 1	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 – Feb. 28	See DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

RACCOON	Jul. 1 – Sept. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPPOSUM, BOBCAT	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 – Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Same as statewide seasons.	
DOVE	See DOVE HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide bag limits except that for permitted turkey hunts the daily bag limit is one gobbler per permit, and the bag limit on antlered buck deer is one (1) buck per day, and on antlerless deer is one (1) per day. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

3. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA entrance and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

4. **DEER HUNTING PERMITS:** Deer hunting, except for the archery and youth gun hunt, is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

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

6. **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 Feb. 1 - 28 with weapons legal for small game.

7. **TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS:** Turkey hunting Mar. 15 – 31 is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

8. **LEGAL WEAPONS:** Deer seasons other than youth hunts are restricted to archery and primitive weapons.

9. **DOVE HUNTING:** Dove hunting is allowed from 2 p.m. – sunset on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the first season. After the first season, dove hunting follows statewide season dates. No entry prior to 1:00pm on opening day. The number of hunters on the dove field is limited to 40.

10. **OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles is allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

11. **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 during nighttime hunting hours.

12. **CAMPING:** Camping is allowed in designated areas only. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

13. **CLOSED AREA:** The area North of Hwy 12 shall be closed to hunting, fishing, and trapping.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated March 2026.

RULE 1.36 CHARLES RAY NIX WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Charles Ray Nix Wildlife Management Area in Panola County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see LEGAL BUCKS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DOG RESTRICTIONS, PRIMITIVE WEAPON DEER HUNTING PERMITS, HANDICAPPED DEER HUNTING AREA, and

		LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Deer	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Primitive Weapons-Permit Only season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon – Permit Only	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving – the day before Thanksgiving. First Friday in December continuing for 36 days.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Archery / Youth Deer	Day after the end of the Primitive Weapon – Permit Only season - Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY – Permit Only	All full weekends in April.	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28 May 15 – June 1	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 – Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sept. 30	Friday and Saturday nights.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	

QUAIL	First Monday in November through the third Sunday in February.	
DOVE	See DOVE HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **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.

3. **LEGAL BUCKS:** Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 15 inches OR one main beam length of at least 18 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

4. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA Headquarters and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

5. **PRIMITIVE WEAPON DEER HUNTING PERMITS:** Deer hunting during the primitive weapon season is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

6. **HANDICAPPED DEER HUNTING AREA:** Only handicapped hunters are allowed to hunt in this area during deer season. Handicapped hunters may hunt with a rifle in the handicapped area from the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving – the day before Thanksgiving and the first Friday in December – January 31. This area will be open to all other hunters outside of deer season.

7. DOG RESTRICTIONS:

- a. Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited.
- b. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.

c. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

8. **TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS:** Youth turkey hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

9. **LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only archery equipment and primitive weapon may be used for deer hunting. Youth hunters may use centerfire rifles or shotguns with slugs for deer during youth gun and primitive weapon seasons. Handicap hunters may use centerfire rifles or shotguns with slugs for deer in the handicapped area during the handicapped rifle season.

10. **DOVE HUNTING:** Hunting hours for opening day are 2:00 p.m. until sunset. No entry prior to 1:00 p.m. on opening day. During the remaining statewide season framework, dove hunting hours are from 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

11. **OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting access only from Sept. 1 – May 1. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

12. **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 allowed on entire area during nighttime hours.

13. **CAMPING:** No camping allowed.

14. **CLOSED AREA:** The area designated as the shooting range shall be closed to hunting, fishing, and trapping.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated May 2024.

RULE 1.37 SKY LAKE WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Sky Lake Wildlife Management Area in Humphreys and Leflore Counties.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS

DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery – Permit Only	Oct. 2	Nov. 1	Antlerless deer and legal bucks. (Thursday, Friday, & Saturday only.)
Youth Gun	Nov. 6	Nov. 8	Antlerless deer and legal bucks. (Thursday, Friday, & Saturday only.)
Primitive Weapon – Permit Only	Nov. 13	Jan. 24	Antlerless deer and legal bucks. (Thursday, Friday, & Saturday only.)
TURKEY	SEASON CLOSED		
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24	Sept. 30	Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday only.
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1	Jan. 31	Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday only.
	Feb. 1	Feb. 28	Daily
RACCOON	Jul. 1	Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Jan. 31	Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday only.
	Feb. 1	Feb. 28	Daily
TRAPPING	Feb. 1	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday only. Shooting hours end at 12 p.m.		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

YOUTH/VETERAN/ ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with statewide season		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	See Federal Regulations		Open after waterfowl season.
RABBIT	Oct. 15	Jan. 31	Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday only.
	Feb. 1	Feb. 28	Daily
QUAIL	Nov. 26	Jan. 31	Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday only.
	Feb. 1	Mar. 1	Daily

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold. Visitors to the Sky Lake Boardwalk and Visitor’s Center are exempt from the WMA User Permit.

2. **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.

3. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at a self-service deer check station located on Sky Lake WMA and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

4. **DEER HUNTING PERMITS:** Deer hunting, except for the youth gun hunt, is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

5. LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 15 inches OR one main beam length of at least 18 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

6. DOG RESTRICTIONS:

- a. Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited.
- b. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.
- c. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

7. SMALL GAME HUNTING: Small game seasons for species not listed will be open on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday during their respective statewide season dates until January 31. After January 31 these seasons will be open daily.

8. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting during the youth deer hunt. Other deer seasons are restricted to archery and primitive weapons.

9. WATERFOWL: Waterfowl hunting closes at 12 p.m. All hunt participants, spent shot shells, and equipment must be removed from the WMA by 1 p.m., except during the Youth/Veteran/Active Military waterfowl hunt which shall run concurrent with the statewide waterfowl youth, Veteran and Active Military hunt.

10. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric bicycles is allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

11. HORSES: Horseback riding is prohibited during WMA deer 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 during nighttime hunting hours.

12. CAMPING: Camping is allowed in designated areas only. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

13. SCOUTING: Scouting is allowed daily from February 1 – September 30 and on Sunday – Wednesday from October 1 – January 31.

History: Updated April 2025.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-1-49, 49-4-4, 49-4-8, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.38 HOWARD MILLER WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Howard Miller Wildlife Management Area in Issaquena County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
YOUTH DEER-PERMIT ONLY	See YOUTH DEER PERMIT in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	YOUTH DEER- PERMIT ONLY
WATERFOWL – Permit Only	See WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
SEPTEMBER TEAL SEASON – Permit Only	See SEPTEMBER TEAL SEASON PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
YOUTH/VETERAN/ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with statewide season.	
OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS	See OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	See Federal Regulations	Open after waterfowl season.
TRAPPING	Feb. 1 - 28	
DOVE	See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.		

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits. Bag limits for Permitted YOUTH DEER hunt is one (1) antlerless deer and one (1) any-antlered buck per permit.

3. LEGAL SHOT/WEAPONS: Only non-toxic shot may be used for hunting waterfowl on this area. Any weapon may be used for the Permitted YOUTH DEER hunts.

4. WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMITS: All waterfowl hunts, except for the youth/veteran/Active Military hunts, are draw hunts only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts. Waterfowl draw hunts will be conducted on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays only.

5. OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS:

a. All other migratory game birds may be hunted in assigned units while on permitted waterfowl hunts during the legal season for the species.

b. Outside of the regular duck season, migratory game birds may be hunted daily on the WMA during the legal seasons for those species.

6. NON-HUNTING USE / SCOUTING: ATV use from October 1 – November 15 is prohibited. During Waterfowl seasons, non-hunting use/scouting is allowed by foot traffic only on Sundays and Wednesdays from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m. and all visitors may ONLY park at the front entrance parking area.

7. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Retrievers allowed during migratory game bird hunts. All other dogs prohibited. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

8. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting access only. No vehicles allowed on levees. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

9. HORSES: No horses allowed.

10. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

11. SHOOTING HOURS:

a. Shooting hours for waterfowl end at 12 p.m., except during the youth, Veterans, and Active Military waterfowl hunt which shall run concurrent with the statewide waterfowl youth, Veterans, and Active Military hunt.

b. Waterfowl hunters must check-out by 1p.m.

c. All other migratory bird shooting hours are the same as statewide seasons.

12. DOVE: Dove may be hunted during the first statewide season east of the main gravel road. Shooting hours for dove are from 2 p.m. until sunset. No entry prior to 1:00 p.m. on opening day.

13. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be recorded on DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card or the WMA Check-In App before leaving the area. All deer harvested must be checked at a self-service data collection 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.

History: Updated April 2025.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.39 THEODORE MARS WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Theodore A. Mars, Jr. Memorial Wildlife Refuge in Pearl River County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL DEER, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Youth Archery	Oct. 15 – Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season.	
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season - Feb. 15	
YOUTH TURKEY	March 8 – May 3	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 - Feb. 28	

QUAIL	Thanksgiving Day through the first Saturday in March	
NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.		

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

3. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be recorded on the DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card or WMA Check-In App.

4. **LEGAL DEER:** Antlerless deer and bucks with hardened antlers visible above the natural hairline are legal for harvest.

5. **DOG RESTRICTIONS:**

- a. Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited.
- b. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.
- c. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

6. **LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs or buckshot, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

7. **OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated trails and for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs only. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

8. **HORSES:** Horseback riding is allowed on designated roads and trails outside of deer hunting season.

9. **CAMPING:** No camping allowed.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated March 2026.

RULE 1.40 CHARLIE CAPPS WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Charlie Capps Wildlife Management Area in Bolivar County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
WATERFOWL – Permit Only - Except for youth/veteran/Active Military Waterfowl hunts.	See WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
YOUTH/VETERAN/ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with statewide season.	
SEPTEMBER TEAL	Open concurrent with statewide season	May hunt teal on any available open water. Excluding Conservation League Lake
OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS	See OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	See Federal Regulations	Open after waterfowl season.
TRAPPING	Feb. 1 –28	
FISHING	Feb. 16 – Oct. 31	See FISHING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.		

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits.

3. LEGAL SHOT: Only non-toxic shot may be used for hunting waterfowl.

4. WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMITS: All waterfowl hunts, except for the youth/veteran/Active Military hunts and early teal season, are draw hunts only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts. Early teal season hunting is allowed in the borrow area only (see map at www.mdwfp.com/wma).

5. DOG RESTRICTIONS:

a. Retrievers allowed during migratory game bird hunts. All other dogs are prohibited.

b. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

6. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting access only. No vehicles allowed on impoundment levees. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

7. HORSES: No horses allowed.

8. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

9. SHOOTING HOURS: Shooting hours for waterfowl end at 12 p.m. Waterfowl hunters must check-out by 1 p.m., except during the youth, Veteran, and Active Military waterfowl hunt which shall run concurrent with the statewide waterfowl youth, Veteran, and Active Military hunt.

10. OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS: All other migratory game birds may be hunted in assigned units while on permitted waterfowl hunts during the legal season for the species. Outside of the duck season, migratory game birds may be hunted daily on the WMA during the legal season for that species.

11. NON-HUNTING USE OF THE AREA: During Waterfowl seasons, non-hunting use of the area is allowed by foot traffic only on Sundays and Tuesdays from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m.

12. FISHING:

- a. No fishing from November 1 – February 15.
- b. Fishing is allowed from sunrise to sunset.
- c. Only bank fishing and non-motorized boats may be used.
- d. Daily Creel Limits:
 - i. Largemouth bass: 5 per day.
 - ii. Crappie: 20 per day.
 - iii. Bream: 100 per day.
 - iv. Catfish: 10 per day.

History: Updated April 2025.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.41 WILLIAM C. (BILLY) DEVINEY WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for William C. (Billy) Deviney Wildlife Management Area in Sunflower County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
WATERFOWL – Permit Only	See WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
YOUTH/VETERAN /ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with statewide season.	
SEPTEMBER TEAL	Open concurrent with statewide season	May hunt teal on any available open water, including the waterfowl sanctuary.
GEESE: Canada, white-fronted, Snow, Blue, Ross’, and Brant	Open daily during statewide goose seasons through the Friday after Thanksgiving.	

DOVE	See DOVE HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS	See OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	Open after waterfowl season.	See Federal Regulations
TRAPPING	Feb. 1 –28	
NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.		
LYONS TRACT		
Deer		For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1 – Jan. 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Small Game, Woodcock, and Snipe	Jan. 16 - End of statewide season.	

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **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.

3. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the self-service data collection station and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

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

5. LEGAL SHOT: Only non-toxic shot may be used for hunting waterfowl on this area.

6. WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMITS: All waterfowl hunts, except for the youth/veteran/active military hunts, are draw hunts only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

7. DOG RESTRICTIONS:

- a. Retrievers are allowed during migratory game bird hunts.
- b. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs and/or deer with the use of dogs is prohibited.
- c. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed on the Lyon Tracts Only.

6. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting access only. No vehicles allowed on impoundment levees. Off-road use of ORV/ATV/Electric Bicycles is allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

7. HORSES: No horses allowed.

8. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

9. SHOOTING HOURS: Shooting hours for waterfowl end at 12 p.m. Waterfowl hunters must check-out by 1 p.m., except during the waterfowl youth hunt which shall run concurrent with the statewide waterfowl youth hunt.

10. BEARS: Black bears may occur on this WMA. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit.

11. NON-HUNTING USE OF THE AREA: During Waterfowl seasons, non-hunting use of the area is allowed by foot traffic only on Sundays and Tuesdays from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m.

12. DOVE HUNTING: The opening day dove hunt will be a permit only hunt on the designated field beginning at 2:00pm. Hunters must show up to the dove field parking area by 12:00pm to check in. Non-permitted hunters may come to the dove field parking area by 12:00pm and enter a random drawing for any openings created by permitted hunters not showing up. No entry prior to 1:00 p.m. on opening day. Following the opening day hunt, dove hunting will be allowed daily from 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset, first season only.

History: Updated May 2024.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.42 MCHENRY WMA REGULATIONS.

BE IT ORDERED, that the property owned by the MDWFP known as “McHenry,” located in Stone County, is hereby declared a wildlife management project or refuge to be managed as a Wildlife Management Area, under the authority of MISS. CODE ANN. Section 49-5-13 and shall be open for shooting range operations only. It shall remain closed to hunting, fishing, and trapping.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated April 2014

RULE 1.43 CANEMOUNT WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Canemount Wildlife Management Area in Claiborne County.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1	Nov. 2	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

– Permit Only			
Gun – Permit Only	Nov. 20	Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks
Youth Gun – Permit Only	Nov. 6	Nov. 16	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY – Permit Only	Mar. 14	Mar. 15	See YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TURKEY – Permit Only	March 16	May 1	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
SQUIRREL	Feb. 1 May 15	Feb. 28 June 1	See SQUIRREL HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
NO OTHER SEASONS shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.			
The Commission may expand, shorten, restrict or otherwise alter, the hunting opportunities set forth herein, in order to best manage the animal population(s) on the management area. Any changes in hunting opportunities may be affected by Executive Order.			

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. BAG LIMITS:

a. Deer: Three (3) antlerless deer and one (1) legal buck per permitted hunt. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

b. Turkey: One (1) legal turkey per permitted hunting party.

c. Squirrel: Same as statewide bag limits.

3. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All harvested deer must be checked at the WMA headquarters and recorded on WMA Daily 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. ALL heads from antlerless deer harvested on Canemount WMA must be deposited in the Canemount WMA CWD collection freezer.

4. **DEER HUNTING PERMITS:** Deer hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

5. **YOUTH DEER HUNTING PERMITS:** Youth deer hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

6. **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. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

7. **DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Hunting with dogs is prohibited, except Squirrel Hunting with dogs is allowed during squirrel season.

8. **TURKEY HUNTING:** Turkey hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

9. **YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING:** Youth turkey hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

10. **SQUIRREL HUNTING:** Squirrel hunting is allowed from February 1 – 28 and May 15 – June 1.

11. **LEGAL WEAPONS:** Centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, centerfire handguns, and archery equipment may be used for deer hunting.

12. **OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Electric carts may be used on any WMA road for turkey hunting access during turkey season only. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

13. **HORSES:** Horseback riding is prohibited.

14. CAMPING: No camping is allowed.

15. SCOUTING is allowed daily prior to Oct. 1. From October 1 – January 31, the area is closed to all activities Monday - Wednesday. Scouting is allowed on Friday prior the youth turkey hunt and Thursdays only during permitted turkey hunts. Only those persons drawn to hunt will be allowed on the area during permitted deer hunts. During permitted turkey hunts, only the hunter and their partner will be allowed on the area.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated April 2025.

RULE 1.44 RIVERFRONT WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Riverfront Wildlife Management Area in Bolivar County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery – Permit only	Nov. 1 – 30	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon – Permit only	Dec. 1 – Dec. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Small Game	Jan. 1 – Feb. 28	
NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.		

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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

completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. HUNTING AREA: See map at mdwfp.com/wma.

3. BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits, except:

Deer: One (1) legal buck per hunt and one (1) antlerless deer per day, not to exceed three (3) antlerless deer per hunt. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

4. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA Headquarters and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

5. DEER HUNTING PERMITS: Deer hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

6. 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. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

7. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.

8. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only primitive weapons and archery equipment may be used for deer hunting.

9. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

10. HORSES: Horseback riding is prohibited.

11. CAMPING: Camping is prohibited on this area.

12. SCOUTING: Deer scouting is allowed daily Oct. 1 – 13 and on Thursdays only during permitted deer hunts. Only those persons drawn to hunt will be allowed on the area during permitted deer hunts.

13. HIGH WATER: The WMA will be closed when the Mississippi River gauge at Arkansas City reads 26 feet or higher and will reopen when the Mississippi River gauge at Arkansas City drops below 26 feet. The earliest daily reading will determine WMA closure for the entire day. River stages can be obtained from www.mdwfp.com/wma. The earliest daily reading will determine WMA closure for the entire day.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated May 2024.

RULE 1.45 COSSAR STATE PARK REGULATIONS.

The unimproved part or parts of the property owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers known as “George P. Cossar State Park,” located in Yalobusha County, is hereby declared a wildlife management project or refuge to be managed as a Wildlife Management Area, under the authority of MISS. CODE ANN. Section 49-5-13 and shall be open for white-tailed deer and squirrel hunting.

A. Regulations for Cossar State Park in Yalobusha County.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see HUNTING AREA, BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, ELIGIBLE HUNTERS, LEGAL BUCKS, DOG RESTRICTIONS, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Group Deer Hunts – Permit Only	Wednesdays – Sundays in December.		Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Senior Adult Hunt – Permit Only	Wednesdays – Sundays in January.		
NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed unless stated in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.			

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. HUNTING AREA: See map at mdwfp.com/wma.

3. BAG LIMITS: Deer - Same as statewide bag limits EXCEPT the bag limit on antlered buck deer is one (1) buck per permitted hunter and on antlerless deer is one (1) per day. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

Squirrel – May be hunted during the permitted hunt. Statewide bag limit applies. Park regulations apply, including those regarding pets.

4. PERMIT STATIONS: All hunters must check-in at the park office.

5. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be brought to the check station and recorded on WMA Daily Use Permit Card or WMA Check-In App by the hunter who harvested them for biological data collection. 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.

6. DEER HUNTING PERMITS: Deer hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

7. LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

8. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

9. LEGAL WEAPONS: Archery equipment, muzzleloading rifles, and shotgun with slugs.

10. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed only for the retrieval of harvested deer. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

11. PARKING: Hunters must park in designated parking areas only.

12. CAMPING: Camping is allowed under State Park regulation.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Revised May 2024.

RULE 1.46 “PHIL BRYANT” WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Phil Bryant Wildlife Management Area in Issaquena and Warren Counties.

1. Backwoods Unit.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery Group Draw – Permit Only	Oct. 1	Nov. 2	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun Group Draw – Permit Only	Nov. 5	Jan. 14	Antlerless deer and Legal bucks.
Senior Adult – Permit Only	Jan. 15	Jan. 16	Antlerless deer and Legal bucks. See bag limits.
TURKEY	Permit Only.		See Turkey HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24	Sept. 30	
SQUIRREL & RABBIT – Group Draw	Oct. 1	Jan. 14	Open to hunters drawn during group draw hunts.

