UPPER DELTA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
(Baldwin & Mobile Counties)
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES
Hunting Regulations - September 2016 - August 2017

PERMITS: A season permit is required for all hunting and is valid for all game species and seasons listed on permit. Permits may be obtained at self-service permit box located on Area off St. Luke Church Road or from Mobile County River Delta Marina, Quints Hardware, Bass Pro Shop, Boatyard Landing, Hubbard Landing, Upper Bryants Landing, Live Oak Landing, Saraland, Daphne, and Bay Minette Walmarts, Mt. Vernon Hardware, Baldwin County Probate Office, Mobile County License Commissioner's Office and from the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Office, 30571 Five Rivers Boulevard, Spanish Fort, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday-Friday, or by writing to the Area Biologist, 30571 Five Rivers Blvd., Spanish Fort, AL 36527; Phone 251-626-5474. Include a large self-addressed, stamped envelope and your current hunting license number. Trapping permits must be obtained from the Area Biologist. On each of the gun deer hunts, hunters' choice will apply for each hunter under 16 years and females (one deer per day on bucks only hunts). **ALL DEER AND TURKEY HARVESTED MUST BE REPORTED AT SELF-SERVICE CHECK STATION ON AREA OR ON HARVEST RECORDS LOCATED AT LIVE OAK LANDING, UPPER BRYANTS LANDING, HUBBARD LANDING, BOATYARD LANDING, MOBILE COUNTY RIVER DELTA MARINA, OR MT. VERNON HARDWARE.**

NOTE:

- **A State Hunting License, Wildlife Management Area (WMA) License and a wildlife management area permit are required when hunting deer, turkey, or waterfowl on a wildlife management area. For residents, a State hunting license or Wildlife Heritage License (residents only) and WMA permit are required for hunting small game, except waterfowl on wildlife management areas. Nonresidents must possess a wildlife management area license in addition to a hunting license and WMA permit to hunt big game and small game.**
- **Youth hunters on youth deer and turkey hunts must be less than 16 years of age. Supervisors must be 21 years old or older, or a parent, and must be properly licensed. Youth must remain within 30 feet of supervisors at all times.**
- **Individuals ages 16 through 64 that utilize the shooting range on Upper Delta WMA are required to possess a valid Wildlife Heritage License, State hunting license, WMA license, or resident annual freshwater fishing license.**
- **Statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies to all WMAs.**
- **Administrators of the hunt shall have the right to distribute the hunters and to inspect all vehicles or other equipment while on the areas. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and landowners, who are making the hunting possible, hereby put each hunter on notice that he hunts at his own risk and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and such landowners shall not be responsible for any accidents or injuries that may occur.**

HUNTING DATES:

ZONE A

DEER:	*(Youth)*	Stalk Hunting Hunters' Choice (except spotted fawns): **Nov. 12.** One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: **Nov. 19, Jan. 6-7 and Feb. 3-4.** One antlered buck per day.
		Stalk Hunting Hunters' Choice (except spotted fawns): **Dec. 16-17.** One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
	(Dog)	Dog Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: **Dec. 9-10 and Dec.30-31.** One antlered buck per day.
		(No deer hunting as shown in hatched area of map on dog deer hunts). Dog deer hunts shall start no earlier than 7:00 am.
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunters' Choice (except spotted fawns): **Jan. 20-21.** One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: **Oct. 15-24.** One antlered buck per day.
		Stalk Hunting Hunters' Choice (except spotted fawns): **Oct. 25-Feb. 10.** Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck; Antlered bucks only with bow on bucks only gun hunts. No archery hunting on Nov. 12 youth deer hunt.

ZONE B

DEER:	*(Youth)*	Stalk Hunting Hunters' Choice (except spotted fawns): **Nov. 12.** One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only. **Nov. 19, Jan. 9-14** and **Jan. 27-28.** One antlered buck per day.
		Stalk Hunting Hunters' Choice (except spotted fawns): **Dec. 16-17.** One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
	(Dog)	Dog Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: **Nov. 21-26, Dec. 9-10** and **Dec. 30-31.** One antlered buck per day.
		Dog hunts shall start no earlier than 7:00 am).
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunters' Choice (except spotted fawns): **Jan 20-21.** One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks only: **Oct. 15-24.** One antlered buck per day.
		Stalk Hunting Hunters' Choice (except spotted fawns): **Oct. 25-Feb. 10.** One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
		Antlered bucks only with bow on bucks only gun hunts. No archery hunting on Nov. 12 youth deer hunt.

ZONES A & B

TURKEY:	*(Youth)*	**March 11** (Daylight until 1:00 pm). Gobblers only.
	(Physically Disabled)	**March 14** (Daylight until 1:00 pm). Gobblers only.
	(Regular)	**March 15-April 30** (Daylight until 1:00 pm). Gobblers only.
WATERFOWL:	**Zone A**	**State Season** (½ hour before sunrise to 12:00 Noon). No hunting on days of gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts.
	Zone B	**State Season** (½ hour before sunrise to 12:00 Noon). No hunting on days of gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts.
DOVE:		**State Season** (Saturdays only). No hunting on days of gun, dog, primitive weapons, and youth deer hunts.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:		**Sep. 15-Mar. 5.** No hunting on days of gun, primitive weapons, and youth deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February.
SNIPE:		**Nov. 14-Feb. 28.** No hunting on days of gun, primitive weapons deer hunts.
RACCOON, FOX & OPOSSUM:		**Sept. 1-Mar. 5** (Nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding days of gun, primitive weapons, and youth deer hunts.
		Fox hunting - Dogs Only; No Weapons.
WOODCOCK:		**Dec. 18-Jan. 31.** No hunting on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.
BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX:		Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Seasons using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight hours only. One fox per day.
FURBEARER TRAPPING: (excluding feral swine)		**Nov. 5-Feb. 28.** All trappers must wear hunter's orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

BAG LIMITS: *Deer* - Bucks only hunts with bare antlers visible above natural hairline - 1 a day (3 per season one of which must have four points on one side); *Hunters' Choice* (either sex deer except spotted fawns) - 2 a day only, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck; *Waterfowl* - see federal regulations; *Dove* -15 a day; *Squirrel* - 8 a day; *Rabbit* - 8 a day; *Snipe* - 8 a day; *Raccoon* - 5 per person per day; *Opossum* - No Limit;
Woodcock - 3 a day; *Turkey* (Gobblers only) -1 a day (5 per season); *Feral Hog* - No limit.

