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Proposed Rule Cover Sheet



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Proposal: Add early permit youth hunt to Camp Robinson SUA. Add early permit youth hunt to Bell Slough WMA. *Remove the muzzleloader-only restrictions during deer and bear muzzleloading season(s) and allow the use of certain firearms which fire straight-walled cartridges and allow big-bore air rifles during the alternative firearms season.* Move the modern gun deer permit hunt on J. Perry Mikles Blue Mt. Special Use Area from the second Wednesday in November for two days to the second Thursday in November for 2 days. Create an early youth permit modern gun deer hunt on Spring River/Harold E. Alexander WMA. Add late youth modern gun deer hunt to Stone Prairie WMA. Move the modern gun permit hunt on Spring River/Harold E. Alexander WMA to align with the statewide opener for gun season. Remove the language “first Saturday in November for 2 days” from the current muzzleloader permit hunt on Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois D’Arc WMA. Change the late youth permit modern gun deer hunt on Spring River/Harold E. Alexander WMA to an open youth modern gun deer hunt. Implement a 3-day velvet buck archery hunt the first Saturday in September for 3 days on private lands and commission-owned and leased-land WMAs while still adhering to existing zone and WMA bag limits and buck restrictions.

Justification: Deer harvest at CRSUA is very low and to maintain herd health the deer population needs to have more harvest. We also are trying to create consistency in the central Arkansas complex of WMAs that includes CRSUA, Bell Slough WMA, and Stone Prairie WMA.

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Removing muzzleloading restrictions is a Commission-driven proposal.

This is a request area staff have received multiple times over the last few years. The requesting individuals indicate it is easier for them to get leave from their workplaces on a Thursday and Friday.

The deer population at SRHEAWMA is sufficient to sustain additional hunting opportunities. This area is also in need of additional harvest to support deer herd health.

Deer harvest at SPWMA is very low and to maintain herd health the deer population needs to have more harvest. We also are trying to create consistency in the central Arkansas complex of WMAs that includes CRSUA, Bell Slough WMA, and Stone Prairie WMA.

Participation in the SRHEAWMA gun hunt is very poor and the harvest is very low as well. The deer population on SRHEAWMA is high and needs a higher harvest rate to maintain herd health. Moving the season to the regular gun opening weekend should increase participation and hunter success and satisfaction.

Current muzzleloader season permit hunt includes days which are also modern gun youth hunt dates. Change code to remove those days from the muzzleloader permit hunt and allow modern gun youth hunt to continue.

Not all of the permits on this hunt are being filled and actual participation is low. Therefore, we would like to make this an open hunt like most of our other late youth hunts. SPHEAWMA has a sufficient deer population to sustain this hunt and does need additional harvest to maintain herd health.

The velvet hunt will provide additional opportunities.

Codes affected: 01.00-C, 06.01, 06.03, 08.02, 08.03, 08.04, 20.02, 22.01, A1.01, A1.08, C1.01, C1.02, C1.13, C1.14.

Current Fiscal Year: \$ 0

Next Fiscal Year: \$ 0

Financial Benefit to Agency:

6. Do alternative means exist for accomplishing the objectives of the rules that might be less burdensome to small business? Yes: No:

Why were such alternatives not proposed:

7. Compare this rule with federal and state counterparts:

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C1.01 Deer Season and Limit Restrictions on WMAs

ALUM FORK NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes 11.02, 21.02).