SQUIRREL & RABBIT	Jan. 15	Feb. 28	Daily.
SQUIRREL	May 15	June 1	Daily.
RACCOON	Jul. 1	Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Jan. 15	Feb. 28	Daily.
TRAPPING	Jan. 15	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL – Group Draw Permit Only	Open concurrent with state waterfowl season for hunters drawn during the group draw.		
WATERFOWL	Open on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from Jan. 15 – Jan. 31. See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.		
YOUTH/VETERAN/ ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with statewide youth and veteran/Active Military waterfowl days.		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
WOODCOCK – Group Draw Only	Open concurrent with Statewide Season.		Open to hunters drawn during group draw hunts.
WOODCOCK	Jan. 15	Jan. 31	Daily.
SNIPE – Group Draw Only	Open concurrent with Statewide Season.		Open to hunters drawn during group draw hunts.
SNIPE	Jan. 15	Feb. 28	Daily
FISHING – Group Draw	Oct. 1	Jan. 14	Open to hunters drawn during group draw hunts.
FISHING	Jan. 15	Sept. 30	Daily
Backwoods units are closed to scouting from Oct. 1 – January 14.			

2. Buck Bayou Unit.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery – Permit Only	Oct. 1	Oct. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun –	Nov. 1	Nov. 2	Antlerless deer and any antlered buck.
Primitive Weapon – Permit Only	Nov. 6	Nov. 30	Antlerless deer and legal bucks
Gun - Permit Only	Dec. 1	Dec. 31	Antlerless deer and Legal bucks.
Archery/ Youth Gun	Jan. 1	Jan. 14	Legal bucks only.
Senior Adult – Permit Only	Jan. 15	Jan. 16	Antlerless deer and Legal bucks. See bag limits.
TURKEY	Permit Only.		See Turkey HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24	Sept. 30	
SQUIRREL & RABBIT	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	Saturdays only, except closed on Nov. 1

SQUIRREL & RABBIT	Jan. 1	Feb. 28	Daily.
SQUIRREL	May 15	June 1	Daily.
RACCOON	Jul. 1	Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 Jan. 1	Dec. 31 Feb. 28	Friday nights only. Daily.
TRAPPING	Jan. 1	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL - Permit Only - Except for youth/veteran/Active Military waterfowl hunts, the September teal season, and the post season light goose conservation order.	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.		
YOUTH/VETERAN/ ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with the statewide Youth/Veteran/Active Military Waterfowl Season		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	See Federal Regulations.		Open after waterfowl season.
WOODCOCK	Same as Statewide Seasons.		Woodcock hunting is allowed on any small game hunting day during legal woodcock season.
SNIPE	Same as Statewide Seasons.		Snipe hunting is allowed on any small game hunting day during legal snipe season.

FISHING	Jan. 15 Oct. 1	Sept. 30 Jan. 14	Daily Saturdays only.
The Buck Bayou Unit Will Be Closed To ALL ACTIVITES On Tuesdays from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31. SCOUTING IS ALLOWED ON SATURDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS.			

3. Ten Point Unit.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery – Permit Only	Oct. 1	Nov. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun – Permit Only	Dec. 1	Dec. 21	Antlerless deer and legal bucks
Youth and Handicapped Gun – Permit Only	Dec. 25	Jan. 11	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Senior Adult – Permit Only	Jan. 15	Jan. 16	Antlerless deer and Legal bucks. See bag limits.
TURKEY	Permit Only		See Turkey HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24	Sept. 30	

SQUIRREL & RABBIT	Oct. 1	Jan. 14	Open only on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.
SQUIRREL & RABBIT	Jan. 15	Feb. 28	Daily.
SQUIRREL	May 15	June 1	Daily.
RACCOON	Jul. 1	Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Jan. 15	Feb. 28	Daily.
TRAPPING	Jan. 15	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Open on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday during statewide waterfowl seasons. See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.		
YOUTH/VETERAN/ ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open Concurrent with statewide seasons.		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
WOODCOCK	Same as Statewide Seasons.		Woodcock hunting is allowed on any small game hunting day during legal woodcock season. Open daily from Jan. 15 - 31
SNIPE	Same as Statewide Seasons.		Snipe hunting is allowed on any small game hunting day during legal snipe season. Open daily from Jan. 15 – Feb. 28
FISHING	Jan. 15	Sept. 30	Daily
	Oct. 1	Jan. 14	Open only on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.
Scouting is allowed daily prior to Oct. 1, and on any small game hunting days thereafter. Only those persons drawn to hunt are allowed on the unit during permitted hunts.			

4. Goose Lake Unit.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery Only – Permit Only	Oct. 1	Jan. 14	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Senior Adult – Permit Only	Jan. 15	Jan. 16	Antlerless deer and Legal bucks. See bag limits.
TURKEY	Permit Only.		See Turkey HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24	Sept. 30	
SQUIRREL & RABBIT	Oct. 1	Jan. 14	Open only on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.
SQUIRREL & RABBIT	Jan. 15	Feb. 28	Daily.
SQUIRREL	May 15	June 1	Daily.
RACCOON	Jul. 1	Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Jan. 15	Feb. 28	Daily.

TRAPPING	Jan. 15	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL -	Open on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday during statewide waterfowl seasons. See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.		
YOUTH/VETERAN/ ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with statewide seasons.		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
WOODCOCK	Same as Statewide Seasons.		Woodcock hunting is allowed on any small game hunting day during legal woodcock season. Open daily from Jan. 15 - 31
SNIPE	Same as Statewide Seasons.		Snipe hunting is allowed on any small game hunting day during legal snipe season. Open daily from Jan. 15 – Feb. 28
FISHING	Jan. 15	Sept. 30	Daily
	Oct. 1	Jan. 14	Open only on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.
Scouting is allowed daily prior to Oct. 1, and on any small game hunting days thereafter. Only those persons drawn to hunt are allowed on the units during permitted hunts.			

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **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. The bag limit during the Senior Adult Hunt will be 1 legal buck and 1 antlerless deer per hunt. Bag limit for turkeys is 1 adult gobbler per permitted hunt.

Backwoods Unit: Group bag limit of 4 legal bucks and 8 antlerless deer. All harvested deer count towards the Phil Bryant WMA and statewide bag limits.

3. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at a WMA check station and recorded on WMA Daily 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. Deer harvest on Goose Lake Unit must be checked in at either the Hwy 61 Boat Ramp or Ten Point Unit data collection station. Deer harvested on Buck Bayou Unit must be checked in at the Buck Bayou Visitor Permit station at the Buck Bayou parking area, see map for location. 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.

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

5. 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 ALL other Permit Only hunts, a youth hunter must harvest a buck with an inside spread of at least 16 inches OR one main beam length of at least 20 inches.

6. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

7. TURKEY HUNTING: Turkey hunting will be allowed by special permit only.

8. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

9. WATERFOWL: You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts. Shooting hours end at 12 p.m. for all hunt units. Ten Point and Goose Lake Units are open to waterfowl hunting, no draw, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays during the statewide waterfowl season. Shooting hours end at 12 p.m. for all hunt units. Waterfowl hunters must check-out by 1 p.m. except during the youth/veteran waterfowl hunt which shall run concurrent with the statewide waterfowl youth/veteran hunt. No boats, blinds, or decoys are to be left out overnight. Waterfowl hunting shall open daily on the Ten Point and Goose Lake units during the waterfowl season while the Steele Bayou Landside Gauge is at or above 82.0 feet.

Backwoods Unit: Only open to waterfowl hunting to those drawn for the group hunts from opening day of waterfowl season – Jan. 14. Backwoods unit is open to waterfowl hunting on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from Jan. 15 – 31 and during the Youth/Veteran Waterfowl days. From Jan 15 – 31, shooting hours will end at 12 p.m. and waterfowl hunters must check-out by 1 p.m.

Buck Bayou Unit: All waterfowl hunting will be managed through the Mahannah WMA waterfowl hunting process. No persons may leave Anderson-Tully Road or launch a boat until the waterfowl

draw process has been completed for the Buck Bayou and Mahannah Units. Waterfowl draw hunts will be conducted for Mahannah / Buck Bayou on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays ONLY.

10. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles is allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. During all WMA deer firearms seasons, no loaded shoulder fired weapons allowed within 100 feet of any road within WMA, including ATV trails. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

Goose Lake: ORVs/ATVs are prohibited on Goose Lake Unit.

11. 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.

12. CAMPING: Camping is allowed in designated areas only. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure. Camping for Goose Lake Unit is ONLY allowed at the Ten Point or Mahannah WMA Campgrounds. Backwoods: Camping for Backwoods Unit 4 is only allowed at the Mahannah WMA campground.

13. SCOUTING:

a. Backwoods: No scouting allowed from Oct. 1 – Jan. 14. Open daily from Jan. 15 – Sept. 30.

b. 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.

c. Ten Point and Goose Lake Units: Scouting is allowed daily prior to Oct. 1, and on any small game hunting days thereafter. Only those persons drawn to hunt are allowed on the units during permitted hunts.

14. HIGH WATER: Phil Bryant WMA will be closed to all activities, except waterfowl hunting, when the Mississippi River gauge at Vicksburg reaches 43 ft. and shall remain so until the Mississippi River level falls to or below 41.0 ft. and/or when the Steele Bayou landside gauge reaches 82.0 ft. and shall remain closed until the Steele Bayou level falls to or below 80ft. Waterfowl hunting shall open daily on the Ten Point and Goose Lake units during the waterfowl season after 82 feet on the Steel Bayou Landside Gauge. Previously drawn hunters for the Backwoods unit may only waterfowl hunt during Mahannah permitted waterfowl hunts.

15. PARKING: Buck Bayou visitors must park in the Buck Bayou Unit parking area only. See map for location. Visitors from Buck Bayou Unit and Mahannah WMA may not park at Backwoods Units Campsites between October 1-January 31.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Revised April 2025.

RULE 1.47 Calling Panther Lake WMA Regulations

A. Regulations for Calling Panther WMA in Copiah County.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, LEGAL WEAPONS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery – Permit Only	Oct. 1	Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
SQUIRREL	Feb. 1	Feb. 28	Shotguns only.
YOUTH TURKEY – Permit Only	Mar. 8	Last Sunday in April.	See YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in Special Instructions.
NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.			

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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

completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. NO HUNTING AREA: See WMA map for areas closed to all hunting.

3. BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits EXCEPT the bag limit on antlerless deer is one (1) per day, not to exceed three (3) per year. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

4. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be brought to the check station for biological data collection and recorded on the WMA Daily Use Permit Card or WMA Check-In App by the hunter who harvested them. 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.

5. DEER HUNTING PERMITS: Deer hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

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

7. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Squirrel hunting with dogs is allowed. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

8. YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING: Youth turkey hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

9. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only archery equipment may be used for deer hunting. Only shotguns may be used for squirrel hunting.

10. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed only for the retrieval of harvested deer and hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

11. HORSES: Horseback riding is prohibited.

12. CAMPING: Camping is allowed under State Lake regulation (40 Miss Admin Code Part 3 Chap 2.1).

13. FISHING: Fishing is allowed under State Lake regulation (40 Miss Admin Code Part 3 Chap 2.1).

14. BOAT ACCESS: Hunting access by boat is allowed. A state lake boat launching permit is required. Boats must follow state and coast guard regulations.

History: Updated May 2024.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS

Title 40: Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks

Part 2: Wildlife

Part 2, Chapter 1: Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)

Rule 1.1 BASIC REGULATIONS FOR ALL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS (WMAs).

Disclaimer: *State wildlife management areas (WMAs), fishing lakes, and parks, are managed to be as close to a natural condition as possible, while providing access and opportunities for outdoor recreation. Any number of animals, plants, and insects, some of which may be dangerous to humans, may be found on state WMAs, lakes, and parks. Please enjoy the opportunities we offer to interact with nature, but be mindful of your surroundings. Should you have any questions about specific locations, please call us at 601-432-2199 or visit www.mdwfp.com. To report a wildlife violation, call 1-800-BESMART.*

A. Safety Precautions:

1. Target shooting is prohibited, except on designated ranges.
2. No hunting or shooting within 200 yards of any building.
3. No alcoholic beverages allowed. Persons intoxicated or careless with firearms shall be removed immediately.
4. No shooting across WMA boundary lines. Unless they have been tampered with, all WMA boundary lines are marked. Lands adjacent to any WMA may be private lands. Crossing onto adjacent private lands may subject the hunter to criminal liability for trespassing. Stands, blinds, or other hunting positions should be placed so that the hunter does not shoot across any boundary line and onto adjacent private property. Hunters shall obey all markers and related signs on the WMA. A violation of this provision may also subject the hunter to charges for a violation of WMA hunting regulations and possible loss of hunting privileges on a WMA.

B. Hunter Orange/Fluorescent Pink: When hunting deer or hogs during any firearm season for deer on a WMA, including during special hunts, hunters must wear in full view a minimum of 500 square inches of solid unbroken fluorescent orange or pink. When hunting quail or rabbit on a WMA, hunters must wear a fluorescent orange or pink vest or cap. During any Youth Hunt for Deer, ALL deer hunters on the area must wear a minimum of 500 square inches of solid unbroken fluorescent orange or pink when hunting or walking to / from a stand / blind unless otherwise stated below. Hunters shall not be required to wear five hundred (500) square inches of solid unbroken fluorescent orange or pink when: Hunting from a deer stand that is elevated twelve (12) feet or more above the ground; or hunting in a fully enclosed blind.

C. Firearms: Shoulder fired weapons must be unloaded and cased while in a vehicle on a WMA. Shoulder-fired weapons in an ORV/ATV are not required to be cased. The case must be a container specifically designed for firearms and must be zipped, snapped, buckled, tied or otherwise fastened with no portion of the weapon exposed.

D. Legal Weapons: Unless otherwise stated in individual WMA regulations, the following are legal weapons for all WMAs.

1. Primitive Weapons: Primitive weapons are those defined by 40 Mississippi Administrative Code Part 4, Chapter. 1, Rule 1.3 and Archery Equipment.

2. Archery Equipment: Longbows, recurves, compounds, and crossbows are legal archery equipment.

3. Turkey: Only archery equipment and shotguns with #2 shot or smaller may be used for turkey hunting.

4. Small Game: Legal weapons for small game hunting (excluding waterfowl) during Daylight hours are shotguns using #2 shot or smaller, rifles and air rifles, or handguns no larger than .22 rimfire (which includes .22 magnums), muzzleloading rifles .40 caliber or smaller, and archery equipment.

E. All Vehicles within, entering, or leaving a WMA are subject to being checked at roadblocks or checkpoints for compliance with hunting and fishing and/or WMA laws and regulations.

F. All Persons 15 Years of age or younger, while hunting on a WMA, 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 hold a valid Mississippi license for the species being hunted.

G. Youth Hunt Eligibility: Persons eligible to participate in specially designated youth hunts are those who are fifteen (15) years of age or younger.

H. Youths hunting during Primitive Weapon Deer Hunts on a WMA may carry and use any firearm allowed in the “legal weapons for deer hunting” descriptions for that specific WMA.

I. During permitted draw hunts for deer and turkey, for selected hunters 21 years old or older, one youth aged 15 years old or younger may accompany or hunt with the permitted adult hunter. The adult and youth combined harvest shall not exceed the permit bag limit. The drawn hunter may have one non-permitted licensed guest 16 years of age or older. This guest is not allowed to harvest deer or turkey.

J. Dogs: Dogs are not allowed on WMAs during closed seasons except by field trial permit.

K. Roads/Vehicles: During all WMA deer firearms seasons, no loaded shoulder-fired weapons allowed within 100 feet of the center line of any road or designated vehicle trail within a

WMA. No motorized, regardless of size or type, vehicles allowed off-road or on any roads blocked or posted as closed. No ATV/ORV allowed on any public road open to licensed motorized vehicles. No loaded weapon may be in possession when operating an ORV/ATV. ORVs/ATVs may be used on the WMA by any Federal or State employee, Law Enforcement Officers, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force engaged in the performance of an official duty. Vehicles blocking any gate, road, trail, levee, right-of-way, boat ramp, or permit station are prohibited and may be towed at the owner's expense. See individual wildlife management area regulations for exceptions to this rule.

L. Horses: Horses are defined as any equine species, or livestock, that may be ridden. No horses allowed on any levees within a WMA unless otherwise stated. On areas where horses are allowed, all horse riders must wear a minimum of 500 square inches of solid unbroken fluorescent orange or fluorescent pink during any open hunting season.

M. Food Plots/Agricultural Leases: No horses, ATVs/ORVs or other vehicles allowed on wildlife food plots or on un-harvested crop land.

N. Harassment of wildlife, including spotlighting, is prohibited.

O. Tree Stands and Blinds: It shall be illegal to construct or to hunt from any permanent stands or blinds. Destroying, defacing, cutting, driving nails or spikes into, or otherwise damaging any standing live tree, natural feature, or plant is prohibited. Portable stands (including tripods and ground blinds) that are not removed from the area daily must have the hunter's name and phone number permanently and legibly written on or attached to the stand. Stands left on the area do not reserve hunting locations. Portable stands may not be installed on the management area prior to 7 days before deer season opens, nor left longer than 7 days after deer season closes. Stands not in compliance with these regulations may be confiscated and disposed of by the MDWFP.

P. Fall-Arrest Systems: While climbing a tree, installing a tree stand that uses climbing aids, or while hunting from a tree stand on a WMA, hunters must use a fall-arrest system (full body harness) that is manufactured to industry standards. Tree saddle users must remain connected to the tree at all times by means of a lineman's belt or tether.

Q. 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.

R. During Deer Seasons Without Dogs, the use of organized drivers and standers is prohibited.

S. During Raccoon, Opossum, and Bobcat Seasons, hunting is allowed without dogs during daylight hours and with dogs from one-half hour after sunset until 4 a.m.

T. Beavers, Coyotes, and Hogs may be killed during daylight hours only during any open season on a WMA with weapons and ammunition legal for that season.

U. Posting of Regulations: Area Managers shall post regulations, and changes thereto, at each check-in station and at the area headquarters. All posted draw hunt procedures and rules must be followed.

V. Boundary Signs: It shall be the responsibility of WMA personnel to properly identify boundaries with agency signs at intervals no greater than 300 feet. Signs shall be replaced as needed.

W. Guides/Outfitters: No person or group of persons may act as a guide, outfitter, or in any other capacity for which they are paid or promised to be paid by any other individual or individuals for services rendered. Commercial dog training is prohibited.

X. Transporting or Releasing into the wild or capture and removal of any live animal or plant is prohibited without Commission approval.

Y. Other Seasons: Hunting seasons for animals not listed in individual WMA regulations are the same as statewide seasons.

AA. Handicapped Hunter Access: Individuals with disabilities who meet the criteria stated in Rule 1.4, may receive special permitted privileges on all Wildlife Management Areas, except on lands owned by the U.S. Forest Service, which may be subject to other rules. Special privileges to eligible hunters may include: access to handicapped-exclusive areas, special facilities, or access to any open portion of the WMA by ATV/UTV, or other power-driven mobility device. Users must provide documentation or other credible assurance of his or her disability in order to determine eligibility for these special privileges. Contact the Jackson Office at 601-432-2199 for information on obtaining a special privilege permit.

BB. Applicants Selected to Hunt on a WMA during Permitted Draw Hunts must follow all rules included in the draw hunt application and posted at the WMA.

CC. Littering: Littering is prohibited, including spent shotgun shells.

DD. No one shall use metal detectors on any Wildlife Management Area.

EE. WILD HOGS: 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 open WMA hunting season with weapons and ammunition legal for that season. Trapping (including snaring) of hogs is prohibited.

FF. BEARS: Black bears may be present on a WMA. Bears are State protected as an Endangered species. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit card. Sightings may also be reported at www.mdwfp.com.