PERMITTED FIREARMS, BOW AND ARROW, & FALCONRY:

Deer:	*Stalk Hunts:*	As defined in Alabama Regulations legal arms and ammunition in 220-2-.02(2), (excluding buckshot) and archery equipment in 220-2-.03.
	Dog Hunts:	Buckshot Only.
	Primitive Weapons:	Using only muzzle loading rifles (.40 caliber or larger), muzzle loading shotguns, air-powered guns (.30 caliber or larger) or archery equipment as defined in 220-2-.03.
Turkey:		As defined in 220-2-.02(3), except no center-fire pistols or crossbows allowed.
Remainder of Seasons:		Legal arms and ammunition as defined in 220-2-.02 and archery equipment in 220-2-.03.
Trapping:		As Defined in 220-2-.30(1), except no .22 magnums are allowed.

Falconry will be legal on all AREA scheduled hunts for legally permitted falconers; following the dates those seasons are open on each AREA.

IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL:

1. To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, ammunition, traps, or bow and arrow, except bow fishing equipment from Mar. 1-Aug. 31, without a valid permit. A permit is valid only during scheduled management and refuge area seasons during legal hunting hours and only with weapons and ammunition permitted for hunting the wildlife listed on permit.
2. To use dogs for stalk hunting of deer or for turkey hunting.
3. To use dogs for hunting, training, or any purpose from March 6 until August 31.
4. For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on the management area unless accompanied by a licensed hunter at all times.
5. For any person to possess or to carry in or on a vehicle, any of the following: any firearms (including pistols) with ammunition in the magazine, breech or clip attached to firearms, or black powder weapons with primer, cap or flash powder in place, or cocked crossbows. See (23) for limited exception for certain lawfully licensed handguns possessed for personal protection.
6. To camp in the management area except in designated sites. Individuals or groups may camp in designated areas for a period not to exceed nine (9) days in any 30-day period. Campfires must be extinguished before departing. No warming fires shall be permitted away from camping area.
7. To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting. However, this regulation shall not apply to coyote and feral hogs which may be killed during all scheduled management area hunts, when possessing a valid permit and using weapons and ammunition that are legal for such designated hunts **(DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY; NO DOGS ALLOWED).** Additionally, bobcat and fox may be killed during all scheduled deer and turkey hunts, when possessing a valid permit and using weapons and ammunition that are legal for such designated hunts **(DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY; NO DOGS ALLOWED). Only one fox may be harvested per day.**
8. To discharge fireworks at any time.
9. To discharge firearms for target practice except on the designated target range.
10. To hunt or discharge firearms within 150 yards of any camping area, dwelling, dam or timber operation, or 100 yards of any paved public road or highway; within a posted safety zone or on Sunday within one-half mile of any church **or from within the right-of-way of any developed road which is open to vehicular traffic (standers hunting the roads on Geneva and Upper Delta WMAs are allowed during scheduled dog deer hunts).**
11. **To possess open alcoholic beverages outside designated camping areas.**
12. For any unauthorized person at any time to operate any unlicensed motor driven vehicle on any wildlife management area (WMA) except on regularly used roads open for public use by four wheel vehicle traffic.
13. For any person to hunt during the dates of the scheduled gun deer season without wearing an outer garment above the waist containing a minimum 144 square inches of hunter orange color or either a full size hunter orange hat or cap. The hunter orange must be of solid color, except for a small logo on the front of the cap, and visible from any angle.
14. To deposit, distribute, or scatter grain, salt, litter, or any other materials on management area prior to receiving approval from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
15. For any person to damage or remove any trees, crops, or other plants, dirt, gravel, or sod from management area without legal authorization.
16. To erect or use a permanent tree stand or scaffold on management area without written permission from the landowners.
17. To hunt from an elevated stand or platform without attaching themselves to the tree or platform with a full body safety harness capable of supporting their weight.
18. To cast a light of any kind, either hand held, affixed to a vehicle, or otherwise between the hours of sunset and sunrise except in areas where the state law is more restrictive. This paragraph does not apply to the headlights of vehicles traveling in a normal manner on an open established road.
19. For any person except authorized personnel to operate any motor driven vehicle behind, under, or around any locked gate, barricaded road, or sign which prohibits vehicular traffic.
20. For any person except authorized personnel to block or otherwise stop traffic on any road or at any gate by parking a vehicle in such a way that passage around the vehicle is impossible.
21. To operate any motor driven vehicle on power line or gas line rights-of-way.
22. To hunt any wildlife from floodwater except waterfowl.
23. Nothing in this regulation prohibits or requires a wildlife management area permit for the possession of handguns by lawfully licensed persons for the personal protection, provided the handguns are not used to hunt or take or attempt to take wildlife except as otherwise provided by this regulation.
24. **Users should refer to WMA Regulation 220-2-.55 for the complete list of WMA specific regulations.**

WMA is provided by the Wildlife Section of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, in cooperation with the Forever Wild Land Trust.