BALD KNOB NWR

Archery: Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms(all units): Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Modern Gun (special youth hunt; all units): Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Modern Gun (permit hunt; all units): Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) (Codes 11.02, 20.07, 21.02, 21.03, and Addenda C1.13, C1.14)

- 2 bucks with archery
- 4 does with archery
- 1 buck or 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms (all units)
- 1 buck or 1 doe with modern gun permit hunt
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 1 deer (buck or doe)

BAYOU DES ARC WMA

Archery: ~~First~~Last Saturday in ~~September~~August for three days (antlered bucks only). Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and December 29-31 annually.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 37 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks. (Code 11.02)

- 2 legal bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms, or modern gun
- 3 does with archery
- 2 does with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms and modern gun combined
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) or up to 2 does

BAYOU METO WMA (SEE GEORGE H. DUNKLIN JR. BAYOU METO WMA)

BEARCAT HOLLOW WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and the second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun (Mobility Impaired permit hunt): First full weekend in October for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions) (Codes 11.02, 21.02).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms, or modern gun
- 3 antlerless with archery
- 1 antlerless with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms or modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 2 antlered bucks, and 1 antlerless

BEAVER LAKE WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions) (Code 11.02).

- 2 antlered bucks; with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms, or modern gun
- 4 antlerless with archery
- 2 antlerless with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms or modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 4 deer, 2 antlered bucks and 2 antlerless

BELL SLOUGH WMA

Archery: ~~First~~Last Saturday in ~~September~~August for three days (antlered bucks only). Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: (Ppermit hunt): Third Saturday in October for 5 days.

Modern Gun (special youth permit hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days.

Modern Gun (youth hunt): First Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: closed.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 4 does with archery
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 4 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) and 2 does

BENSON CREEK NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~**Alternative firearms: (permit hunt):** Third Saturday in October for 5 days

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days.

Modern Gun (permit hunt): Second Saturday in November for 5 days.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks. (Addenda [C1.13](#), [C1.14](#)).

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery
- 1 legal buck or 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~**alternative firearms** permit
- 1 legal buck or 1 doe with modern gun permit
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) and 1 does

BERYL ANTHONY LOWER OUACHITA WMA

Archery: ~~First Last Saturday in September~~**August for three days (antlered bucks only).** Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in February.

~~Muzzleloader~~**Alternative firearms:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days and December 29-31 annually.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 37 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 5 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (Code [11.02](#), Addendum [C1.13](#)).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~**alternative firearms**, or modern gun
- 5 antlerless with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~**alternative firearms**, and modern gun combined
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 5 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) or up to 5 antlerless

BIG CREEK WMA

Archery: ~~Last~~ First Saturday in August ~~September for three days (antlered bucks only)~~. Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in February.

~~Muzzleloader~~ Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 30 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Code 11.02).

- 2 legal bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~ alternative firearms or modern gun
- 3 does with archery
- 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~ alternative firearms and modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

BIG LAKE NWR

Archery: Archery opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) (Codes 20.07, 21.03, and Addendum C1.14).

- 2 bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery

BIG LAKE WMA

Archery: ~~First Last Saturday in September~~ **August for three days (antlered bucks only).** Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in February.

~~Muzzleloader~~ **Alternative firearms:** Closed.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 2 days.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 ~~legal~~-antlered bucks (Code 11.02).

- 2 ~~antlered legal~~ bucks with archery or modern gun
- 3 ~~antlerless deer~~ does with archery
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 2 ~~antlered~~ bucks (no antler restrictions) and 1 ~~antlerless deer~~ doe

BIG TIMBER WMA

Archery: ~~First Last Saturday in August~~ **September for three days (antlered bucks only).** Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in February.

~~Muzzleloader~~ **Alternative firearms:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days and December 29-31 annually.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 37 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 5 deer; no more than 2 legal buck (Codes 11.02, 20.07).

- 2 legal bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~ alternative firearms or modern gun
- 5 does with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~ alternative firearms and modern gun combined
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 5 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) or up to 5 does

BLEVINS WMA

Archery: ~~First Last Saturday in September~~ ~~August~~ for three days (antlered bucks only). Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in February.

~~Muzzleloader~~ Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and December 29-31 annually.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 37 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 5 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks. (Code 11.02).

- 2 legal bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~ alternative firearms or modern gun
- 5 does with archery
- 4 does with ~~muzzleloader~~ alternative firearms and modern gun combined
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 5 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) and 3 does

BLUE MOUNTAIN WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in February.