GG. Unmanned Aerial Vehicles may not be launched from or landed on MDWFP-Owned Wildlife Management Areas.

HH. Trail cameras must have the hunter’s name and phone number permanently and legibly written on or attached to the camera.

II. WMA Check-In: All visitors must check-in before using the WMA and check-out upon leaving the WMA and may do so by using the MDWFP WMA Check-In Application. All harvested game must be reported using the WMA Check-In Application or the Daily Visitor Use Card.

JJ. CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 36 will be followed.

KK. CWD Sampling: All antlerless deer harvested on WMAs within a CWD Management zone must be submitted for sampling.

LL. Tracking and/or Retrieval of Wounded Deer: If blood-trailing/tracking dogs are used, no more than two (2) dogs may be used. If the deer being tracked is discovered alive, but wounded, the hunter or tracker may dispatch the deer by using a handgun with a barrel no longer than six (6) inches chambered in a caliber no larger than .45 caliber. WMA annual user permit and WMA check-in and out required. All off-road motorized vehicle/ATV/UTVs rules apply.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§39-7-11, 49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated April 2025.

Rule 1.2 NON-STATE OWNED, NON-COE WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Bienville, Representative Richard L. Dick Livingston AND Dale O. Windham WMA at Caney Creek, Caston Creek, Chickasaw, Chickasawhay, Choctaw, John Starr, Leaf River, Little Biloxi, Mason Creek, Red Creek, Sandy Creek, Tallahala, Upper Sardis, and Wolf River Wildlife Management Areas:

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see LEGAL BUCKS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DOG RESTRICTIONS, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks. Bienville, Caney Creek, Caston Creek, Chickasaw, Choctaw, John

		Starr, Sandy Creek, Tallahala, and Upper Sardis.
	Oct. 15 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks. Chickasawhay, Leaf River, Little Biloxi, Mason Creek, Red Creek, and Wolf River.
Youth Deer	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving through Dec. 1	Legal Bucks with Dogs: Bienville, Caney Creek, Caston Creek, Chickasaw, Leaf River, Mason Creek, and Tallahala.
		Legal Bucks without Dogs: Chickasawhay, Choctaw, Little Biloxi, Red Creek, Sandy Creek, and Wolf River.
		Antlerless deer and legal bucks without Dogs: Upper Sardis and John Starr.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 – 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
		Red Creek: Legal bucks only.
Gun	Dec. 16 – 23	Legal bucks only: Caston Creek, Chickasawhay, Choctaw, Leaf River, Little Biloxi, Mason Creek, Red Creek, Sandy Creek, and Wolf River.
		Antlerless deer and legal bucks: Bienville, Caney Creek, Chickasaw, John Starr, Tallahala, and Upper Sardis
Gun	Dec. 24 until 47 days of regular gun hunting for entire deer season.	Legal bucks with dogs: Caney Creek, Caston Creek, Chickasaw, Leaf River, Mason Creek, and Tallahala.
		Legal bucks without dogs: Chickasawhay, Choctaw, Little Biloxi, Red Creek, Sandy Creek, and Wolf River.

		Antlerless deer and legal bucks without dogs: Upper Sardis and John Starr.
	Dec. 24 – 31	Legal bucks without dogs: Bienville.
	Jan. 1 until 47 days of regular gun hunting for the entire deer season.	Legal bucks with dogs: Bienville.
Primitive Weapon	Day after the final day of Gun season - Jan. 31.	Legal bucks only: Bienville, Caney Creek, Caston Creek, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Sandy Creek, and Tallahala.
		Antlerless deer and legal bucks: Upper Sardis and John Starr.
	Day after the final day of Gun season – Feb. 15.	Legal bucks only: Chickasawhay, Leaf River, Little Biloxi, Mason Creek, Red Creek, and Wolf River.
YOUTH TURKEY	March 8 – 14	Bienville, Chickasaw, Caney Creek, Caston Creek, Chickasawhay, John Starr, Leaf River, Red Creek, Sandy Creek, Tallahala, Upper Sardis, and Wolf River.
YOUTH TURKEY	Last Saturday and Sunday in March	Choctaw, Little Biloxi, and Mason Creek
TURKEY – PERMIT ONLY	March 15 – March 31.	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TURKEY	April 1 – May 1 <u>May 3</u>	Bienville, Caney Creek, Caston Creek, Leaf River, Sandy Creek, Tallahala, and Upper Sardis.
TURKEY (for WMAs without permitted hunts)	March 15 – May 1 <u>May 3</u> March 15 – Mar. 31 – Non-Residents by permit only through the Non-Resident Public Land Draw.	Chickasaw, Chickasawhay, John Starr, Red Creek, and Wolf River.
TURKEY (for WMAs without permitted hunts)	Apr. 1 – May 1 <u>May 3</u>	Choctaw, Little Biloxi, and Mason Creek
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	Bienville, Caney Creek, Caston Creek, Chickasaw,

SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28 May 15 – June 1	Chickasawhay, Choctaw, John Starr, Leaf River, Little Biloxi, Mason Creek, Red Creek, Sandy Creek, Tallahala, Upper Sardis, and Wolf River.
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 – Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 – Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPPOSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 – Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. WMA USER PERMIT: All persons participating in hunting, fishing, or trapping on these wildlife management areas, 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 completing the daily visitor use permit or using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold. Exceptions: Turkey Fork Lake, Davis Lake, Puskus Lake, and Choctaw Lake where no WMA user permits are required.

2. All persons using the following wildlife management areas, except those exempt from purchasing an annual hunting or fishing license must carry on their person an annual statewide Wildlife Management Area User Permit: John Starr and Wolf River. This permit is required in addition to completing the daily visitor use permit or using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

C. CLOSED AREAS:

1. Chickasaw: Areas with boundaries marked with white paint around Davis Lake area, Girl Scout Camp area, Prairie U. M. Church, and area west of Chickasaw WMA work center are designated as NO SHOOTING/NO HUNTING AREAS.

2. Choctaw: Area with boundary marked with white paint around Choctaw Lake and Campground is designated as NO SHOOTING/NO HUNTING AREAS.

3. John Starr: Areas with boundaries marked with red paint around Dorman Lake, School Forest hunter check station, campground on St. Mark Road, and ranger residence are designated as NO SHOOTING/NO HUNTING AREAS.

D. BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits, except the bag limit on antlerless deer is one (1) per day and one of the three (3) bucks may be any antlered deer on Upper Sardis. ALL harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

E. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be recorded on DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card or the WMA Check-In App before leaving the area. All deer harvested must be checked at a self-service data collection 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. All heads from antlerless deer must be deposited in a Little Biloxi WMA CWD collection freezer or a collection freezer inside the Harrison CWD Zone.

F. LEGAL BUCKS:

1. Caston Creek, Chickasaw, Chickasawhay, Choctaw, John Starr, Little Biloxi, Mason Creek, Red Creek, Sandy Creek, Upper Sardis, and Wolf River: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck, EXCEPT FOR Mason Creek, and Caston Creek where, during gun seasons with dogs, a legal buck is a buck with an inside spread of at least 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches.

2. Bienville, Caney Creek, Leaf River, and Tallahala: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 12 inches OR one main beam length of at least 15 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck, EXCEPT FOR Bienville and Leaf River where, during gun seasons with dogs, a legal buck is a buck with an inside spread of at least 12 inches OR one main beam length of at least 15 inches.

G. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.

1. Caney Creek:

a. AREA I (Deer Hunting Without Dogs Area): That portion of the WMA north of I-20, south of Hwy. 80, and east of Hwy. 501. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

b. AREA II (Deer Hunting With Dogs Area): That portion of the WMA south of I-20 and north of Morton-Marathon Road (Road 506). Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during any deer with dogs season. In addition, hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 1 – Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game.

c. AREA III (Deer Hunting Without Dogs Area): That portion of the WMA south of Morton-Marathon Road (Road 506). Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 1 – Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game.

2. Caston Creek:

a. DEER HUNTING WITHOUT DOGS AREA: The portion of the area west of Forest Service Road 155. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 1 – Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game.

b. DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA: The portion of the area east of Forest Service Road 155. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during any deer with dogs season. In addition, hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 1 – Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game

i. From November 1 – January 31, all dog hunting groups or individuals hunting with dogs must obtain a permit to use dogs to hunt any animal or to train dogs on areas open to deer hunting with dogs on Homochitto National Forest. There is no cost for this permit. A permit will be issued to the dog hunting group. All hunters hunting with this group must be listed on the permit prior to hunting; except youth 15 years of age and younger. All hunters hunting with dogs or with the dog hunting group must have the permit on their person while hunting.

ii. Five (5) guest permits will be available in addition the individuals listed on the permit. Guest permits will be valid for 4 consecutive days and must be filled out with the date, hunter's name, hunting license number, and signed by the hunter prior to use. All guests must have the permit on their person while hunting. Guest permits must be turned in to the USFS Meadville office for replacement guest permits to be issued. When guest permits are turned in, a season permit will be issued for these individuals and replacement guest permits will be issued to the group.

iii. Permit numbers must be visually displayed on the back window of all vehicles in the hunting group A permit number will be provided with each individual permit issued. Hunters must display this permit number using 3-inch, block numbers in contrast to the background color.

iv. Permits will be available from the U.S. Forest Service Meadville office. Office location: 1200 Highway 184 East, Meadville, MS 39653. Office hours: 8 am - 4:30 pm (Monday – Friday).

v. Dogs must wear a functional tracking collar and be identified at all times with the permit number and the owner's contact information. Dogs must be kept on the Homochitto National Forest lands that allow deer hunting with dogs.

vi. An administrative review panel of MDWFP and U.S. Forest Service officials may, upon two (2) convictions or documented evidence of two (2) violations of this regulation within a 3-year period, revoke the dog hunting permit for a period of Twenty (20)

days open to hunting deer with dogs. Upon three (3) convictions or documented evidence of three (3) violations of this regulation within a 3-year period, the dog hunting permit may be revoked for a period of one (1) year.

vii. Any person who files a false affidavit in justice court alleging a violation or violations of this rule, provides false information regarding a violation of this rule, or facilitates a situation which will cause a violation of this rule to occur may be subject to prosecution for perjury and, if found guilty, punished under the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. §97-9-19, and/or be subject to a civil suit for false prosecution by the person accused of the violation.

3. Chickasaw:

a. DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA: That portion of the WMA located north of Hwy. 32. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only from Feb. 1 - Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during any deer with dogs season.

b. DEER HUNTING WITHOUT DOGS AREA: That portion of the WMA located south of Hwy. 32. 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 - Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game.

4. Leaf River:

a. DEER HUNTING WITHOUT DOGS AREA: Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 16 - Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game.

b. DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA: That portion of the WMA west of Forest Service Road 315. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during any deer with dogs season. In addition, hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 16 – Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game.

5. Little Biloxi, Wolf River, and Red Creek: Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 16 – Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game.

6. Mason Creek: Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during any deer with dogs season. In addition, hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 16 – Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game.

7. Sandy Creek and Upper Sardis: Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 1 - 28 with weapons legal for small game.

8. Tallahala:

a. DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA: The portion of the WMA north of Forest Service Road 506 and west of Cedar Creek. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during

any deer with dogs season. In addition, hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 1- Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game.

b. DEER HUNTING WITHOUT DOGS AREA: Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 1 – 28 with weapons legal for small game.

9. Bienville: Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during any deer with dogs season. In addition, hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 1 – 28 with weapons legal for small game.

10. Chickasawhay, Choctaw and John Starr: Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

H. TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS: Turkey hunting for March 15 – March 31 is allowed by special permit only on Bienville, Caney Creek, Caston Creek, Leaf River, Sandy Creek, Tallahala, and Upper Sardis. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

I. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs or buckshot, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting, EXCEPT FOR Chickasaw, Chickasawhay, Choctaw, John Starr, Little Biloxi, and Upper Sardis where only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting and no buckshot is allowed.

J. NO HUNTING:

1. Caney Creek: No parking or hunting from I-20.

K. OFF-ROAD VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road vehicle use, including electric bicycles, will be governed by U. S. Forest Service regulations or the regulations below:

1. John Starr/Wolf River: ORVs/ATVs/electric bicycles are allowed for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs only. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

2. Little Biloxi: Off-road vehicle use will be governed by U. S. Forest Service regulations. On Weyerhaeuser property within the wildlife management area, ORVs/ATVs/electric bicycles are allowed for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs only.

3. Upper Sardis: Off-road vehicle use will be governed by U. S. Forest Service regulations. Off-road vehicle use will be governed by U. S. Army Corps of Engineers regulations on property owned by the Corps within Upper Sardis WMA. No motorized vehicles, including electric bikes, are allowed off-road nor on closed roads on U.S. Forest Service-owned portion of Upper Sardis WMA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-owned portion of Upper Sardis WMA west of Twin Culverts Road/Riverside. Use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for the

retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on the COE-owned portion of Upper Sardis WMA east of Twin Culverts Road/Riverside for hunting and fishing access only.

L. HORSES: Hunting from horseback is allowed.

1. John Starr and Wolf River: During WMA deer and turkey seasons, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed during nighttime hours.

2. Little Biloxi: USFS Portion: Hunting from horseback is allowed. Weyerhaeuser Portion: During deer and turkey seasons, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed during nighttime hours.

M. CAMPING: Camping is allowed subject to U.S. Forest Service regulations or the regulations below:

1. Wolf River:

- a. Camping is allowed in designated areas only.
- b. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days.
- c. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours.
- d. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

2. John Starr:

- a. Camping is allowed in designated campsites only.
- b. Campers must obtain a permit from MSU Forest Operations (662) 325-2191.

3. Little Biloxi:

- a. USFS Portion: Camping is allowed subject to U.S. Forest Service regulations.
- b. Weyerhaeuser Portion: No camping allowed.

N. HUNTING PERMITS: John Starr: All hunters must obtain a hunting permit from the College of Forest Resources, Forest Operations Office, and (662) 325-2191.

History: Updated ~~May 2024~~ March 2026.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.3 WMA FACILITY RENTAL.

A. The following fees will be charged for rental of the facilities at Black Prairie WMA, or Hell Creek WMA: \$150.00 for one day and \$50 for each additional day.

B. Reservations will be made through WMA personnel.

C. All fees must be paid in advance and are non-refundable and non-transferable.

D. Money order or cashier's check made out to Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks in the appropriate amount must be received before the reservation is final.

E. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on WMA property.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.4 SPECIAL USE REGULATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

A. The following criteria will determine the eligibility of individuals to be issued a special use permit for the purpose of accessing special use areas for individuals with disabilities on wildlife management areas. Permits for individuals who meet the following criteria may be issued by Wildlife Management Area or District Office personnel without physician certification.

1. Individuals who are paraplegic or hemiplegic.

2. Individuals who are permanently dependent upon a wheelchair for mobility.

3. Individuals who require permanent use of braces, full prosthesis (one or both legs), or crutches for walking.

4. Individuals who have a complete single leg amputation.

B. Permits for individuals who suffer from chronic pulmonary or cardiovascular conditions may be issued by Wildlife Management Area or Regional Office personnel upon written certification by a physician licensed to practice in the State of Mississippi that the individual meets the following criteria:

1. The individual suffers significantly from lung disease to the extent that forced expiratory volume for one second when measured by a spirometer is less than one liter, or the oxygen tension is less than sixty millimeters of mercury on room air at rest.

2. The individual suffers significantly from cardiovascular disease to the extent that functional limitations are classified in severity as Class 3 or 4, according to the standards accepted by the American Heart Association on 05/03/88.

History: Updated April 2014.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.5 OFF-ROAD VEHICLES ON US FOREST SERVICE WMAS.

A. The current Memorandum of Understanding dated April 10, 2002, between the U.S. Forest Service and the MDWFP establishes the Forest Service as having authority to regulate access on wildlife management areas within National Forest Lands.

B. Off-road vehicle (ORV) use will be governed by the U.S. Forest Service under 36 CFR §261, Subparts A and B, and 36 CFR §295. Anyone operating ORVs/ATVs should be familiar with the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) published annually by the U.S. Forest Service. The MVUM explains when and where ORVs/ATVs may be used. Motor Vehicle Use Maps are available at the local U. S. Forest Service office and online at www.fs.usda.gov/main/mississippi/maps-pubs.

C. ORVs / ATVs are allowed on designated roads or trails, and for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. No loaded weapon may be in possession while operating an ORV/ATV.

History: Updated April 2014.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-1-49, 49-4-4, 49-4-8, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.6 WMA USER PERMITS.

A. In addition to any required license, all users must carry on their person an Annual, Individual, or Family Wildlife Management Area User Permit, while using any Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks Wildlife Management Area that is operated on property not owned by the U.S. Forest Service. Users exempt from purchasing a hunting or fishing license (Miss. Code Ann. §§49-7-5 and 49-7-9) are exempt from purchasing the WMA User Permits.

B. For Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks Wildlife Management Areas operated on property owned by the U.S. Forest Service, all users participating in hunting, fishing, or trapping activities, must carry on their person an annual Wildlife Management Area User Permit in addition to any required license. Exemptions stated above will also apply.

C. Exemptions for educational purposes may be granted at the discretion of the Executive Director.

D. Wildlife Management Area User Permits:

1. Resident Annual WMA User Permit	\$ 15.00
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2. Non-Resident Annual WMA User Permit

\$ 30.00

History: Updated April 2020

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.7 CANAL SECTION WMA AND JOHN BELL WILLIAMS WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Canal Section and John Bell Williams WMAs - Itawamba, Monroe, Prentiss, and Tishomingo Counties.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see CLOSED AREAS, LEGAL BUCKS, DOG RESTRICTIONS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, YOUTH/HANDICAP DEER HUNTING, ARCHERY ONLY AREA, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	October 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Deer	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving through Dec. 1	Legal Bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 – 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16 – 23	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 24 – until 47 days of regular gun hunting for entire deer season.	Legal Bucks only.

Primitive Weapon	Day after the final day of Gun season - Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	March 8 – 14	See ACKER LAKE TURKEY HUNTING
TURKEY – PERMIT ONLY	March 15 – March 31.	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TURKEY	April 1 – May 1 <u>May 3</u>	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28 May 15 – June 1	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 – Feb. 28	
RACCOON	July 1 – Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPPOSUM, BOBCAT	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 – Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Same as statewide seasons.	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with the statewide Youth Waterfowl Season.	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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 completing the daily visitor use permit or using the WMA Check-In App and any required license.

2. CLOSED AREAS:

- a. No deer or hog hunting from the Tenn-Tom Waterway Levee.
- b. No loaded centerfire rifles or primitive weapons allowed on the Tenn-Tom Waterway levee.
- c. Hunters must be past the toe of the levee before loaded weapons for deer hunting are allowed.

3. HIGH WATER: All hunting seasons (excluding waterfowl season) are closed for 24 hours from south of Walker's Levee boat ramp road to north of Ironwood Bluff Road on the WMA when the 5 a.m. Tombigbee River gauge at Fulton reads 16.0 ft or higher. Also, hunting 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 5 a.m. Tombigbee River gauge at Bigbee reads 17.0 ft. or higher. River gauge readings may be obtained from www.mdwfp.com/wma.

4. ARCHERY ONLY AREAS: Archery only deer hunting areas include the portions of the WMA between the Tenn-Tom Waterway and the waterway levee from AB3 Waterfowl Impoundment south to Hwy. 45/25 at Aberdeen and between the Tombigbee River and the Tenn-Tom Waterway from Hwy. 6 south to the intersection of the old Tombigbee River and the Tenn-Tom Waterway.

5. 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.

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

7. 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. ALL antlerless deer heads harvested on John Bell Williams WMA must be deposited in a CWD Collection freezer.

8. DOG RESTRICTIONS:

- a. Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited.
- b. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.
- c. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

9. YOUTH/HANDICAP DEER HUNTING:

- a. Only youth and handicapped hunters are allowed to deer hunt on the Acker Lake Tract.
- b. Only youth and handicap hunters will be allowed ATV access on the Acker Lake Handicap Hunting Area each day of the deer seasons. Only handicapped hunters will be allowed vehicular access is only allowed on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays during the gun and primitive weapon seasons.
- c. All handicap hunters must pre-register by contacting the Jackson Office (601-432-2199).

10. ACKER LAKE TURKEY HUNTING:

- a. Only youth and handicapped hunters will be allowed to turkey hunt this area on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays.
- b. Only handicapped hunters will be allowed ATV and vehicular access on those days and youth hunters will be allowed ATV access.
- c. On Wednesday through Saturday of each week, all hunters are allowed to hunt.
- d. All handicap hunters must pre-register by contacting the Jackson Office (601-432-2199).

11. TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS: Turkey hunting from March 15 – 31 is allowed by special permit only on Canal Section and John Bell Williams. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

12. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. The AB3 Waterfowl Impoundment and Matubby Creek Island are closed to all firearms. EXCEPTION: Only archery equipment is allowed for deer hunting in the ARCHERY ONLY DEER HUNTING AREA.

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

14. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs/WATERCRAFT: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles 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 must be registered or have the owner’s name and phone number permanently and legibly written and attached to the hull. Watercraft not in compliance with these regulations or if left unattended more than 30 days may be confiscated and disposed of by MDWFP.

15. 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 or John Bell Williams WMAs.

16. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

History: Updated ~~May 2024~~March 2026.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.8 COPIAH COUNTY WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Copiah County Wildlife Management Area.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, DOG RESTRICTIONS, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

Shotgun / Primitive Weapon / Handgun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving – Jan. 7	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Archery/Youth Gun/Muzzleloader	Jan. 8 - 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	March 8 – 14	
TURKEY – Permit Only	March 15 – Apr. 17	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMIT in
TURKEY	Apr. 18 - May 1 <u>May 3</u>	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 May 15 – June 1	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sept. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1- Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 - Feb. 28	
QUAIL	Thanksgiving Day through the first Saturday in March.	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. 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.

3. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at WMA Headquarters 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.

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

5. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

6. TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS: Turkey hunting from March 15 – Apr. 17 is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

7. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. Exception: youth deer hunters, 15 years of age or younger, are allowed to use centerfire rifles.

8. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed only for the retrieval of harvested deer and hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

9. 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. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed on entire area during nighttime hunting hours.

10. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated ~~May 2023~~ March 2026.

RULE 1.9 DIVIDE SECTION WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Divide Section Wildlife Management Area in Tishomingo and Prentiss Counties.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see LEGAL BUCKS, DOG RESTRICTIONS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, YOUTH/HANDICAP DEER HUNTING, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Deer	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Dec. 1	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 – 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16 – 23	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 24 – until 47 days of regular gun hunting for entire deer season.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Day after the final day of Gun season - Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	March 8 – 14	See JACKSON CAMP PENINSULA TURKEY HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TURKEY – Permit Only	March 15 – March 31	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS and JACKSON CAMP PENINSULA TURKEY

TURKEY	April 1 – May 1 <u>May 3</u>	HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28 May 15 – June 1	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 – Feb. 28	
RACCOON	July 1 – Sept. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPPOSUM, BOBCAT	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 – Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Same as statewide seasons.	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
DOVE	See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **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.

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

4. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at a check station and recorded on WMA Daily Use Permit Card or WMA Check-In App or 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 measurement, and jawbone). Instructions and equipment will be provided. ALL antlerless deer heads harvested on Divide Section WMA must be deposited in a CWD Collection freezer.

5. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

6. YOUTH/HANDICAPPED DEER HUNTING: Only youth and handicapped hunters are allowed to deer hunt on the Jackson Camp Peninsula. Only youth and handicapped hunters on the Jackson Camp Peninsula will be allowed ATV access each day of the deer seasons. Only handicapped hunters will be allowed vehicular access on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays during the gun and primitive weapon seasons. All handicapped hunters must pre-register by contacting the Jackson Office (601-432-2199).

7. JACKSON CAMP PENINSULA TURKEY HUNTING: Only youth and handicapped hunters will be allowed to turkey hunt this area on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays. Handicapped hunters will be allowed ATV and vehicular access on those days, and Youth hunters will be allowed ATV access. On Wednesday through Saturday of each week, all hunters are allowed to hunt but access will be by foot traffic only. All handicapped hunters must pre-register by contacting the Jackson Office (601-432-2199).

8. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

9. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are not allowed.

10. 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.

11. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

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

13. DOVE HUNTING: Dove hunting is allowed from 2 P.M. – sunset during the first season. No entry prior to 1 p.m. on opening day. The number of hunters on the dove field is limited to 35. After the first season, dove hunting follows statewide season dates.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated ~~May 2024~~ March 2026.

RULE 1.10 LAKE GEORGE WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Lake George Wildlife Management Area in Yazoo County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	October 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to the opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Dec. 1	WITHOUT DOGS. Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 - 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16 – Jan. 31	WITHOUT DOGS. Legal bucks only.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct.1 – Feb.28 May 15 – June 1	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	

WATERFOWL	Same as statewide seasons.	
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	See Federal Regulations.	Open after waterfowl season.
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct.15 - Feb. 28	
QUAIL	Thanksgiving Day through the first Saturday in March.	
TURKEY	Season Closed	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide bag limits, except the bag limit on antlerless deer is one (1) and on legal bucks is two (2). All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

3. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA headquarters and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

4. **LEGAL BUCKS:** Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 15 inches OR one main beam length of at least 18 inches. During the Youth Gun Hunt ONLY, hunters 15 years of age or younger may harvest any antlered buck. During ALL other hunts, a youth hunter must harvest a buck with an inside spread of at least 15 inches OR one main beam length of at least 18 inches.

5. **DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

6. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

7. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles is allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

8. 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 during nighttime hunting hours.

9. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

10. HIGH WATER LEVEL CLOSURE: ALL activities, EXCEPT for waterfowl hunting, will close when the Steele Bayou landside gauge reaches 90.0 feet and shall remain so until the Steele Bayou level falls to or below 88.0 feet.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated April 2023.

RULE 1.11 LEROY PERCY WMA REGULATIONS.

The Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, hereby declares that part of the property known as “Leroy Percy State Park,” located in Washington County, is and shall be, a wildlife management project or refuge to be managed as a Wildlife Management Area, under the authority of MISS. CODE ANN. Section 49-5-13.

A. Regulations for Leroy Percy Wildlife Management Area in Washington County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	October 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to the opening day of Primitive Weapon season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Dec. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Archery/Youth Gun	Jan. 1 - 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct.1 - Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with statewide season.	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Feb. 1 - 28	
YOUTH DOVE with Guardian	First Saturday in September	See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
DOVE	See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	Open after waterfowl season.	See Federal Regulations
TURKEY	Season Closed	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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 completing the daily visitor use permit or using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. CLOSED AREA: Primitive weapon deer hunting is limited to south of Highway 12 and north of Highway 12 east of Black Bayou. Archery hunting allowed in any open hunting zone during deer seasons. No hunting allowed north of Hwy. 12, west of Black Bayou and east of the no hunting boundary signs that are west of the park lodge.

3. 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.

4. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the Leroy Percy State Park lodge and recorded on WMA Daily Use Permit Card or WMA Check-In App by the hunter who harvested them before leaving the WMA.

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

6. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

7. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting during the Youth Gun deer hunt. Other deer seasons are restricted to archery and primitive weapons. Rifles or handguns may not be used in the small game and archery area west of the park lodge.

8. DOVE: Opening Saturday is reserved for youth hunters and guardians only. Guardians accompanying youth may hunt dove on the youth with guardian hunt. A guardian is defined as a person 21 years of age or older with a valid hunting license. One guardian is allowed per youth. All youth and guardians must hunt together in one of the 25 designated hunting locations. After the youth hunt, during the first season, hunting is allowed on Wednesdays and Saturdays only. Dove season is open with state framework after the first season. Hunting hours are from 2 p.m. until sunset on opening day. Hunting hours are from 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset after opening day.

9. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are only allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

10. BOATS: No motorized boats allowed in Black Bayou within the WMA boundary.

11. HORSES: No horses allowed.

12. CAMPING: Camping is allowed under State Park regulations.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated April 2023.

RULE 1.12 MAHANNAH WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Mahannah Wildlife Management Area in Issaquena and Warren Counties.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, SPECIAL BUCK TAGS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery – Permit Only	Oct. 1	Oct. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun –	Nov. 1	Nov. 2	Antlerless deer and any antlered buck.
Primitive Weapon	Nov. 6	Nov. 30	Antlerless deer and legal bucks

- Permit Only			
Gun - Permit Only	Dec. 1	Dec. 31	Antlerless deer and Legal bucks.
Archery/ Youth Gun	Jan. 1	Jan. 14	Legal bucks only.
Senior Adult – Permit Only	Jan. 15	Jan. 16	Antlerless deer and Legal bucks. See bag limits.
TURKEY	Permit Only		See Turkey HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24	Sept. 30	
SQUIRREL & RABBIT	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	Saturdays only, except closed on Nov. 1
SQUIRREL & RABBIT	Jan. 1	Feb. 28	Daily.
SQUIRREL	May 15	June 1	Daily.
RACCOON	Jul. 1	Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 Jan. 1	Dec. 26 Feb. 28	Friday nights only. Daily.
FISHING	Feb 1 Oct 1	Sept 30 Jan 31	Daily. Saturdays only. Fishing not allowed in waterfowl and timber hunting units.
TRAPPING	Jan. 1	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL - Permit Only - Except for youth. Veterans, and active military	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.		

waterfowl hunts, and the post season light goose conservation order.			
YOUTH, VETERANS, AND ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with the statewide Youth, Veterans, and Active Military Waterfowl Season		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	See Federal Regulations.		Open after waterfowl season.
QUAIL	Nov. 29 Jan. 1	Dec. 31 Mar. 7	Saturdays and Wednesdays Only. Daily.
DOVE	See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS. Migratory Bird Hunting in Special Instructions.		
WOODCOCK and SNIPE	Same as Statewide Seasons.		Saturdays and Wednesdays only prior to Dec. 31. Daily from Jan. 1 to the close of the season. See Migratory Bird Hunting in Special Instructions.
Mahannah WMA Will Be Closed To ALL ACTIVITES On Tuesdays from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31. SCOUTING IS ALLOWED ON SATURDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS			

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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 completing the daily visitor use permit or using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **CLOSED AREA:** The Waterfowl Sanctuary, enclosed by the East Sanctuary Road on the east, Anderson Tully Road on the south and the main levee on the west, is closed to ALL ENTRY.

3. **BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide bag limits except that during permit hunts on deer the legal buck bag limit is one per hunt and 1 adult gobbler per permitted hunt. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated. The bag limit during the Senior Adult Hunt will be 1 legal buck and 1 antlerless deer per hunt.

4. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA headquarters and recorded on WMA Daily 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. ALL antlerless deer heads harvested on Mahannah WMA must be deposited in the Mahannah or Phil Bryant CWD Collection freezer.

5. **DEER HUNTING PERMITS:** Deer hunting, except for the youth gun hunt and the January archery hunt, is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

6. **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 Youth Only Hunt ONLY, hunters 15 years of age or younger may harvest any antlered buck. During ALL other Permit Only hunts, and the Archery/Youth Gun season (Jan. 1 – Jan 14), a youth hunter must harvest a buck with an inside spread of at least 16 inches OR one main beam length of at least 20 inches.

7. **DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

8. **TURKEY HUNTING:** Turkey hunting is allowed by permit only.

9. **LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

10. **WATERFOWL:** All waterfowl hunts, except for the waterfowl youth, Veterans, and Active Military hunts, and the post season light goose conservation order, are draw hunts only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts. Shooting hours end at 12 p.m. Waterfowl hunters must be out of the assigned unit and back to Anderson-Tully Road by 1 p.m. except during the youth, Veterans, and Active Military waterfowl hunt which shall run concurrent with the statewide waterfowl youth, Veterans, and Active Military hunt. No boats, blinds, or decoys are to be left out overnight. No persons may leave the Anderson-Tully Road or launch a boat until the waterfowl draw process has been completed. Waterfowl draw hunts will be conducted for Mahannah/Buck Bayou on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays only.

11. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles is allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. During all WMA deer firearms seasons, no loaded shoulder fired weapons allowed within 100 feet of any road within Mahannah WMA, including ATV trails. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails. No ATV/ORV/Electric Bicycle or boat may be left on the WMA overnight.

12. 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.

13. CAMPING: Camping is allowed in designated areas only. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure. The camping area is located next to the Mahannah WMA Headquarters.

14. 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.

15. HIGH WATER: ALL activities, EXCEPT for waterfowl, woodcock, and snipe hunting, will close when the Mississippi River gauge at Vicksburg reaches forty-three (43.0) feet and shall remain so until the Mississippi River level falls to or below 41.0 feet and/or when the Steele Bayou landside gauge reaches 82.0 feet and shall remain so until the Steele Bayou level falls to or below 80.0 feet. Small game hunting during high water is restricted to the area north of Anderson Tully Road and east of the Waterfowl Sanctuary. Closings will be posted at www.mdwfp.com/wma.

16. MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING: Dove hunting will be allowed daily from 2 p.m. until sunset during the first dove season. No entry prior to 1:00 p.m. on opening day. During waterfowl season, only permitted waterfowl hunters may hunt in the designated waterfowl impoundments.

History: Updated April 2025.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13

RULE 1.13 MALMAISON WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Malmaison Wildlife Management Area in Grenada, Carroll, and Leflore Counties.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see LEGAL BUCKS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DOG RESTRICTIONS, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Deer	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving through Dec. 1	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 – Dec. 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16 – Dec. 23	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 24 – until 47 days of regular gun hunting for entire deer season.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Day after the final day of Gun season – Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Last full weekend in March.	
TURKEY	Apr. 1 – May 1 <u>May 3</u>	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 – 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28	

	May 15 – June 1	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 – Feb. 28	
RACCOON	July 1 – Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPPOSUM, BOBCAT	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 – Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **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.

3. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA headquarters and recorded on WMA Daily 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 measurement, and jawbone). Instructions and equipment will be provided.

4. **LEGAL BUCKS:** Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 15 inches OR one main beam length of at least 18 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

5. **DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

6. **LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

7. WATERFOWL:

- a. Waterfowl hunting closes at noon.
- b. The Greentree Reservoir and the state-owned portion of the McIntyre Scatters:
- 2 p.m.
- i. Parking areas and boat ramps are closed 1½ hours after sunset until
- ii. Access to these areas is prohibited prior to 4a.m.
- iii. Waterfowl hunters must be out by 1 p.m.
- iv. Hunters are allowed no more than 25 shotshells per person.
- v. No boats or waterfowl hunting gear are permitted on the area, except in camping areas or roadways, later than 30 minutes after sunset.
- vi. Hunting equipment, including but not limited to boats and decoys, may not be left unattended.
- vii. All boat access in the Greentree Reservoir is prohibited during the two weeks before the opening day of regular waterfowl season. During the regular waterfowl hunting season boat access in the Greentree Reservoir is allowed from 4 a.m. until 1 p.m. daily.
- viii. The WMA boundary lines in the McIntyre Scatters are marked. Lands adjacent to the WMA are privately-owned lands. Hunters are cautioned to stay on the WMA side of the posted boundary, and not trespass onto adjoining private lands. Crossing onto adjoining private lands, to include floating past the marked boundary lines in a boat or other floating hunting blind or apparatus, may subject the hunter to criminal liability for trespass. Additionally, placement of stands, blinds or other hunting positions/apparatus on or near the boundary line, may place the hunter within shotgun range of hunters on adjacent private property. Therefore, hunters should set their hunting positions a safe distance from the line. Additional signs or markers are near the boundary line and in close proximity to active hunting areas on the adjacent private lands, to make WMA hunters aware of those active sites. Stands, blinds, or other hunting positions should be placed so that the WMA hunter does not shoot across any boundary line and onto or over adjacent private property. All rules of safety and proper hunting etiquette shall be observed at all times. A violation of this provision may also subject the hunter to charges for a violation of these WMA hunting regulations, and possible loss of hunting privileges on this WMA, as provided in 40 Miss. Admin. Code, Part 2, Rule 1.1.E.

8. NO WAKE ZONES: No boat shall exceed idle speed when motoring through these areas.

- a. The state-owned portion of the McIntyre Scatters.

b. In the greentree reservoir, from the boat ramp down the main channel to a point extending 700 yards from the boat ramp.

9. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are only allowed on WMA levees for retrieval of harvested deer and hogs and for handicapped access. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

10. 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 allowed during nighttime hours.

11. CAMPING: Camping is allowed in designated areas only. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated ~~April 2023~~ March 2026.

RULE 1.14 MARION COUNTY WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Marion County Wildlife Management Area in Marion County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, DOG RESTRICTIONS and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	October 15 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

Shotgun / Primitive Weapon / Handgun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Dec. 1	Legal bucks only.
Shotgun / Primitive Weapon / Handgun	Dec. 2 - Dec. 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Shotgun / Primitive Weapon / Handgun	Dec. 16 - Jan. 3	Legal bucks only.
Archery/ Youth Gun	Jan. 4 – Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Archery/ Youth Gun	Feb. 1 - Feb. 15	Legal bucks only.
YOUTH TURKEY	Last Saturday and Sunday in March	
TURKEY	Apr. 1 – May 1 <u>May 3</u>	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 May 15 - June 1	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sept. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 - Feb. 28	
QUAIL	Thanksgiving Day through the first Saturday in March	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **CLOSED AREA:** The land areas within the road and firebreak boundary around Lake Bill Waller and Lake Columbia are closed to all hunting.

3. **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.

4. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA headquarters and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

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

6. **DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

7. **LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. Exception: youth deer hunters, 15 years of age or younger, are allowed to use centerfire rifles.

8. **OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed only for the retrieval of harvested deer and hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

9. **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 during nighttime hunting hours.

10. **CAMPING:** No camping allowed.

11. **NO HUNTING:** No hunting from or within 100ft. of pipeline rights-of-way during any deer firearm season west of Game Reserve Road.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated ~~May 2024~~ March 2026.

RULE 1.15 OKATIBBEE WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Okatibbee Wildlife Management Area in Lauderdale and Kemper Counties.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see LEGAL BUCKS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DOG RESTRICTIONS, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to the opening day of Primitive Weapon/Shotgun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon/Shotgun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Jan. 28	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Handicapped Hunt	Jan. 29 - Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks. See HANDICAPPED HUNT in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH TURKEY	March 8 – 14	
TURKEY	March 15 – May 1 <u>May 3</u> March 15 – Mar. 31 – Non-Residents by permit only through	

	the Non-Resident Public Land Draw.	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 May 15 - June 1	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Shooting hours end at 12 p.m.	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 - Feb. 28	
QUAIL	Thanksgiving Day through the first Saturday in March.	
DOVE	Same as statewide seasons.	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **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.

3. LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

4. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the check station near the WMA Headquarters building and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

5. HANDICAPPED HUNT: To apply, hunters must register at the WMA Office prior to Jan. 1. This is a three day hunt starting at 12 p.m. on Jan. 29 and ending at 12: p.m. on Jan. 31. Eligible handicapped hunters must meet the criteria specified in 40 Miss Admin Code Part 2, Rule 1.4. During the Handicapped Hunt, weapons will be hunter’s choice. Hunters may be accompanied by someone to assist, but not participate in the hunt.

6. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

7. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only shotguns with slugs and primitive weapons may be used for deer hunting, EXCEPT that youth may use centerfire rifles during the youth deer hunt and during the shotgun/primitive weapon season.

8. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs only. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

9. HORSES: No horses allowed.

10. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated ~~May 2023~~ March 2026.