~~Muzzleloader~~ Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions) (Codes 11.02, 21.02).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~ alternative firearms or modern gun
- 3 antlerless with archery
- 1 antlerless with ~~muzzleloader~~ alternative firearms or modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 2 antlered bucks, and 1 antlerless

BREWER LAKE CYPRESS CREEK WMA

Archery/Firearms: Closed.

BRUSHY CREEK WMA

Archery: ~~First Last Saturday in September~~ ~~August~~ for three days (antlered bucks only). Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in February.

~~Muzzleloader~~ Alternative firearms: Closed.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 339 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Code [11.02](#)).

- 2 legal bucks with archery or modern gun
- 3 does with archery
- 1 doe with modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

BUCK ISLAND WMA

Archery: ~~First Last Saturday in September~~ ~~August~~ for three days (antlered bucks only). Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in February.

~~Muzzleloader~~ **Alternative firearms:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days and December 29-31 annually.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 46 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 5 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes [11.02](#), [21.02](#), [21.03](#), and Addendum [C1.14](#)).

- 2 legal bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~ **alternative firearms**, or modern gun
- 5 does with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~ **alternative firearms**, and modern gun combined
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 5 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) or up to 5 does

BUFFALO NATIONAL RIVER WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in February.

~~Muzzleloader~~ **Alternative firearms:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions) (Code [11.02](#)).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~ **alternative firearms**, or modern gun
- 4 antlerless with archery
- 2 antlerless with ~~muzzleloader~~ **alternative firearms** or modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 4 deer, 2 antlered bucks, and 2 antlerless

CACHE RIVER NWR

Archery: Archery opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish

and Wildlife Service.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Modern Gun (special youth hunt): Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Modern Gun (permit hunt): Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) (Codes 11.02, 20.07, 21.02, 21.03, and Addendum C1.14).

- 2 bucks with archery
- 4 does with archery
- 1 buck or 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms (each hunt)
- 1 buck and 1 doe or 2 does with modern gun permit
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer (1 buck/1 doe or 2 does)

CAMP ROBINSON SUA

Archery: ~~First Last Saturday in September~~August for three days (antlered bucks only). Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: ~~Closed.~~ (~~P~~permit ~~H~~hunt): ~~Third Saturday in October for 3 days.~~

Modern Gun (youth permit): First Saturday in November for 2 days.

Modern Gun (youth hunt): First Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun (permit hunt): Second Saturday in November for 3 days.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Code 21.02 and Addendum C1.13).

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery
- 1 buck and 1 doe with modern gun permit
- Limit during the modern gun youth hunt is 2 deer, 1 buck (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

CAMP ROBINSON WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: (permit hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to Thanksgiving Day.

Modern Gun (youth hunt): First Saturday in October for 2 days.

Modern Gun (permit hunts): Thanksgiving Day for 2 days and Saturday after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 1 legal buck (Code 21.02 and Addendum C1.13).

- 1 legal buck with archery
- 4 does with archery
- 1 legal buck and 1 doe with muzzleloader/alternative firearms permit
- 1 legal buck and 1 doe with modern gun permit
- Limit during the modern gun youth hunt is 2 deer, 1 buck (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

CANEY CREEK WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in February.

Muzzleloader/Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes 11.02, 21.02).

- 2 legal bucks with archery, muzzleloader/alternative firearms or modern gun
- 3 does with archery
- 1 doe with muzzleloader/alternative firearms during muzzleloader/alternative firearms season
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

CASEY JONES WMA

Archery: ~~First Last Saturday in September~~ **August for three days (antlered bucks only)**. Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in February.

Muzzleloader/Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and December 29-31 annually.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 37 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 5 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes 11.02, 20.07).

- 2 legal bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~ **alternative firearms** or modern gun
- 5 does with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~ **alternative firearms** and modern gun combined
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 5 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) or up to 5 does.