RULE 1.16 O’KEEFE WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for O’Keefe Wildlife Management Area in Quitman County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
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DEER		For deer hunting regulations see <u>LEGAL BUCKS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DOG RESTRICTIONS, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.</u>
Archery	Oct. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Deer	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Primitive Weapon season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Dec. 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16 - Dec. 31	Legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Jan. 1 - Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
TURKEY	Closed	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 May 15 - June 1	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 – Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sept. 30	Friday and Saturday nights.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Same as statewide seasons. See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	

YOUTH, VETERANS, and ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	Open after waterfowl season.	See Federal Regulations.
DOVE		See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **CLOSED AREAS:** 1) The portion of the WMA in Tallahatchie County. 2) No deer hunting in flooded greentree reservoir prior to 1 p.m. FOR INFORMATION ON FLOODED GREENTREE RESERVOIR, see map at permit stations or at www.mdwfp.com.

3. **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.

4. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA headquarters and recorded on WMA Daily 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. All heads from antlerless deer harvested on O'Keefe WMA must be deposited in the O'Keefe WMA CWD collection freezer.

5. 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. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

6. DOG RESTRICTIONS:

- a. Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited.
- b. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.
- c. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

7. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

8. WATERFOWL: Waterfowl hunting closes at 12 p.m. Waterfowl hunters must vacate the WMA by 1 p.m., except during the Youth, Veterans, and Active Military waterfowl hunt which shall run concurrent with the statewide waterfowl Youth, Veterans, and Active Military hunt. Hunters may not leave the parking area prior to 5 a.m. Hunters are allowed no more than 25 shotgun shells per person in the waterfowl hunt areas, except during the Post Season Light Goose Conservation Order Hunts. No gas boat motors allowed in the greentree reservoir. All decoys, boats, and blinds must be removed from the hunting area by 1 p.m. each day.

9. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles is allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

10. 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. Squirrel hunting from horses is allowed in February on entire area. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed during nighttime hours.

11. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

12. DOVE: Hunting hours for opening day are 2:00 p.m. until sunset. No entry prior to 1:00 p.m. on opening day. During the remaining statewide season framework, dove hunting hours are from 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

History: Updated April 2025.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.17 OLD RIVER WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Old River Wildlife Management Area in Pearl River County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 15 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Dec. 1	Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 - Dec. 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16 - Dec. 23	Legal bucks only.
Gun	December 24 until 47 days of regular gun hunting for entire deer season.	Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Day after the final day of Gun Season through February 15	Legal bucks only.
YOUTH TURKEY	Season Closed.	
TURKEY	Season Closed.	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	

	May 15 - June 1	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct.1 - Feb. 28	See BOBCAT in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	See TRAPPING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 - Feb. 28	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **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.

3. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA Headquarters and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

4. **LEGAL BUCKS:** Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

5. **DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

6. **LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. No buckshot is allowed.

7. **OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed only on designated trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use

of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs only. EXCEPTION: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are not allowed on that portion of the area within the Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

8. HORSES: During WMA deer and turkey seasons, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed during nighttime hours.

9. CAMPING: Camping is allowed in designated areas only. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. After 14 consecutive days, all camping equipment must be removed for a minimum of 72 hours. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

10. HIGH WATER: Hunting seasons (excluding Waterfowl season) are closed on the WMA when the Pearl River gauge at Bogalusa reads 18.0 ft or higher. Horseshoe Lake Road will be closed when the river gauge at Bogalusa reads 16.0 ft or higher. Roads will be re-opened when conditions are suitable for vehicle use that will minimize road damage. River stages can be obtained from the internet at www.mdwfp.com/wma, the local newscast, or by calling 985-649-0357.

11. TRAPPING: Trapping is not allowed on that portion of the WMA within the Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge.

12. BOBCAT: The harvest of bobcat is not allowed on that portion of the WMA within the Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge.

13. TREE REMOVAL: No timber or firewood may be cut or removed from area without written permission from Area Manager, to include the removal of live, dead, floating or submerged timber.

14. SLAT BOXES: No slat boxes are allowed in or may be transported through the WMA.

15. WATERCRAFT: Watercraft left unattended must be registered or have the owner's name and phone number permanently and legibly written and attached to the hull. All watercraft left unattended in ALL waterways within the WMA boundaries must be registered or have the owner's name and phone number permanently and legibly written and attached to the hull. Watercraft left unattended in all area waterways for more than 30 days may be confiscated and disposed of by the MDWFP. ORVs/ATVs/Watercraft not in compliance with these regulations or left unattended on the area more than 30 days may be confiscated and disposed of by the MDWFP.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated May 2024.

RULE 1.18 PASCAGOULA RIVER WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Pascagoula River Wildlife Management Area in George and Jackson Counties.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, and AREA RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 15 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Dec. 1	WITH DOGS in DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA only. Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 - Dec. 15	Legal bucks only.
Gun	Dec. 16 - Dec. 23	WITHOUT DOGS. Legal bucks only.
Gun	December 24 until 47 days of regular gun hunting for entire deer season.	WITH DOGS in DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA only. Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Day after the final day of Gun Season through February 15	Legal bucks only.
YOUTH TURKEY	March 8 – 14	
TURKEY	March 15 – May 1 <u>May 3</u>	

	March 15 – March 31 – Non-Residents by permit only through the Non-Resident Public Land Draw.	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 May 15 - June 1	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Same as statewide seasons.	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 - Feb. 28	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. AREA RESTRICTIONS:

a. **DEER HUNTING WITHOUT DOGS AREA:** That portion of the WMA located in Jackson County east of the Pascagoula River and north of Big Slough. Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hog hunting with dogs allowed during daylight hours only Feb. 16 – 28 with weapons legal for small game.

b. **DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA:** That portion of the WMA located in George County and the portion located in Jackson County west of the Pascagoula River and south of Big Slough. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.

Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during any deer with dog season. In addition, hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 16 – 28 with weapons legal for small game.

3. 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.

4. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA Headquarters or at the first self-service data collection station encountered and recorded on WMA Daily Use Permit Card or WMA Check-In App by the hunter who harvested them before leaving 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.

5. LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger, any antlered buck is a legal buck, except during gun seasons with dogs, when a legal buck is a buck with an inside spread of at least 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches.

6. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs or buckshot, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

7. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs/WATERCRAFT:
ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles is only allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Deer hunting is not allowed from designated ORV/ATV trails. ORVs/ATVs/Watercraft left unattended in the Big Swamp must be stored at one of the three designated storage areas. These areas must be maintained in a neat and orderly manner. ORVs/ATVs left unattended must have the owner's name and phone number permanently and legibly written and attached to the handlebars. Watercraft left unattended must be registered or have the owner's name and phone number permanently and legibly written and attached to the hull. ORVs/ATVs/Watercraft not in compliance with these regulations or left unattended on the area more than 30 days may be confiscated and disposed of by the MDWFP. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

8. HORSES: During WMA deer and turkey seasons, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed during nighttime hours.

9. CAMPING: Camping is allowed only in designated areas, or on sandbars and along rivers and creeks, provided such camp is visible from a boat. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. All campsites must be maintained in a neat and orderly manner. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

10. HIGH WATER: Hunting seasons (excluding waterfowl season) are closed when the Pascagoula River gauge at Merrill reads 18.0 ft or higher or Graham Ferry reads 15.0 ft or higher. Deep Slough and Graham Lake Roads in Jackson County will be closed when the river gauge at Graham Ferry reads 12.0 ft or higher. Roads will be re-opened when conditions are suitable for vehicle use that will minimize road damage. River stages can be obtained from www.mdwfp.com/wma or by calling 228-769-6508. The earliest daily reading will determine WMA closure for the entire day.

11. HOUSEBOATS: Houseboats are not allowed to be anchored, secured, or otherwise attached to any lands or structure within WMA boundaries.

12. TREE REMOVAL: No timber or firewood may be cut or removed from the WMA without written permission from the Area Manager, to include the removal of live, dead, floating, or submerged timber.

PASCAGOULA RIVER WMA – LAND BETWEEN THE CREEKS UNIT REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Pascagoula Wildlife Management Area – Land between the Creeks Unit

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery – Permit Only	Oct. 15	Oct. 30	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun – Permit Only	Nov. 1 Dec. 19	Dec. 1 Dec. 28	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun – Permit Only	Dec. 5 Jan. 16	Dec. 14 Jan. 25	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

Gun - Senior Adult by permit only	Jan. 2	Jan. 11	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY – Permit Only	March 8	April 5	See YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TURKEY – Permit Only	April 10	April 26	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept 24	Sept 30	
SQUIRREL	Feb. 1	Feb. 28	See SQUIRREL HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
NO OTHER SEASONS shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.			
The Commission may expand, shorten, restrict or otherwise alter, the hunting opportunities set forth herein, in order to best manage the animal population(s) on the management area. Any changes in hunting opportunities may be affected by Executive Order.			

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. BAG LIMITS:

a. Deer: One (1) antlerless deer and one (1) legal buck per permitted hunt. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated. Youth are allowed harvest of one (1) antlerless deer during specified seasons.

b. Turkey: One (1) legal turkey per permitted hunt.

c. Squirrel: Ten (10) per day.

3. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All harvested deer must be checked at the Unit deer data station and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

4. DEER HUNTING PERMITS: Deer hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

5. YOUTH DEER HUNTING PERMITS: Youth deer hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

6. LEGAL BUCKS: During the Land between the Creeks Unit Youth Only Hunt, ONLY hunters 15 years of age or younger may harvest any antlered buck. During ALL other Permit Only hunts, a youth hunter must harvest a buck with an inside spread of at least 12 inches OR one main beam length of at least 15 inches.

7. TURKEY HUNTING: Turkey hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

8. YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING: Youth turkey hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

9. SQUIRREL HUNTING: Squirrel hunting is allowed only during the youth squirrel season Sep. 24 – 30 and from Feb. 1 – Feb. 28

10. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Hunting with dogs is prohibited, except squirrel hunting with dogs is allowed during squirrel season.

11. LEGAL WEAPONS: Centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, centerfire handguns, primitive weapons, and archery equipment may be used for deer hunting. Buckshot is prohibited.

12. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs are allowed to be driven to designated parking areas and for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. During Turkey Season, electric carts may be used on any WMA road open to motorized vehicles for turkey hunting access during turkey season only. During all WMA deer firearms seasons, no loaded shoulder fired weapons allowed within 100 feet of any road within a WMA. Access to the unit via watercraft is prohibited during permitted deer and turkey hunts. The landings at Carter Landing (Black Creek) and Holly Landing (Red Creek) may be accessed by watercraft for non-consumptive purposes. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

14. HORSES: Horseback riding is allowed on roads outside of any open hunting season.

15. CAMPING: Camping is allowed in designated camping areas during permitted draw hunts only.

16. SCOUTING is allowed daily from May 2 – October 14 and Feb. 1 – March 14. From October 15 – Jan 31 scouting is allowed Wednesdays only and from March 15 – May 1 is allowed on Thursdays only. Only those persons drawn to hunt and/or accompanying adult for youth will be allowed on the area during permitted deer hunts. During permitted turkey hunts, only the hunter and their partner will be allowed on the area.

17. FISHING: Fishing is only allowed on Saturdays and Sundays from May – August in Doyle’s Pond.

18. TREE REMOVAL: No timber or firewood may be cut or removed from the WMA without written permission from the Area Manager, to include the removal of live, dead, floating, or submerged timber.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated ~~April 2025~~ March 2026.

RULE 1.19 PEARL RIVER WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Pearl River Wildlife Management Area in Madison County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, LEGAL WEAPONS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	October 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to the opening day of Primitive Weapon	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

	season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	
Primitive Weapon	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Jan. 31.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	March 8 – 14	
TURKEY	March 15 – May 1 <u>May 3</u> March 15 – Mar. 31 – Non-Residents by permit only through the Non-Resident Public Land Draw.	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct.1 - Feb. 28 May 15 - June 1	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct.15 - Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Same as statewide seasons.	See SPECIAL YOUTH AREA, HANDICAPPED AREA, AND WATERFOWL IMPOUNDMENTS in Special Instructions. No waterfowl hunting west of Pipeline Road except for youth hunters during waterfowl season.
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. CLOSED NO ACCESS AREA: The area around Turcotte Lab and the Hunter Safety Shooting Area within the Waterfowl Refuge is a NO ACCESS AREA.

3. SPECIAL YOUTH AREA, HANDICAPPED AREA, AND WATERFOWL IMPOUNDMENTS: Hunting in the Youth Area is allowed by youth hunters only with the following exceptions: deer hunting during the archery season, raccoon hunting, and trapping is allowed. Waterfowl hunting is allowed by youth hunters during the entire waterfowl season. Waterfowl hunting is allowed in the waterfowl impoundments by special permit. Hunting in the Special Handicapped area is restricted to handicapped hunters only. Contact the Jackson Office at 601-432-2199 for access to the Special Handicapped area.

4. 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.

5. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the self-service deer check stations located on the Madison County Pipeline Road, on Rocks Road, and on Beach Bluff Road and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

6. LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of 10 inches or more OR a main beam of at least 13 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

7. 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 Feb. 1 - 28 with weapons legal for small game.

8. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only archery equipment and primitive weapons may be used by adults for deer hunting. Youth Hunters 15 years of age and younger may use centerfire rifles, primitive weapons, or shotguns with slugs during the youth season and primitive weapon season for deer.

9. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed only for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be

ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

10. HORSES: No horses allowed.

11. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

12. FISHING: No fishing allowed in the waterfowl impoundments or in Fisheries Experimental Ponds.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated ~~May 2023~~ March 2026.

RULE 1.21 SHIPLAND WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Shipland Wildlife Management Area in Issaquena County

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to the opening day of Primitive Weapon season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving through Dec. 1.	Legal bucks only.
	Dec. 2 – 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
	Dec. 16 – 31	Legal bucks only.
Archery	Jan. 1 – 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

/ Youth Gun		
TURKEY	Permit Only.	See TURKEY HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct.1 - Feb.28 May 15 - June 1	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Same as statewide seasons.	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct.15 - Feb.28.	
DOVE	Hunting hours the first season are 2:00 pm until sunset.	
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE COSERVATION ORDER	See Federal Regulations.	Open after waterfowl season.

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide bag limits, except the bag limit on antlerless deer is one (1) and on legal bucks is two (2), and 1 adult gobbler per permitted hunt. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

3. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA Headquarters and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

4. LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 15 inches OR one main beam length of at least 18 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

5. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

6. TURKEY HUNTING: Turkey hunting is allowed by permit only.

7. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting during the youth deer hunt. Other deer seasons are restricted to archery and primitive weapons.

8. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

9. 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 during nighttime hunting hours.

10. CAMPING: Camping is allowed in designated areas only. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

11. HIGH WATER: Hunting seasons (excluding waterfowl season) are closed when the Mississippi River gauge at Vicksburg reads 41.0 ft or higher and re-open when the gauge reads 39.0ft or lower. River stages can be obtained from www.mdwfp.com/wma. The earliest daily reading will determine WMA closure for the entire day.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated May 2024.

RULE 1.22 STONEVILLE WMA REGULATIONS.

B. Regulations for Stoneville Wildlife Management Area in Washington County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see LEGAL BUCKS and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct.1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to the opening day of Primitive Weapon through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving – Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 – 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct.1 – Feb. 28 May 15 – June 1	
RACCOON	July 1 – Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with statewide season.	See Federal Regulations
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 – Feb. 28	
TURKEY	Season Closed	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

B. 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 Delta Branch Experiment Station hunting permit, completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App, and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. HUNTING PERMITS: All hunters over 15 years of age must have a Delta Branch Experiment Station hunting permit in their possession while hunting on the area. All hunters 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult with a permit in their possession. Permits are available from the Delta Branch Experiment Station in Stoneville (662-686-9311).

3. 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.

4. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the self-service deer check station located near the west entrance of the WMA and recorded on WMA Daily Use Permit Card or WMA Check-In App by the hunter who harvested them before leaving the WMA. The hunter is responsible for collecting and legibly recording ALL biological data (weight, antler measurements, and jawbone). Instructions and equipment will be provided.

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

6. 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 weapons legal for small game.

7. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting during the youth deer hunt. Other deer seasons are restricted to primitive weapons.

8. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs only. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

9. 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. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed during nighttime hunting hours.

10. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated April 2023.

RULE 1.23 SUNFLOWER WMA REGULATIONS.

B. Regulations for Sunflower Wildlife Management Area in Sharkey County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see LEGAL BUCKS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DOG RESTRICTIONS, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Deer	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving through Dec. 1	Legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 –15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16 –23	Legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 24 – until 47 days of regular gun hunting for entire deer season.	Legal bucks with dogs
Primitive Weapon	Jan 23 – 31	Legal bucks.
TURKEY	Permit only	See TURKEY HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 – 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28 May 15 – June 1	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 – Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 – Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPPOSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 – Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Same as statewide seasons.	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

YOUTH, VETERANS, and ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with the statewide Youth Waterfowl Season	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
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B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

B. WMA USER PERMIT: All persons participating in hunting, fishing, or trapping on 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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits except that the bag limit on antlerless deer is one (1) and on antlered deer is two (2), and 1 adult gobbler per permitted hunt. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

3. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be recorded on DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card before leaving the area. All deer harvested must be checked at a self-service data collection station and recorded on WMA Daily 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 jawbones). Instructions and equipment will be provided.

4. LEGAL BUCKS Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 15 inches OR one main beam length of at least 18 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

5. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during any deer with dogs season. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 1 – 28 with weapons legal for small game.

6. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs or buckshot, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

7. WATERFOWL: Shooting hours end at 12:00 noon in the greentree reservoir, except during the youth, veterans, and active military waterfowl hunt which runs concurrent to statewide seasons.

8. NO HUNTING from or within 100ft of the toe of the greentree reservoir levees or from or within 100ft of pipeline rights-of-ways during deer firearm seasons.

9. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails, and only for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Before operating ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles, users must obtain an ATV/UTV permit from the U.S. Forest Service and be familiar with the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) published annually by the U.S. Forest Service. The MVUM explains when and where ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles may be used. Permits and MVUMs are available from the Delta Ranger District office in Rolling Fork, MS, and MVUMs online at www.fs.usda.gov/main/mississippi/maps-pubs.

10. HORSES: Hunting from horseback is allowed.

11. CAMPING: Camping is allowed subject to U.S. Forest Service regulations.

12. HIGH WATER LEVEL CLOSURE: ALL activities, EXCEPT for waterfowl hunting, will close when the Steele Bayou landside gauge reaches 90.0 feet and shall remain so until the Steele Bayou level falls to or below 88.0 feet.

History: Updated May 2025.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.24 TWIN OAKS WMA REGULATIONS.

B. Regulations for Twin Oaks Wildlife Management Area in Sharkey County.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, SPECIAL BUCK TAGS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery – Permit Only	Oct. 1	Oct. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Nov. 1	Nov. 2	Antlerless deer and any antlered buck.
Primitive	Nov. 6	Dec. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

Weapon – Permit Only			
Archery / Youth Gun	Jan. 1	Jan. 14	Legal bucks only.
YOUTH TURKEY	Permit Only		
TURKEY - PERMIT ONLY	Permit Only		
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24	Sept. 30	
SQUIRREL & RABBIT	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	Saturdays only, except closed on Nov. 1
	Jan. 1	Feb. 28	Daily.
SQUIRREL	May 15	June 1	Daily.
RACCOON	Jul. 1	Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Dec. 27	Friday nights only.
	Jan. 1	Feb. 28	Daily.
TRAPPING	Jan. 1	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH, VETERANS, and ACTIVE MILITRY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with the statewide Youth, Veterans, and Active Military Waterfowl Season		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	See Federal Regulations.		Open after waterfowl season.
QUAIL	Nov. 29	Dec. 27	Saturdays only.

	Jan. 1	Mar. 1	Daily.
DOVE	See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.		
WOODCOCK	Woodcock hunting is allowed on any small game hunting day during legal woodcock season.		
SNIPE	Snipe hunting is allowed on any small game hunting day during legal snipe season.		
Twin Oaks WMA Will Be Closed To ALL ACTIVITES On Tuesday from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31. SCOUTING IS ALLOWED ON SATURDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS.			

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide season bag limits, EXCEPT that for permitted deer hunts the daily bag limit is one legal buck per permit and one doe per day, and 1 adult gobbler per permitted hunt. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

3. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA Headquarters and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

4. **DEER HUNTING PERMITS:** Deer hunting, except for the youth gun hunt and the Jan. 1 – Jan. 14 archery/youth gun hunt, is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

5. **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 Youth Permit Only Hunt, hunters 15 years of age or younger may harvest any antlered buck. During all other Permit Only hunts and the Archery/Youth Gun Season (Jan. 1 – Jan. 14), a youth hunter must harvest a buck with an inside spread of at least 16 inches OR one main beam length of at least 20 inches.

6. **DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

7. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only archery equipment and primitive weapons may be used for deer hunting. Exception: Youth deer hunters, 15 years of age or younger, are allowed to use centerfire rifles during the youth gun and primitive weapon seasons.

8. WATERFOWL: Through Dec. 31, waterfowl hunting will be allowed on Saturdays during the legal waterfowl season. After Dec. 31, waterfowl hunting is allowed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays during the legal waterfowl season EXCEPT that the Youth, Veterans, and Active Military Waterfowl season shall be open concurrent with the statewide season. Shooting hours end at 12 p.m.

9. DOVE: Dove hunting is allowed daily during legal dove season prior to Oct. 1. Dove hunting is allowed on any small game hunting day during the legal dove season after Oct. 1.

10. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs only. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

11. 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 during nighttime hunting hours.

12. CAMPING: Camping is allowed in designated areas only. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

13. SCOUTING: Scouting is allowed daily prior Sept. 30, and on any Saturdays, Wednesdays, and on any small game hunting days thereafter. Only those persons drawn to hunt will be allowed on the area during permitted hunts.

14. HIGH WATER LEVEL CLOSURE: ALL activities, EXCEPT for waterfowl hunting, will close when the Steele Bayou landside gauge reaches 90.0 feet and shall remain so until the Steele Bayou level falls to or below 88.0 feet.

History: Updated April 2025.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.25 WARD BAYOU WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Ward Bayou Wildlife Management Area in Jackson County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
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DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, DOG RESTRICTIONS, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 15 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Dec. 1	WITH DOGS IN DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA only. Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 - 15	Legal bucks only.
Gun	Dec. 16 - 23	WITHOUT DOGS. Legal bucks only.
Gun	December 24 until 47 days of regular gun hunting for entire deer season.	WITH DOGS IN DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA only. Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Day after the final day of Gun Season through February 15.	Legal bucks only.
YOUTH TURKEY - Permit Only	March 8 – May 1	Friday, Saturday, and Sunday by permit only. See SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 May 15 - June 1	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sept. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 - Feb. 28	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **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.

3. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the self-service data collection station and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

4. **LEGAL BUCKS:** Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger, any antlered buck is a legal buck, except during gun seasons with dogs, when a legal buck is a buck with an inside spread of at least 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches.

5. **DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Deer and small game hunting with dogs is allowed EXCEPT in the Still Hunting Only Area. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

6. **YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS:** Youth turkey hunting on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from March 8 - May 1 will be allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

7. **LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

8. **WATERFOWL HUNTING:** Waterfowl hunting in and entering into any ponds west of the hill road from the WMA headquarters to the large power line is prohibited.

9. **OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs only. Motorized vehicles are not allowed on sandbars. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

10. **HORSES:** During WMA deer and turkey seasons, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed during nighttime hours.

11. **CAMPING:** Camping is allowed only on sandbars and along rivers and creeks, provided such camp is visible from a boat. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. All campsites must be maintained in a neat and orderly manner. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

12. **HIGH WATER:** Hunting seasons (excluding waterfowl season) are closed on the WMA when the river gauge at Graham Ferry reads 15.0 ft. or higher. Ward Bayou Road will be closed from the Ward Bayou bridge eastward when the river gauge at Graham Ferry reads 12.0 ft. or higher. Roads will be re-opened when conditions are suitable for vehicle use that will minimize road damage. River stages can be obtained from www.mdwfp.com/wma or by calling 228-769-6508. The earliest daily reading will determine WMA closure for the entire day.

13. **TREE REMOVAL:** No timber or firewood may be cut or removed from area without written permission from the Area Manager, to include the removal of live, dead, floating, or submerged timber.

14. **COMMERCIAL FISHING:** Commercial fishing is not allowed within the WMA.

15. **CLOSED SANDBARS:** Sandbars within the WMA boundaries are closed for the protection of nesting endangered species. No overnight camping allowed during this time. No dogs allowed on sandbars.

16. **HOUSEBOATS:** Houseboats are not allowed to be anchored, secured, or otherwise attached to any lands or structure within WMA boundaries.

17. **NATURE TRAILS:** Use of designated nature trails is allowed from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset only.

18. ROADS: The gate at Kirkwood Road will be closed to vehicular traffic from June 1 – October 1.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated May 2023.

RULE 1.26 BOB M. DEARING NATCHEZ STATE PARK WMA REGULATIONS.

The Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks hereby declares that part of the property known as “Natchez State Park,” located in Adams County, is and shall be a wildlife management project or refuge to be managed as a Wildlife Management Area, under the authority of MISS. CODE ANN. Section 49-5-13.

A. Regulations for Natchez State Park in Adams County.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, ELIGIBLE HUNTERS, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery – Permit Only	Oct. 2	Jan. 25	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Handicapped Gun – Permit Only	Oct. 9	Oct. 12	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun – Permit Only	Oct. 18	Nov. 16	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon – Permit Only	Nov. 20	Jan. 25	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon Group Hunt – Permit Only	Dec. 11 Dec. 18	Dec. 14 Dec. 21	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

YOUTH SQUIRREL	Feb. 1	Feb. 28	Saturdays and Sundays only. See YOUTH SQUIRREL HUNTING in Special Instructions.
YOUTH TURKEY – Permit Only	Mar. 8	May 1	See YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in Special Instructions.
NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.			

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **HUNTING AREA:** See map at mdwfp.com/wma.

3. **BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide bag limits EXCEPT the bag limit on antlered buck deer is one (1) buck per day, not to exceed two (2) per year and on antlerless deer is one (1) per day, not to exceed three (3) per year. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

4. **PERMIT STATIONS:** All hunters must check-in at the Park office or via the MDWFP WMA Check-In App.

5. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be brought to the check station for biological data collection and recorded on the WMA Daily Use Permit Card or WMA Check-In App by the hunter who harvested them. 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.

6. **DEER HUNTING PERMITS:** Deer hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

7. **ELIGIBLE HUNTERS:**

- a. Youth: Mississippi resident hunters 15 years of age or younger.

b. Handicapped: Any hunter who is quadriplegic, paraplegic, or disabled, requiring mobility support from braces and/or crutches.

c. Primitive Weapon: Restricted to Mississippi residents.

d. Archery: Restricted to Mississippi residents.

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

9. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

10. YOUTH SQUIRREL HUNTING: See Map for areas open to youth squirrel hunting.

11. YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING: Youth turkey hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

12. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only primitive weapons and archery equipment may be used for deer hunting, except for during the Youth and Handicap Gun hunts when archery equipment, centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, muzzleloaders, or centerfire handguns may be used. Only shotguns may be used during the youth squirrel hunt.

13. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed only for the retrieval of harvested deer and hogs. Exception: handicapped hunters may access hunting area with ATVs/Electric Bicycles during handicapped hunt only. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

14. PARKING: Hunters must park in designated parking areas only.

15. HORSES: During deer and turkey seasons, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles.

16. CAMPING: Camping is allowed under State Park regulation.

History: Updated April 2025.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.27 NANIH WAIYA WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Nanih Waiya Wildlife Management Area in Neshoba and Winston Counties.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see LEGAL BUCKS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DOG RESTRICTIONS, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to the opening day of Primitive Weapon season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving through Dec. 1.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 – 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16 – Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	March 8 – 14	
TURKEY	March 15 – May 1 <u>May 3</u> March 15 – 31 – Non-Residents by permit only through the Non-Resident Public Land Draw.	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28. May 15 - June 1	
RACCOON	Jul.1 - Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct.1 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov.1 - Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 – Feb. 28	
QUAIL	Thanksgiving Day through the first Saturday in March.	
DOVE	See Federal Regulations.	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **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.

3. **LEGAL BUCKS:** Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

4. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA Headquarters building or at a check station and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

5. **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 Feb. 1 - 28 with weapons legal for small game.

6. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only archery equipment, centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

7. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated graveled roads for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

8. HORSES: No horses allowed.

9. CAMPING: Primitive camping is allowed. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated ~~May 2023~~ March 2026.

RULE 1.28 BLACK PRAIRIE WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Black Prairie Wildlife Management Area in Lowndes County.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Youth Gun – Permit Only	Nov. 1 Dec. 22	Nov. 2 Dec. 27	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun – Permit Only	Nov. 6 Nov. 13 Nov. 20 Nov. 27	Nov. 9 Nov. 16 Nov. 23 Nov. 30	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

Gun – Permit Only	Dec. 12 Jan. 16	Dec. 16 Jan. 18	Legal bucks only.
Archery Only	Oct. 1 Dec. 17 Jan. 5 Jan. 19	Oct. 31 Dec. 21 Jan. 9 Jan. 23	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
TURKEY – Permit Only	Apr. 3 Apr. 10 Apr. 17 Apr. 24	Apr. 5 Apr. 12 Apr. 19 Apr. 26	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
SQUIRREL and RABBIT	Oct. 15 Nov. 3 Nov. 10 Nov. 17 Dec. 1 Dec. 8 Dec. 17 Dec. 28 Jan. 12 Jan. 19 Jan. 26 Feb. 2 Feb. 16 Feb. 23	Oct. 31 Nov. 5 Nov. 12 Nov. 19 Dec. 5 Dec. 11 Dec. 21 Jan. 2 Jan. 15 Jan. 23 Jan. 30 Feb. 13 Feb. 20 Feb. 28	

RACCOON	Jul. 1	Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	No trapping allowed.		
DOVE	See DOVE HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.		
The WMA is closed to hunting during special event dates (see SPECIAL EVENTS section below).			

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide bag limits EXCEPT:

- a. Turkey - A bag limit of one (1) legal gobbler per permit.
- b. Rabbit - party limit of 8 rabbits per day.
- c. Deer - One legal buck and three antlerless deer per year. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

3. **DEER HUNTING PERMITS:** Deer hunting will be allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts. Hunters must check in a 1½ year old or older doe during their permitted gun hunt to be issued a permit to harvest one (1) legal buck. This buck permit will be valid for the duration of the permitted hunt and during the legal bucks only deer hunt (Dec. 12 – 16).

4. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the Area Headquarters and recorded on WMA Daily Use Permit Card or WMA Check-In App by the hunters 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.

5. **LEGAL BUCKS:** Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 15 inches OR one main beam length of at least 18 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

6. **DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

7. **TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS:** Turkey hunting will be allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

8. **LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only archery equipment, centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

9. **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

a. Hunting dog field trials and other special events will be allowed by special use permit only. These permits may be obtained from the MDWFP, see Area Manager for additional information.

b. Special events will be restricted to the following dates: Sept. 6 – 7, Nov. 27 – 30, Dec. 6 – 7, Dec. 12 – 16, Dec. 22 – 27, Jan. 3 – 4, Jan. 10 – 11, Jan. 16 – 18, Jan. 24 – 25, Jan. 31 – Feb. 1, Feb. 14 – 15, Feb. 21 – 22.

c. The WMA is closed to hunting during special event dates. Anyone participating in permitted special events must obey conduct rules as designated and posted by club or group permitted to hold event.

10. **DOVE HUNTING:** A youth dove hunt will be held on a designated field Sept. 1, 2025, from 2 p.m. - sunset. Youth dove hunters must register prior to the special youth dove hunt. Dove hunting will be allowed on designated fields after the Sept. 1 youth hunt and the Sept. 3 permitted adult dove hunt, from 2 p.m. - sunset, on Wednesdays and Saturdays only, during the first season only. The number of hunters on the dove field is limited to 75. All drawn hunters for the permitted adult hunt must arrive to the dove field parking area by 12:00 p.m. to check in. Non-permitted hunters may come to the dove field parking area by 12:00 p.m. and enter a random drawing for any openings created by the permitted hunters not showing up.

11. **OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs only. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

12. **HORSES:** During WMA deer seasons, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed during nighttime hours.

13. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

14. FISHING: Fishing is allowed. Boats prohibited.

History: Updated April 2025.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.29 HELL CREEK WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Hell Creek Wildlife Management Area in Union and Tippah Counties.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMIT, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL WEAPONS and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Gun	Oct. 2	Oct. 5	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
– Permit Only	Oct. 9	Oct. 12	Antlerless deer and legal bucks
	Oct. 16	Oct. 19	Antlerless deer and legal bucks
Gun	Dec. 13	Dec. 21	Legal bucks only.
– Permit Only			
Senior Adult Gun	Dec. 26	Dec. 29	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
– Permit Only			
Archery Only	Oct. 6	Oct. 8	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	
	Oct. 20	Dec. 12	
	Dec. 30	Jan. 31	

Youth Gun	Nov. 15 Dec. 30 Jan. 13 Jan. 19	Dec. 3 Jan. 2 Jan. 15 Jan. 29	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY - Permit Only			See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
SQUIRREL & RABBIT	Oct. 20 Nov. 17 Dec. 30 Jan. 13 Jan. 19 Feb. 5 Feb. 16	Oct. 22 Dec. 3 Jan. 2 Jan. 15 Jan. 29 Feb. 11 Feb. 28	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24	Sept. 30	
SQUIRREL	May 15	June 1	
RACCOON	Jul. 1	Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	No Trapping Allowed		
QUAIL	Nov. 18	Nov. 20	

– Training Only	Nov. 25	Nov. 27	
	Dec. 30	Jan. 2	
	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	
	Feb. 16	Feb. 28	
Quail	Nov. 27	Dec. 3	See BAG LIMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
	Jan. 22	Jan. 29	
	Feb. 16	Mar. 4	
YOUTH DOVE	Statewide opening day		See DOVE HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
DOVE	See DOVE HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.		

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **BAG LIMIT:** Same as statewide bag limits EXCEPT:

a. Rabbit - party limit of 6 rabbits per day.

b. Quail - party limit of 15 quail per day.

c. Deer - One (1) legal buck per day, not to exceed two (2) per year and on antlerless deer is one (1) per day, not to exceed three (3) per year. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

3. **DEER HUNTING PERMITS:** Deer hunting will be allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts. Hunters on the October permitted gun hunt must check in a doe that is 1½ years or older to be issued a permit to harvest (1) legal buck. This buck permit will be valid for the duration of the permitted hunt and during the legal bucks only deer hunt (Dec. 13 – Dec. 21). Senior Gun hunt permits will be valid for (1) legal buck and (1) doe, with no doe harvest prerequisite.

4. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at a check station and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

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

6. **YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS:** Turkey hunting from is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

7. **DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

8. **LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

9. **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

a. Hunting dog field trials and other special events will be allowed by special use permit only. These permits may be obtained from the MDWFP, see Area Manager for additional information.

b. Special events will be restricted to the following dates: Oct. 23 – Nov. 14, Dec. 4 – 7, Jan. 3 – 12, Jan. 16 – 18, Jan. 30 – Feb. 4, Feb. 12 – 15, Mar. 5 – 8, Mar. 12 – 15.

c. The WMA is closed to all firearm hunting during special event dates. Anyone participating in permitted special events must obey conduct rules as designated and posted by club or group permitted to hold event.

10. **BIRD DOG TRAINING:** During bird dog training dates, a person may not use area facilities more than 4 consecutive days.

11. **DOVE HUNTING:** A youth dove hunt will be held on a designated field on the statewide opening day from 2 p.m. - sunset. After the youth dove hunt, dove hunting will be allowed from 2 p.m. – sunset during the first season, except during scheduled deer gun hunts. After the first season, dove hunting is allowed during the statewide season dates, except during special event days. See SPECIAL EVENTS.

12. **OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs only. Additionally, electric bicycles may be

ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

13. HORSES: During WMA deer and turkey seasons, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles. Raccoon hunting from horses allowed on entire area during nighttime hours.

14. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

15. FISHING: Fishing is allowed on area ponds. Fishing is subject to special regulations posted at each pond.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: April 2025.

RULE 1.30 TRIM CANE WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Trim Cane Wildlife Management Area in Oktibbeha County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER Handicapped, Youth, and Senior Adult by permit only	Dec. 1 - Jan. 31	See HANDICAPPED, SENIOR, and YOUTH DEER HUNTING and LEGAL BUCKS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	Trapping prohibited during area rabbit hunts.
Waterfowl - Permit Only	See federal regulations.	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
DOVE	See DOVE HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
RABBIT Permit Only	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	See BAG LIMIT and RABBIT in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday. NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. BAG LIMIT: Same as statewide bag limits EXCEPT: Rabbit - a party limit of 8 rabbits per day and the bag limit on antlered buck deer is one (1) buck and on antlerless deer is one (1). All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

3. WATERFOWL:

a. All waterfowl hunts, except for the waterfowl youth, Veterans, and Active Military hunts and the post season light goose conservation order, are draw hunts only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

b. Waterfowl hunts will be held on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Dates for the special youth, Veterans and Active Military hunt will be the same as the statewide special youth waterfowl hunt. Each permitted hunter will be allowed two hunting guests.

c. All hunters must be checked in and out by area personnel.

d. All hunters must remain inside their assigned hunt station areas at all times.

e. On the morning of area waterfowl hunts, non-permitted hunters may come to the WMA Headquarters and enter a random drawing at 5 a.m. for any openings created by permitted hunters not showing up.

f. Shooting hours are one half hour before sunrise until 12 p.m.

g. All hunters and equipment must be removed from area by 1 p.m. Spent shot shells must be removed from area.

4. RABBIT:

a. Rabbit hunting will be allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

b. Selected hunters can bring 4 guests during each hunt.

5. HANDICAPPED, SENIOR ADULT, and YOUTH DEER HUNTING:

a. Handicapped, Youth, and Senior Adult hunting is by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

b. To be eligible, handicapped applicants must have a physical condition which makes them fully dependent on a wheelchair for mobility.

c. Handicapped and Youth hunts will be held on Saturdays beginning at 1:00pm and all selected participants must check in and out at the headquarters.

6. LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

7. DOVE HUNTING: Dove hunting is allowed on designated fields from 2 p.m. – sunset on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the first season only. No entry prior to 1:00pm on opening day. The number of hunters on the dove field is limited to 40.

8. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Dogs are allowed for rabbit and waterfowl hunting only. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

9. LEGAL WEAPONS: Handicapped and Youth deer hunt participants may use centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, or primitive weapons during any hunt date.

10. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting access only. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

11. HORSES: No horses allowed.

12. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

13. NON-HUNTING USE/SCOUTING: During Waterfowl seasons, non-hunting use/scouting is allowed by foot traffic only on Tuesdays and Fridays from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated May 2024.

RULE 1.31 UPPER SARDIS WMA - AREAS INCLUDED.