CATTAIL MARSH WMA

Archery: ~~First Last Saturday in September~~ **August for three days (antlered bucks only)**. Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, no more than 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) and up to 3 does

CEDAR CREEK WMA

Archery: ~~First Last Saturday in September~~ **August for three days (antlered bucks only)**. Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery

CEDAR MOUNTAIN WMA

Archery: ~~First Last Saturday in September~~ **August for three days (antlered bucks only).** Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually. Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes 11.02, 21.02).

- 2 legal bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms, and modern gun
- 3 does with archery
- 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms or modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

CHEROKEE WMA

Archery: ~~First Last Saturday in September~~ **August for three days (antlered bucks only).** Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually. Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (Codes 11.02, 20.07).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms or modern gun
- 4 antlerless with archery
- 1 antlerless with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms or modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer (1 buck, no antler restrictions/1 antlerless)

CHEROKEE PRAIRIE NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery

- 2 antlerless with archery

COVE CREEK NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 4 does with archery

CROSSETT EXPERIMENTAL FOREST WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and December 29-31 annually.

Modern Gun: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 5 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Code 20.07).

- 2 legal bucks with archery or ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms
- 5 does with archery and ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms combined

CUT-OFF CREEK WMA

Archery: ~~First Last Saturday in September~~August for three days (antlered bucks only). Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 5 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 5 days.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes 21.02, 21.03 and Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 4 does with archery
- 1 legal buck and 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms
- 1 legal buck and 1 doe with modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 4 deer, no more than 2 legal bucks (no antler restrictions) and 2 does

CYPRESS BAYOU WMA

Archery: ~~First Last Saturday in September~~August for three days (antlered bucks only). Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms (permit hunt): Third Saturday in October for 5 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun (permit hunt): Second Saturday in November for 5 days. Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Code 21.02 and Addendum C1.13).

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery
- 1 legal buck or 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms permit
- 1 legal buck or 1 doe with modern gun permit
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer (2 bucks, no antler restrictions/1 doe)

DALE BUMPERS WHITE RIVER NWR

Archery: Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (north unit). Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (south unit).

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms (permit hunt): Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (both units).

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (north unit).

Modern Gun (special youth hunt): Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (both units).

Modern Gun (permit hunt): Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (both units).

Modern Gun: Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (north unit).

Cook's Lake Area (youth permit hunt): Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Cook's Lake Area (mobility-impaired permit hunt): Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Season limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) (Codes 20.07, 21.02, 21.03, and Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 2 bucks with archery (both units)
- 3 does with archery (both units)
- 1 buck or 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms permit (both units)
- 1 buck with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms (no does allowed) (north unit only)
- 1 buck or 1 doe with modern gun permit (both units)
- 1 buck with modern gun (no does allowed) (north unit only)
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 1 deer, buck or doe (both units).
- Limit during the Cook's Lake Area modern gun permit youth hunt is 2

- deer (1 buck/1 doe)
- Limit during the Cook's Lake modern gun mobility-impaired permit hunt is 2 deer (1 buck/1 doe)
- Cook's Lake area: Deer harvested during the modern gun youth permit hunt and mobility-impaired permit hunt are bonus deer and do not count in the hunter's statewide seasonal limit

DARDANELLE WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Johnson County WRA: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day in October and February 16 until the last day of February.

Muzzleloader/Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually.

Modern Gun (mobility impaired permit hunt): Johnson County WRA only: As set by the Corps of Engineers.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions) (Codes 11.02, 21.02, 21.03, and Addendum C1.14).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery, muzzleloader/alternative firearms or modern gun
- 4 antlerless with archery
- 1 antlerless with muzzleloader/alternative firearms or modern gun
- Limit during the muzzleloader/alternative firearms mobility-impaired hunt is 2 deer, 2 antlered bucks or 2 antlerless on the Johnson County WRA
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 2 antlered bucks and 1 antlerless

DAVE DONALDSON BLACK RIVER WMA

Archery: ~~First Last Saturday in September~~ **August for three days (antlered bucks only).** Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Muzzleloader/Alternative firearms (permit hunt): Third Saturday in October for 5 days.