The Upper Sardis Wildlife Management Area shall consist of all U. S. Army Corps of Engineer lands in Lafayette and Marshall Counties which are east of the Graham Lake Boat Ramp road,

south of the Little Tallahatchie River Canal and west of the Union County line and all National Forest land in Lafayette County.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-1-49, 49-4-4, 49-4-8, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.32 HARVEY MOSS WMA at TUSCUMBIA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Harvey Moss Wildlife Management Area at Tuscumbia in Alcorn County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
UNIT 1		
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DOG RESTRICTIONS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, BAG LIMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Primitive Weapon – Permit Only	Oct. 1 – 30	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Archery	Nov. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Deer	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Dec. 1	Antlerless deer and legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 - 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16 - 23	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 24 - until 47 days of regular gun hunting for entire deer season.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

Primitive Weapon	Day after the final day of Gun season - Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	March 8 – 14	
TURKEY – Permit Only TURKEY	March 15 – Apr. 17 Apr. 18 - May 1 <u>May 3</u>	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMIT in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 May 15 - June 3	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sept. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	See TRAPPING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
WATERFOWL	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
YOUTH, VETERANS, ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with the statewide Season.	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
RABBIT	Oct. 31 - Feb. 28	
UNIT 2		

DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER HUNTING - Unit 2, DOG RESTRICTIONS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, BAG LIMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Primitive Weapon – Permit Only	Oct. 1 – 30	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Archery	Nov. 1 – Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	March 8 – 14	
TURKEY – Permit Only	March 15 – Apr. 17	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMIT in
TURKEY	Apr. 18 - May 1 <u>May 3</u>	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sept. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL, RACCOON, OPPOSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - the day prior to the opening day of waterfowl season. Feb. 1 - 28	
SQUIRREL	May 15 – June 1	
RABBIT	Oct. 31 to the day prior to the opening day of waterfowl season. Feb. 1 - 28	Rabbit season is closed during statewide Youth Waterfowl Season.
DOVE	See DOVE HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	

TRAPPING	Feb. 1 - 28	See TRAPPING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
WATERFOWL – Permit Only	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
YOUTH, VETERANS, and ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with the statewide Season.	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide bag limits, except the bag limit on antlerless deer is one (1) per day. Permitted deer hunt bag limits – 2 does and 1 buck per permit, no daily bag limit. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

3. **LEGAL BUCKS:** Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

4. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at a check station and recorded on WMA Daily 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. ALL antlerless deer heads harvested on Tusculumbia WMA must be deposited in a CWD Collection freezer or submitted to WMA staff for CWD sampling.

5. **DEER HUNTING PERMITS:** Deer hunting will be allowed by special permit only from Oct. 1 – 30. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts. Hunters must check in a doe that is 1½ years old or older during their permitted primitive weapon hunt to be issued a permit to harvest (1) legal buck. This buck permit will be valid for the duration of the permitted

hunt.

6. DEER HUNTING – UNIT 2: Once the waterfowl draw hunts begin, archery and youth gun hunting will be allowed only on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. On Wednesday and Saturday, archery hunting, youth gun hunting, and scouting will be allowed after 1 p.m.

7. DOG RESTRICTIONS:

- a. Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited.
- b. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.
- c. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

8. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

9. TRAPPING: All kill type traps must be at least 50% submerged in water.

10. WATERFOWL:

a. UNIT 1: Open with state seasons and bag limits. Shooting hours on Unit 1 are one-half hour before sunrise until 3 p.m., except during the waterfowl youth, Veterans, and Active Military hunt which runs concurrent with state seasons. Waterfowl hunters must wear fluorescent orange or pink cap or vest to and from hunt site. Waterfowl scouting is allowed during any open hunting season.

b. UNIT 2: All waterfowl hunts, except for the waterfowl youth, Veterans, and Active Military hunts and September teal season, are draw hunts only. The waterfowl youth, Veterans, and Active Military hunt shall run concurrent with the statewide season. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

c. All hunters must remain inside their assigned hunt station areas at all times.

d. All hunters must be checked in and out by area personnel.

e. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until 12 p.m.

f. All hunters and equipment must be removed from area by 1 p.m.

g. Spent shot shells must be removed from area.

h. Waterfowl scouting is allowed during any open hunting season, except on Wednesdays and Saturdays during waterfowl season.

11. TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS: Turkey hunting from March 15 – Apr. 17 is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

12. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: UNIT 1: Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles is allowed for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. UNIT 2: For permitted waterfowl hunters, ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails to access assigned waterfowl impoundments during waterfowl permit hunts. Otherwise, ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are only allowed for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

13. HORSES: No horses allowed.

14. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

15. DOVE HUNTING – Unit 2: Dove hunting is allowed from 2 p.m. – sunset during the first season. After the first season, dove hunting follows statewide season dates.

16. HIGH WATER: All hunting seasons are closed when the Tuscumbia River gauge at Corinth reads 14.0 ft. or higher. River stages can be obtained from www.mdwfp.com/wma. The earliest daily reading will determine WMA closure for the entire day.

History: Updated ~~April 2025~~ March 2026.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.34 MUSCADINE FARMS WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Muscadine Farms Wildlife Management Area in Washington County.

1. Muscadine Farms Tract:

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
SEPTEMBER TEAL – PERMIT ONLY	See SEPTEMBER TEAL HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
WATERFOWL – PERMIT ONLY	See WATERFOWL_HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	

YOUTH/VETERAN, and ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with statewide season.	
OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS	Same as Statewide Seasons. See OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS	
TRAPPING	Feb. 1 - 28	
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	Open after waterfowl season.	See Federal Regulations
YOUTH DOVE	Sept. 6	See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
DOVE	Sept. 7 – last day of the 1 st statewide dove season	See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS: All other migratory game birds may be hunted in assigned units while on permitted waterfowl hunts during the legal season for the species. Outside of the regular waterfowl season, migratory game birds may be hunted daily on the WMA during the legal season for those species.		
NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.		

2. Washington and Po-Lutken Tracts:

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER -PERMIT ONLY	One youth with accompanying adult every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Nov. 1 – Jan. 31.	Deer hunting is allowed by special permit only. Youth draw. Washington Tract ONLY.
RABBIT	Feb. 1 – Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 – Oct. 31 Feb. 1 – Feb. 28	

QUAIL	Thanksgiving Day through the first Saturday in March.	
WOODCOCK		See Federal Regulations.
DOVE		See Federal Regulations. See LEGAL SHOT and SHOOTING HOURS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday. NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide bag limits, except the bag limit on antlerless deer is two (2) and one (1) any antlered buck. ALL harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

3. **LEGAL SHOT:** Only non-toxic shot may be used for hunting waterfowl on this area. Any weapon may be used for the Permitted YOUTH DEER Hunts.

4. **SEPTEMBER TEAL HUNTING PERMITS:** September teal hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

5. **WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMITS:** All waterfowl hunts, except for the youth/veteran/active military hunts, are draw hunts only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts. Duck draw hunts will be conducted on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays only.

6. DOG RESTRICTIONS:

a. Retrievers are allowed during migratory bird hunts on Muscadine Farms Tract. All other dogs are prohibited on Muscadine Farms Tract.

b. On Washington and Po-Lutken Tracts, small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.

c. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs and/or deer with the use of dogs is prohibited.

7. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles prohibited. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

8. HORSES: No horses allowed.

9. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

10. SHOOTING HOURS: Shooting hours for waterfowl end at 12 p.m. Waterfowl hunters must check-out by 1 p.m. For first season dove hunting shooting hours are from 2 p.m. until sunset. All other migratory bird shooting hours are the same as statewide seasons.

11. NON-HUNTING USE OF THE AREA/SCOUTING: During Waterfowl seasons, non-hunting use of the area is allowed by foot traffic only on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays 12 p.m. until 3 p.m.

12. DOVE: A special youth dove hunt will be held on a designated field Sept. 6, 2025, from 2 p.m. until sunset. No dove hunting shall be allowed prior to the special youth dove hunt. Youth dove hunters must apply online at www.mdwfp.com and register at the WMA Headquarters on Sept. 6 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Dove hunting will be allowed on Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays only from Sept. 7, 2025 at 2 p.m. until sunset for the remainder of the first statewide dove season. Dove hunters may not enter the WMA prior to noon. All other migratory game birds may be hunted in assigned units while on permitted waterfowl hunts during the legal season for the species. Outside of regular waterfowl season, migratory game birds may be hunted daily on the WMA during the legal season for those species.

13. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be recorded on DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card or the WMA Check-In App before leaving the area. All deer harvested must be checked at a self-service data collection 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.

14. DEER HUNTING PERMITS: Deer hunting on the Washington Tract ONLY is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-1-49, 49-4-4, 49-4-8, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated April 2025.

RULE 1.35 YOCCANOOKANY WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Yockanookany Wildlife Management Area in Attala County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon – Permit Only	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	March 8 – 14	
TURKEY – Permit Only	March 15 – March 31.	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS IN SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TURKEY	April 1 – May 1 <u>May 3</u>	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28 May 15 – June 1	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 – Feb. 28	See DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

RACCOON	Jul. 1 – Sept. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPPOSUM, BOBCAT	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 – Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Same as statewide seasons.	
DOVE	See DOVE HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide bag limits except that for permitted turkey hunts the daily bag limit is one gobbler per permit, and the bag limit on antlered buck deer is one (1) buck per day, and on antlerless deer is one (1) per day. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

3. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA entrance and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

4. **DEER HUNTING PERMITS:** Deer hunting, except for the archery and youth gun hunt, is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

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

6. **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 Feb. 1 - 28 with weapons legal for small game.

7. TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS: Turkey hunting Mar. 15 – 31 is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

8. LEGAL WEAPONS: Deer seasons other than youth hunts are restricted to archery and primitive weapons.

9. DOVE HUNTING: Dove hunting is allowed from 2 p.m. – sunset on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the first season. After the first season, dove hunting follows statewide season dates. No entry prior to 1:00pm on opening day. The number of hunters on the dove field is limited to 40.

10. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles is allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

11. 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 during nighttime hunting hours.

12. CAMPING: Camping is allowed in designated areas only. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

13. CLOSED AREA: The area North of Hwy 12 shall be closed to hunting, fishing, and trapping.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated ~~May 2023~~ March 2026.

RULE 1.36 CHARLES RAY NIX WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Charles Ray Nix Wildlife Management Area in Panola County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see LEGAL BUCKS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DOG RESTRICTIONS, PRIMITIVE WEAPON DEER HUNTING PERMITS, HANDICAPPED DEER HUNTING AREA, and

		LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Deer	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Primitive Weapons-Permit Only season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon – Permit Only	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving – the day before Thanksgiving. First Friday in December continuing for 36 days.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Archery / Youth Deer	Day after the end of the Primitive Weapon – Permit Only season - Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY – Permit Only	All full weekends in April.	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28 May 15 – June 1	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 – Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sept. 30	Friday and Saturday nights.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	

QUAIL	First Monday in November through the third Sunday in February.	
DOVE	See DOVE HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **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.

3. **LEGAL BUCKS:** Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 15 inches OR one main beam length of at least 18 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

4. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA Headquarters and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

5. **PRIMITIVE WEAPON DEER HUNTING PERMITS:** Deer hunting during the primitive weapon season is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

6. **HANDICAPPED DEER HUNTING AREA:** Only handicapped hunters are allowed to hunt in this area during deer season. Handicapped hunters may hunt with a rifle in the handicapped area from the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving – the day before Thanksgiving and the first Friday in December – January 31. This area will be open to all other hunters outside of deer season.

7. DOG RESTRICTIONS:

- a. Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited.
- b. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.

c. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

8. **TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS:** Youth turkey hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

9. **LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only archery equipment and primitive weapon may be used for deer hunting. Youth hunters may use centerfire rifles or shotguns with slugs for deer during youth gun and primitive weapon seasons. Handicap hunters may use centerfire rifles or shotguns with slugs for deer in the handicapped area during the handicapped rifle season.

10. **DOVE HUNTING:** Hunting hours for opening day are 2:00 p.m. until sunset. No entry prior to 1:00 p.m. on opening day. During the remaining statewide season framework, dove hunting hours are from 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

11. **OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting access only from Sept. 1 – May 1. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

12. **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 allowed on entire area during nighttime hours.

13. **CAMPING:** No camping allowed.

14. **CLOSED AREA:** The area designated as the shooting range shall be closed to hunting, fishing, and trapping.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated May 2024.

RULE 1.37 SKY LAKE WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Sky Lake Wildlife Management Area in Humphreys and Leflore Counties.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS

DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery – Permit Only	Oct. 2	Nov. 1	Antlerless deer and legal bucks. (Thursday, Friday, & Saturday only.)
Youth Gun	Nov. 6	Nov. 8	Antlerless deer and legal bucks. (Thursday, Friday, & Saturday only.)
Primitive Weapon – Permit Only	Nov. 13	Jan. 24	Antlerless deer and legal bucks. (Thursday, Friday, & Saturday only.)
TURKEY	SEASON CLOSED		
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24	Sept. 30	Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday only.
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1	Jan. 31	Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday only.
	Feb. 1	Feb. 28	Daily
RACCOON	Jul. 1	Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Jan. 31	Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday only.
	Feb. 1	Feb. 28	Daily
TRAPPING	Feb. 1	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday only. Shooting hours end at 12 p.m.		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

YOUTH/VETERAN/ ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with statewide season		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	See Federal Regulations		Open after waterfowl season.
RABBIT	Oct. 15	Jan. 31	Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday only.
	Feb. 1	Feb. 28	Daily
QUAIL	Nov. 26	Jan. 31	Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday only.
	Feb. 1	Mar. 1	Daily

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold. Visitors to the Sky Lake Boardwalk and Visitor’s Center are exempt from the WMA User Permit.

2. **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.

3. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at a self-service deer check station located on Sky Lake WMA and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

4. **DEER HUNTING PERMITS:** Deer hunting, except for the youth gun hunt, is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

5. LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 15 inches OR one main beam length of at least 18 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

6. DOG RESTRICTIONS:

- a. Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited.
- b. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.
- c. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

7. SMALL GAME HUNTING: Small game seasons for species not listed will be open on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday during their respective statewide season dates until January 31. After January 31 these seasons will be open daily.

8. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting during the youth deer hunt. Other deer seasons are restricted to archery and primitive weapons.

9. WATERFOWL: Waterfowl hunting closes at 12 p.m. All hunt participants, spent shot shells, and equipment must be removed from the WMA by 1 p.m., except during the Youth/Veteran/Active Military waterfowl hunt which shall run concurrent with the statewide waterfowl youth, Veteran and Active Military hunt.

10. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric bicycles is allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

11. HORSES: Horseback riding is prohibited during WMA deer 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 during nighttime hunting hours.

12. CAMPING: Camping is allowed in designated areas only. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

13. SCOUTING: Scouting is allowed daily from February 1 – September 30 and on Sunday – Wednesday from October 1 – January 31.

History: Updated April 2025.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-1-49, 49-4-4, 49-4-8, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.38 HOWARD MILLER WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Howard Miller Wildlife Management Area in Issaquena County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
YOUTH DEER-PERMIT ONLY	See YOUTH DEER PERMIT in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	YOUTH DEER- PERMIT ONLY
WATERFOWL – Permit Only	See WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
SEPTEMBER TEAL SEASON – Permit Only	See SEPTEMBER TEAL SEASON PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
YOUTH/VETERAN/ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with statewide season.	
OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS	See OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	See Federal Regulations	Open after waterfowl season.
TRAPPING	Feb. 1 - 28	
DOVE	See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.		

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits. Bag limits for Permitted YOUTH DEER hunt is one (1) antlerless deer and one (1) any-antlered buck per permit.

3. LEGAL SHOT/WEAPONS: Only non-toxic shot may be used for hunting waterfowl on this area. Any weapon may be used for the Permitted YOUTH DEER hunts.

4. WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMITS: All waterfowl hunts, except for the youth/veteran/Active Military hunts, are draw hunts only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts. Waterfowl draw hunts will be conducted on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays only.

5. OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS:

a. All other migratory game birds may be hunted in assigned units while on permitted waterfowl hunts during the legal season for the species.

b. Outside of the regular duck season, migratory game birds may be hunted daily on the WMA during the legal seasons for those species.

6. NON-HUNTING USE / SCOUTING: ATV use from October 1 – November 15 is prohibited. During Waterfowl seasons, non-hunting use/scouting is allowed by foot traffic only on Sundays and Wednesdays from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m. and all visitors may ONLY park at the front entrance parking area.

7. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Retrievers allowed during migratory game bird hunts. All other dogs prohibited. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

8. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting access only. No vehicles allowed on levees. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

9. HORSES: No horses allowed.

10. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

11. SHOOTING HOURS:

a. Shooting hours for waterfowl end at 12 p.m., except during the youth, Veterans, and Active Military waterfowl hunt which shall run concurrent with the statewide waterfowl youth, Veterans, and Active Military hunt.

b. Waterfowl hunters must check-out by 1p.m.

c. All other migratory bird shooting hours are the same as statewide seasons.

12. DOVE: Dove may be hunted during the first statewide season east of the main gravel road. Shooting hours for dove are from 2 p.m. until sunset. No entry prior to 1:00 p.m. on opening day.

13. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be recorded on DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card or the WMA Check-In App before leaving the area. All deer harvested must be checked at a self-service data collection 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.

History: Updated April 2025.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.39 THEODORE MARS WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Theodore A. Mars, Jr. Memorial Wildlife Refuge in Pearl River County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL DEER, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Youth Archery	Oct. 15 – Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season.	
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season - Feb. 15	
YOUTH TURKEY	March 8 – May 1 <u>May 3</u>	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept 24 - 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 - Feb. 28	

QUAIL	Thanksgiving Day through the first Saturday in March	
NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.		

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

3. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be recorded on the DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card or WMA Check-In App.

4. **LEGAL DEER:** Antlerless deer and bucks with hardened antlers visible above the natural hairline are legal for harvest.

5. **DOG RESTRICTIONS:**

- a. Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited.
- b. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.
- c. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

6. **LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs or buckshot, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

7. **OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated trails and for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs only. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

8. **HORSES:** Horseback riding is allowed on designated roads and trails outside of deer hunting season.

9. **CAMPING:** No camping allowed.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated ~~May 2024~~ March 2026.

RULE 1.40 CHARLIE CAPPS WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Charlie Capps Wildlife Management Area in Bolivar County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
WATERFOWL – Permit Only - Except for youth/veteran/Active Military Waterfowl hunts.	See WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
YOUTH/VETERAN/ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with statewide season.	
SEPTEMBER TEAL	Open concurrent with statewide season	May hunt teal on any available open water. Excluding Conservation League Lake
OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS	See OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	See Federal Regulations	Open after waterfowl season.
TRAPPING	Feb. 1 –28	
FISHING	Feb. 16 – Oct. 31	See FISHING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.		

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits.

3. LEGAL SHOT: Only non-toxic shot may be used for hunting waterfowl.

4. WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMITS: All waterfowl hunts, except for the youth/veteran/Active Military hunts and early teal season, are draw hunts only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts. Early teal season hunting is allowed in the borrow area only (see map at www.mdwfp.com/wma).

5. DOG RESTRICTIONS:

a. Retrievers allowed during migratory game bird hunts. All other dogs are prohibited.

b. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

6. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting access only. No vehicles allowed on impoundment levees. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

7. HORSES: No horses allowed.

8. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

9. SHOOTING HOURS: Shooting hours for waterfowl end at 12 p.m. Waterfowl hunters must check-out by 1 p.m., except during the youth, Veteran, and Active Military waterfowl hunt which shall run concurrent with the statewide waterfowl youth, Veteran, and Active Military hunt.

10. OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS: All other migratory game birds may be hunted in assigned units while on permitted waterfowl hunts during the legal season for the species. Outside of the duck season, migratory game birds may be hunted daily on the WMA during the legal season for that species.

11. NON-HUNTING USE OF THE AREA: During Waterfowl seasons, non-hunting use of the area is allowed by foot traffic only on Sundays and Tuesdays from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m.

12. FISHING:

- a. No fishing from November 1 – February 15.
- b. Fishing is allowed from sunrise to sunset.
- c. Only bank fishing and non-motorized boats may be used.
- d. Daily Creel Limits:
 - i. Largemouth bass: 5 per day.
 - ii. Crappie: 20 per day.
 - iii. Bream: 100 per day.
 - iv. Catfish: 10 per day.

History: Updated April 2025.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.41 WILLIAM C. (BILLY) DEVINEY WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for William C. (Billy) Deviney Wildlife Management Area in Sunflower County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
WATERFOWL – Permit Only	See WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
YOUTH/VETERAN /ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with statewide season.	
SEPTEMBER TEAL	Open concurrent with statewide season	May hunt teal on any available open water, including the waterfowl sanctuary.
GEESE: Canada, white-fronted, Snow, Blue, Ross’, and Brant	Open daily during statewide goose seasons through the Friday after Thanksgiving.	