Modern Gun (youth permit hunt): First Saturday in November for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes 20.02, 21.02, and Addendum C1.13).

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery

- 1 legal buck and 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms permit
- Limit during the modern gun youth permit hunt is 2 deer (1 buck, no antler restrictions/1 doe)

DEGRAY LAKE WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and December 29-31 annually.

Modern Gun (youth permit hunt): As set by the Corps of Engineers.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 37 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks. (Codes 11.02, 21.02, 21.03, and Addendum C1.13).

- 2 legal bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms or modern gun
- 4 does with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms and modern gun combined
- Limit during the modern gun youth permit hunt is four, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) or up to 4 does
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 4 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) or up to 4 does

DEPARTEE CREEK WMA

Archery: ~~First Last~~ Saturday in September ~~August~~ for three days (antlered bucks only). Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and December 29-31 annually.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 37 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Code 11.02).

- 2 legal bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms or modern gun
- 3 does with archery
- 2 does with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms or modern gun combined
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) or up to 2 does

DEQUEEN LAKE WMA

Archery (all open units): Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms (firearms units only): Third Saturday

in October for 9 days and December 29-31 annually.

Modern Gun (firearms units only; special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun (firearms units only): Second Saturday in November for 37 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks. (Codes 11.02, 20.02).

- 2 legal bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms or modern gun
- 4 does with archery
- 2 does with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms and modern gun combined
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 4 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) and 2 does

DEVIL'S EYEBROW NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Closed

Modern Gun: Closed

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions) (Code 11.02).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery
- 4 antlerless with archery

DEVIL'S KNOB NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Code 11.02).

- 2 legal bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms or modern gun
- 4 does with archery
- 2 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms or modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 4 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) and 2 does

DR. LESTER SITZES III BOIS D'ARC WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February. Red Slough WRA: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of October and third Saturday in February through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms (permit hunts): Third Saturday in October for 9 days ~~and first Saturday in November for 2 days.~~

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days.

Modern Gun (permit hunt): Second Saturday in November for 9 days.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Code 21.02, and Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 4 does with archery
- 1 legal buck and 2 does with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms permit
- 1 legal buck and 2 does with modern gun permit
- Limit during modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer, 1 buck (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

EARL BUSS BAYOU DEVIEW WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only).~~~~Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery
- Limit during modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 1 buck (no antler restrictions) and 2 does

ED GORDON POINT REMOVE WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only).~~~~Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms (permit hunt): Second Saturday in October for 5 days.

Modern Gun (permit hunt): First Saturday in November for 5 days.

Modern Gun Youth: First Saturday in January for 2 days.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 1 legal buck. Hunters must harvest and check a doe prior to harvesting a legal buck. A youth is not required to harvest a doe before harvesting a buck during any hunt. (Codes 21.02, 21.03, and Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 1 legal buck with archery
- 3 does with archery
- 1 legal buck and 2 does with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms permit

- 1 legal buck and 2 does with modern gun permit

ELECTRIC ISLAND WMA

Archery/Firearms: Closed.

ETHEL WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Modern Gun (special youth hunt): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

FALCON BOTTOMS NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 5 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 5 does with archery

FELSENTHAL NWR

Archery: Archery opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

~~Muzzleloader~~ Alternative Firearms (permit hunt): Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Modern Gun (permit hunt): Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Seasonal limit of 2 deer; no more than 1 legal buck (no antler restrictions). A doe must be harvested and checked before a buck may be harvested during any season (a youth is not required to harvest a doe before harvesting a buck during the youth deer hunts). (Codes 20.07, 21.02, 21.03, and Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 1 legal buck or up to 2 does with archery, **~~muzzleloader~~ alternative firearms** permit, or modern gun permit
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer, 1 buck or up to 2 does (no antler restrictions)

FORT CHAFFEE WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~ Alternative Firearms (permit hunt): Second Sunday following the statewide modern gun season opening day.