DOVE	See DOVE HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS	See OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	Open after waterfowl season.	See Federal Regulations
TRAPPING	Feb. 1 –28	
NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.		
LYONS TRACT		
Deer		For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1 – Jan. 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Small Game, Woodcock, and Snipe	Jan. 16 - End of statewide season.	

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **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.

3. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the self-service data collection station and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

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

5. LEGAL SHOT: Only non-toxic shot may be used for hunting waterfowl on this area.

6. WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMITS: All waterfowl hunts, except for the youth/veteran/active military hunts, are draw hunts only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

7. DOG RESTRICTIONS:

- a. Retrievers are allowed during migratory game bird hunts.
- b. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs and/or deer with the use of dogs is prohibited.
- c. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed on the Lyon Tracts Only.

6. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting access only. No vehicles allowed on impoundment levees. Off-road use of ORV/ATV/Electric Bicycles is allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

7. HORSES: No horses allowed.

8. CAMPING: No camping allowed.

9. SHOOTING HOURS: Shooting hours for waterfowl end at 12 p.m. Waterfowl hunters must check-out by 1 p.m., except during the waterfowl youth hunt which shall run concurrent with the statewide waterfowl youth hunt.

10. BEARS: Black bears may occur on this WMA. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit.

11. NON-HUNTING USE OF THE AREA: During Waterfowl seasons, non-hunting use of the area is allowed by foot traffic only on Sundays and Tuesdays from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m.

12. DOVE HUNTING: The opening day dove hunt will be a permit only hunt on the designated field beginning at 2:00pm. Hunters must show up to the dove field parking area by 12:00pm to check in. Non-permitted hunters may come to the dove field parking area by 12:00pm and enter a random drawing for any openings created by permitted hunters not showing up. No entry prior to 1:00 p.m. on opening day. Following the opening day hunt, dove hunting will be allowed daily from 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset, first season only.

History: Updated May 2024.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

RULE 1.42 MCHENRY WMA REGULATIONS.

BE IT ORDERED, that the property owned by the MDWFP known as “McHenry,” located in Stone County, is hereby declared a wildlife management project or refuge to be managed as a Wildlife Management Area, under the authority of MISS. CODE ANN. Section 49-5-13 and shall be open for shooting range operations only. It shall remain closed to hunting, fishing, and trapping.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated April 2014

RULE 1.43 CANEMOUNT WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Canemount Wildlife Management Area in Claiborne County.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1	Nov. 2	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

– Permit Only			
Gun – Permit Only	Nov. 20	Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks
Youth Gun – Permit Only	Nov. 6	Nov. 16	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY – Permit Only	Mar. 14	Mar. 15	See YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TURKEY – Permit Only	March 16	May 1	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
SQUIRREL	Feb. 1 May 15	Feb. 28 June 1	See SQUIRREL HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
NO OTHER SEASONS shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.			
The Commission may expand, shorten, restrict or otherwise alter, the hunting opportunities set forth herein, in order to best manage the animal population(s) on the management area. Any changes in hunting opportunities may be affected by Executive Order.			

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. BAG LIMITS:

a. **Deer:** Three (3) antlerless deer and one (1) legal buck per permitted hunt. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

b. **Turkey:** One (1) legal turkey per permitted hunting party.

c. **Squirrel:** Same as statewide bag limits.

3. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All harvested deer must be checked at the WMA headquarters and recorded on WMA Daily 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. ALL heads from antlerless deer harvested on Canemount WMA must be deposited in the Canemount WMA CWD collection freezer.

4. **DEER HUNTING PERMITS:** Deer hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

5. **YOUTH DEER HUNTING PERMITS:** Youth deer hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

6. **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. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

7. **DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Hunting with dogs is prohibited, except Squirrel Hunting with dogs is allowed during squirrel season.

8. **TURKEY HUNTING:** Turkey hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

9. **YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING:** Youth turkey hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

10. **SQUIRREL HUNTING:** Squirrel hunting is allowed from February 1 – 28 and May 15 – June 1.

11. **LEGAL WEAPONS:** Centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, centerfire handguns, and archery equipment may be used for deer hunting.

12. **OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Electric carts may be used on any WMA road for turkey hunting access during turkey season only. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

13. **HORSES:** Horseback riding is prohibited.

14. CAMPING: No camping is allowed.

15. SCOUTING is allowed daily prior to Oct. 1. From October 1 – January 31, the area is closed to all activities Monday - Wednesday. Scouting is allowed on Friday prior the youth turkey hunt and Thursdays only during permitted turkey hunts. Only those persons drawn to hunt will be allowed on the area during permitted deer hunts. During permitted turkey hunts, only the hunter and their partner will be allowed on the area.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated April 2025.

RULE 1.44 RIVERFRONT WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Riverfront Wildlife Management Area in Bolivar County.

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery – Permit only	Nov. 1 – 30	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon – Permit only	Dec. 1 – Dec. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Small Game	Jan. 1 – Feb. 28	
NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.		

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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

completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. HUNTING AREA: See map at mdwfp.com/wma.

3. BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits, except:

Deer: One (1) legal buck per hunt and one (1) antlerless deer per day, not to exceed three (3) antlerless deer per hunt. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

4. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA Headquarters and recorded on WMA Daily 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.

5. DEER HUNTING PERMITS: Deer hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

6. 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. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

7. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.

8. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only primitive weapons and archery equipment may be used for deer hunting.

9. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

10. HORSES: Horseback riding is prohibited.

11. CAMPING: Camping is prohibited on this area.

12. SCOUTING: Deer scouting is allowed daily Oct. 1 – 13 and on Thursdays only during permitted deer hunts. Only those persons drawn to hunt will be allowed on the area during permitted deer hunts.

13. HIGH WATER: The WMA will be closed when the Mississippi River gauge at Arkansas City reads 26 feet or higher and will reopen when the Mississippi River gauge at Arkansas City drops below 26 feet. The earliest daily reading will determine WMA closure for the entire day. River stages can be obtained from www.mdwfp.com/wma. The earliest daily reading will determine WMA closure for the entire day.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Updated May 2024.

RULE 1.45 COSSAR STATE PARK REGULATIONS.

The unimproved part or parts of the property owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers known as “George P. Cossar State Park,” located in Yalobusha County, is hereby declared a wildlife management project or refuge to be managed as a Wildlife Management Area, under the authority of MISS. CODE ANN. Section 49-5-13 and shall be open for white-tailed deer and squirrel hunting.

A. Regulations for Cossar State Park in Yalobusha County.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see HUNTING AREA, BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, ELIGIBLE HUNTERS, LEGAL BUCKS, DOG RESTRICTIONS, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Group Deer Hunts – Permit Only	Wednesdays – Sundays in December.		Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Senior Adult Hunt – Permit Only	Wednesdays – Sundays in January.		
NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed unless stated in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.			

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. HUNTING AREA: See map at mdwfp.com/wma.

3. BAG LIMITS: Deer - Same as statewide bag limits EXCEPT the bag limit on antlered buck deer is one (1) buck per permitted hunter and on antlerless deer is one (1) per day. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

Squirrel – May be hunted during the permitted hunt. Statewide bag limit applies. Park regulations apply, including those regarding pets.

4. PERMIT STATIONS: All hunters must check-in at the park office.

5. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be brought to the check station and recorded on WMA Daily Use Permit Card or WMA Check-In App by the hunter who harvested them for biological data collection. 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.

6. DEER HUNTING PERMITS: Deer hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

7. LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

8. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

9. LEGAL WEAPONS: Archery equipment, muzzleloading rifles, and shotgun with slugs.

10. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed only for the retrieval of harvested deer. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

11. PARKING: Hunters must park in designated parking areas only.

12. CAMPING: Camping is allowed under State Park regulation.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Revised May 2024.

RULE 1.46 “PHIL BRYANT” WMA REGULATIONS.

A. Regulations for Phil Bryant Wildlife Management Area in Issaquena and Warren Counties.

1. Backwoods Unit.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery Group Draw – Permit Only	Oct. 1	Nov. 2	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun Group Draw – Permit Only	Nov. 5	Jan. 14	Antlerless deer and Legal bucks.
Senior Adult – Permit Only	Jan. 15	Jan. 16	Antlerless deer and Legal bucks. See bag limits.
TURKEY	Permit Only.		See Turkey HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24	Sept. 30	
SQUIRREL & RABBIT – Group Draw	Oct. 1	Jan. 14	Open to hunters drawn during group draw hunts.

SQUIRREL & RABBIT	Jan. 15	Feb. 28	Daily.
SQUIRREL	May 15	June 1	Daily.
RACCOON	Jul. 1	Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Jan. 15	Feb. 28	Daily.
TRAPPING	Jan. 15	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL – Group Draw Permit Only	Open concurrent with state waterfowl season for hunters drawn during the group draw.		
WATERFOWL	Open on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from Jan. 15 – Jan. 31. See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.		
YOUTH/VETERAN/ ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with statewide youth and veteran/Active Military waterfowl days.		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
WOODCOCK – Group Draw Only	Open concurrent with Statewide Season.		Open to hunters drawn during group draw hunts.
WOODCOCK	Jan. 15	Jan. 31	Daily.
SNIPE – Group Draw Only	Open concurrent with Statewide Season.		Open to hunters drawn during group draw hunts.
SNIPE	Jan. 15	Feb. 28	Daily
FISHING – Group Draw	Oct. 1	Jan. 14	Open to hunters drawn during group draw hunts.
FISHING	Jan. 15	Sept. 30	Daily
Backwoods units are closed to scouting from Oct. 1 – January 14.			

2. Buck Bayou Unit.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery – Permit Only	Oct. 1	Oct. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun –	Nov. 1	Nov. 2	Antlerless deer and any antlered buck.
Primitive Weapon – Permit Only	Nov. 6	Nov. 30	Antlerless deer and legal bucks
Gun - Permit Only	Dec. 1	Dec. 31	Antlerless deer and Legal bucks.
Archery/ Youth Gun	Jan. 1	Jan. 14	Legal bucks only.
Senior Adult – Permit Only	Jan. 15	Jan. 16	Antlerless deer and Legal bucks. See bag limits.
TURKEY	Permit Only.		See Turkey HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24	Sept. 30	
SQUIRREL & RABBIT	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	Saturdays only, except closed on Nov. 1

SQUIRREL & RABBIT	Jan. 1	Feb. 28	Daily.
SQUIRREL	May 15	June 1	Daily.
RACCOON	Jul. 1	Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 Jan. 1	Dec. 31 Feb. 28	Friday nights only. Daily.
TRAPPING	Jan. 1	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL - Permit Only - Except for youth/veteran/Active Military waterfowl hunts, the September teal season, and the post season light goose conservation order.	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.		
YOUTH/VETERAN/ ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with the statewide Youth/Veteran/Active Military Waterfowl Season		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	See Federal Regulations.		Open after waterfowl season.
WOODCOCK	Same as Statewide Seasons.		Woodcock hunting is allowed on any small game hunting day during legal woodcock season.
SNIPE	Same as Statewide Seasons.		Snipe hunting is allowed on any small game hunting day during legal snipe season.

FISHING	Jan. 15 Oct. 1	Sept. 30 Jan. 14	Daily Saturdays only.
The Buck Bayou Unit Will Be Closed To ALL ACTIVITES On Tuesdays from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31. SCOUTING IS ALLOWED ON SATURDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS.			

3. Ten Point Unit.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery – Permit Only	Oct. 1	Nov. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun – Permit Only	Dec. 1	Dec. 21	Antlerless deer and legal bucks
Youth and Handicapped Gun – Permit Only	Dec. 25	Jan. 11	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Senior Adult – Permit Only	Jan. 15	Jan. 16	Antlerless deer and Legal bucks. See bag limits.
TURKEY	Permit Only		See Turkey HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24	Sept. 30	

SQUIRREL & RABBIT	Oct. 1	Jan. 14	Open only on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.
SQUIRREL & RABBIT	Jan. 15	Feb. 28	Daily.
SQUIRREL	May 15	June 1	Daily.
RACCOON	Jul. 1	Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Jan. 15	Feb. 28	Daily.
TRAPPING	Jan. 15	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	Open on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday during statewide waterfowl seasons. See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.		
YOUTH/VETERAN/ ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open Concurrent with statewide seasons.		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
WOODCOCK	Same as Statewide Seasons.		Woodcock hunting is allowed on any small game hunting day during legal woodcock season. Open daily from Jan. 15 - 31
SNIPE	Same as Statewide Seasons.		Snipe hunting is allowed on any small game hunting day during legal snipe season. Open daily from Jan. 15 – Feb. 28
FISHING	Jan. 15	Sept. 30	Daily
	Oct. 1	Jan. 14	Open only on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.
Scouting is allowed daily prior to Oct. 1, and on any small game hunting days thereafter. Only those persons drawn to hunt are allowed on the unit during permitted hunts.			

4. Goose Lake Unit.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery Only – Permit Only	Oct. 1	Jan. 14	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Senior Adult – Permit Only	Jan. 15	Jan. 16	Antlerless deer and Legal bucks. See bag limits.
TURKEY	Permit Only.		See Turkey HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24	Sept. 30	
SQUIRREL & RABBIT	Oct. 1	Jan. 14	Open only on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.
SQUIRREL & RABBIT	Jan. 15	Feb. 28	Daily.
SQUIRREL	May 15	June 1	Daily.
RACCOON	Jul. 1	Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Jan. 15	Feb. 28	Daily.

TRAPPING	Jan. 15	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL -	Open on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday during statewide waterfowl seasons. See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.		
YOUTH/VETERAN/ ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL	Open concurrent with statewide seasons.		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
WOODCOCK	Same as Statewide Seasons.		Woodcock hunting is allowed on any small game hunting day during legal woodcock season. Open daily from Jan. 15 - 31
SNIPE	Same as Statewide Seasons.		Snipe hunting is allowed on any small game hunting day during legal snipe season. Open daily from Jan. 15 – Feb. 28
FISHING	Jan. 15	Sept. 30	Daily
	Oct. 1	Jan. 14	Open only on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.
Scouting is allowed daily prior to Oct. 1, and on any small game hunting days thereafter. Only those persons drawn to hunt are allowed on the units during permitted hunts.			

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **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 completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. **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. The bag limit during the Senior Adult Hunt will be 1 legal buck and 1 antlerless deer per hunt. Bag limit for turkeys is 1 adult gobbler per permitted hunt.

Backwoods Unit: Group bag limit of 4 legal bucks and 8 antlerless deer. All harvested deer count towards the Phil Bryant WMA and statewide bag limits.

3. **DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at a WMA check station and recorded on WMA Daily 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. Deer harvest on Goose Lake Unit must be checked in at either the Hwy 61 Boat Ramp or Ten Point Unit data collection station. Deer harvested on Buck Bayou Unit must be checked in at the Buck Bayou Visitor Permit station at the Buck Bayou parking area, see map for location. 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.

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

5. **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 ALL other Permit Only hunts, a youth hunter must harvest a buck with an inside spread of at least 16 inches OR one main beam length of at least 20 inches.

6. **DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

7. **TURKEY HUNTING:** Turkey hunting will be allowed by special permit only.

8. **LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

9. **WATERFOWL:** You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts. Shooting hours end at 12 p.m. for all hunt units. Ten Point and Goose Lake Units are open to waterfowl hunting, no draw, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays during the statewide waterfowl season. Shooting hours end at 12 p.m. for all hunt units. Waterfowl hunters must check-out by 1 p.m. except during the youth/veteran waterfowl hunt which shall run concurrent with the statewide waterfowl youth/veteran hunt. No boats, blinds, or decoys are to be left out overnight. Waterfowl hunting shall open daily on the Ten Point and Goose Lake units during the waterfowl season while the Steele Bayou Landside Gauge is at or above 82.0 feet.

Backwoods Unit: Only open to waterfowl hunting to those drawn for the group hunts from opening day of waterfowl season – Jan. 14. Backwoods unit is open to waterfowl hunting on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from Jan. 15 – 31 and during the Youth/Veteran Waterfowl days. From Jan 15 – 31, shooting hours will end at 12 p.m. and waterfowl hunters must check-out by 1 p.m.

Buck Bayou Unit: All waterfowl hunting will be managed through the Mahannah WMA waterfowl hunting process. No persons may leave Anderson-Tully Road or launch a boat until the waterfowl

draw process has been completed for the Buck Bayou and Mahannah Units. Waterfowl draw hunts will be conducted for Mahannah / Buck Bayou on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays ONLY.

10. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles is allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. During all WMA deer firearms seasons, no loaded shoulder fired weapons allowed within 100 feet of any road within WMA, including ATV trails. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

Goose Lake: ORVs/ATVs are prohibited on Goose Lake Unit.

11. 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.

12. CAMPING: Camping is allowed in designated areas only. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure. Camping for Goose Lake Unit is ONLY allowed at the Ten Point or Mahannah WMA Campgrounds. Backwoods: Camping for Backwoods Unit 4 is only allowed at the Mahannah WMA campground.

13. SCOUTING:

a. Backwoods: No scouting allowed from Oct. 1 – Jan. 14. Open daily from Jan. 15 – Sept. 30.

b. 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.

c. Ten Point and Goose Lake Units: Scouting is allowed daily prior to Oct. 1, and on any small game hunting days thereafter. Only those persons drawn to hunt are allowed on the units during permitted hunts.

14. HIGH WATER: Phil Bryant WMA will be closed to all activities, except waterfowl hunting, when the Mississippi River gauge at Vicksburg reaches 43 ft. and shall remain so until the Mississippi River level falls to or below 41.0 ft. and/or when the Steele Bayou landside gauge reaches 82.0 ft. and shall remain closed until the Steele Bayou level falls to or below 80ft. Waterfowl hunting shall open daily on the Ten Point and Goose Lake units during the waterfowl season after 82 feet on the Steel Bayou Landside Gauge. Previously drawn hunters for the Backwoods unit may only waterfowl hunt during Mahannah permitted waterfowl hunts.

15. PARKING: Buck Bayou visitors must park in the Buck Bayou Unit parking area only. See map for location. Visitors from Buck Bayou Unit and Mahannah WMA may not park at Backwoods Units Campsites between October 1-January 31.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.

History: Revised April 2025.

RULE 1.47 Calling Panther Lake WMA Regulations

B. Regulations for Calling Panther WMA in Copiah County.

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, LEGAL WEAPONS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery – Permit Only	Oct. 1	Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
SQUIRREL	Feb. 1	Feb. 28	Shotguns only.
YOUTH TURKEY – Permit Only	Mar. 8	Last Sunday in April.	See YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in Special Instructions.
NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.			

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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

completing the daily visitor use permit or by using the WMA Check-In App and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

2. NO HUNTING AREA: See WMA map for areas closed to all hunting.

3. BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits EXCEPT the bag limit on antlerless deer is one (1) per day, not to exceed three (3) per year. All harvested deer count towards statewide bag limits, unless otherwise stated.

4. DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be brought to the check station for biological data collection and recorded on the WMA Daily Use Permit Card or WMA Check-In App by the hunter who harvested them. 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.

5. DEER HUNTING PERMITS: Deer hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

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

7. DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Squirrel hunting with dogs is allowed. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

8. YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING: Youth turkey hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

9. LEGAL WEAPONS: Only archery equipment may be used for deer hunting. Only shotguns may be used for squirrel hunting.

10. OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs/Electric Bicycles are allowed only for the retrieval of harvested deer and hogs. Additionally, electric bicycles may be ridden on marked foot-traffic trails only by users 65 years of age and older. They may not be ridden on any leveed roads or trails.

11. HORSES: Horseback riding is prohibited.

12. CAMPING: Camping is allowed under State Lake regulation (40 Miss Admin Code Part 3 Chap 2.1).

13. FISHING: Fishing is allowed under State Lake regulation (40 Miss Admin Code Part 3 Chap 2.1).

14. BOAT ACCESS: Hunting access by boat is allowed. A state lake boat launching permit is required. Boats must follow state and coast guard regulations.

History: Updated May 2024.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.