Modern Gun (permit hunt): Saturday following the statewide modern gun season opening day.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions). (Code 21.02 and Addendum C1.13).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery
- 4 antlerless with archery
- 1 antlered buck or antlerless with muzzleloader permit
- 1 antlered buck or antlerless with modern gun permit

FOUSHEE CAVE NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks.

- 2 antlered bucks with archery
- 4 antlerless with archery

FREDDIE BLACK CHOCTAW ISLAND WMA DEER RESEARCH AREA

East Unit

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ ~~Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~**Muzzleloader/Alternative firearms (permit hunt):** Second Saturday of January for 3 days.~~

Modern Gun (mobility-impaired permit hunt): Third Saturday in October for 3 days.

Modern Gun (youth permit hunt): Fourth Saturday in November for 2 days.

Modern Gun (permit hunt): First Saturday in December for 3 days.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks and 2 does. A doe must be harvested and checked before a buck may be harvested during any season. A youth is not required to harvest a doe before harvesting a buck during any hunt. (Codes 20.07, 21.02, 21.03, and Addendum C1.13).

- 1 legal buck with archery
- 2 does with archery
- 1 legal buck and 2 does with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms permit
- 1 legal buck and 2 does with modern gun permit
- Limit during the modern gun mobility-impaired permit hunt is 3 deer, 1 buck and 2 does
- Limit during the modern gun youth permit hunt is 3 deer, 1 buck (no antler restrictions) and 2 does. Youth are allowed to harvest a buck without first harvesting and checking a doe.

West

Unit

Archery:

Closed.

~~Muzzleloader~~**Alternative firearms:** Closed.

Modern Gun (disabled veteran permit hunt): Fourth Saturday in October for 2 days.

Modern Gun (youth permit hunts): Third Saturday in November for 2 days, fourth Saturday in November for 2 days, first Saturday in December for 2 days and second Saturday in December for 2 days.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 1 buck (no antler restrictions) (Codes 21.02, 21.03, and Addendum C1.13).

- 2 antlerless deer with modern gun permit
- Limit during the modern gun youth permit and disabled veteran permit hunt is 3 deer, 1 buck (no antler ~~restrictions~~**restrictions**) and 2 does

FRIERSON WMA

Archery: **First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only).** ~~Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~**Alternative firearms:** Closed.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 2 days, third Saturday in November for 2 days, and December 26-28 annually.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer, no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes 11.02 and 20.02).

- 3 legal bucks with archery or modern gun
- 3 does with archery
- 1 doe with modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

FROG BAYOU WMA

Archery: **First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only).** ~~Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery
- 4 antlerless with archery

GALLA CREEK WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ **First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only).** Last Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~**Muzzleloader/Alternative firearms:**~~ Closed.

Modern Gun (special youth hunt): First Saturday in November for 2 days.

Modern Gun (permit hunt): Second Saturday in November 2 days. Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions)(Code 21.02 and Addendum C1.13).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery
- 3 antlerless with archery
- 1 antlered buck and 1 antlerless with modern gun permit
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer, 1 antlered buck and 1 antlerless

GARRETT HOLLOW NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 2 deer; no more than 1 antlered buck (no antler restrictions).

- 1 antlered buck with archery
- 2 antlerless with archery

GENE RUSH WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ **First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only).** Last Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~**Muzzleloader/Alternative firearms:**~~ Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions) (Codes 11.02, 21.02).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms, or modern gun
- 4 antlerless with archery

- 2 antlerless with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms or modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 4 deer, 2 antlered bucks and 2 antlerless

GEORGE H. DUNKLIN JR. BAYOU METO WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only)~~ Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only). Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms (permit hunt): Third Saturday in October for 5 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunt): First Saturday in November for 2 days.

Modern Gun (permit hunt): Second Saturday in November for 5 days. Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes 21.02, 21.03, and Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 4 does with archery
- 1 legal buck and 2 does with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms permit
- 1 legal buck and 2 does with modern gun permit
- Limit during the modern gun youth hunt is 1 buck (no antler restrictions), 2 does

GOAT'S BEARD BLUFF NATURAL AREA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 1 legal buck (Code 21.02).

- 1 legal buck with archery
- 2 does with archery

GREERS FERRY LAKE WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms (mobility impaired permit hunt):

As set by the Corps of Engineers.

Modern Gun (youth permit hunt): First Saturday in November for 2 days and the first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 ~~legal antlered~~ bucks (Codes 21.02, 21.03, and Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 2 ~~legal antlered~~ bucks with archery
- 4 ~~does antlerless deer~~ with archery
- Limit during the ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms mobility-impaired

- permit hunt is 4 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) or up to 4 does
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 4 deer: 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions) or up to 4 doesantlerless deer

GUM FLATS WMA

Archery: First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only).~~Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and third Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 12 days (no dogs), fourth Saturday in November for 12 days (dogs allowed), and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes 11.02, 20.07).

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 4 does with archery
- 1 legal buck and 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms
- 1 legal buck and 1 doe with modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer, 1 buck (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

H.E. FLANAGAN PRAIRIE NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery
- 2 antlerless with archery

HALL CREEK BARRENS NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 5 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 5 does with archery

HAROLD E. ALEXANDER SPRING RIVER WMA

Archery: First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only).~~Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~**Alternative firearms (permit hunt):** ~~Third~~First Saturday in October~~November~~ for 5 days.

Modern Gun (youth permit): First Saturday in November for 2 days.

Modern Gun (youth permit hunt): First Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun (permit hunt): ~~Second~~First Saturday in ~~November~~December for 5 days. Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 1 ~~antlered~~legal-buck (Codes 21.02, 21.03, and Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 1 ~~antlered~~legal buck with archery
- 3 ~~antlerless deer~~does with archery
- 1 ~~antlered~~legal buck and 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms permit
- 1 ~~antlered~~legal buck and 1 doe with modern gun permit
- Limit during the modern gun youth permit is 3 deer: 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) and 1 ~~antlerless deer~~doe

HARRIS BRAKE WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only).~~~~Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 2 deer; no more than 1 legal buck.

- 1 legal buck with archery
- 2 does with archery

HENRY GRAY HURRICANE LAKE WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only).~~~~Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days.

~~Muzzleloader~~**Alternative firearms (permit hunt):** Third Saturday in October for 5 days.

Modern Gun (permit hunt): Second Saturday in November for 5 days. Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes 21.02, 21.03, and Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery
- 1 legal buck and 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms permit
- 1 legal buck and 1 doe with modern gun permit
- Limit during the modern gun special youth permit is 3 deer; 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

HOBBS STATE PARK-CONSERVATION AREA

Archery: Season opens in accordance with dates set by Hobbs State Park.

~~**Muzzleloader/Alternative firearms (permit hunt):**~~ Season opens in accordance with dates set by Hobbs State Park.

Modern Gun (youth hunt): Season opens in accordance with dates set by Hobbs State Park.

Modern Gun (mobility-impaired permit hunt): Season opens in accordance with dates set by Hobbs State Park.

Modern Gun (permit hunt): Season opens in accordance with dates set by Hobbs State Park.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 1 antlered buck, tier restrictions) (Codes 21.02, 21.03, and Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 1 antlered buck with archery
- 4 antlerless with archery
- 1 antlered buck or 1 antlerless with ~~muzzleloader/alternative firearms~~ permit
- 1 antlered buck or 1 antlerless with modern gun permit
- Limit during the modern gun youth hunt and the modern gun mobility- impaired permit hunt is 2 deer, 1 antlered buck and 1 antlerless

HOLLA BEND NWR

Archery: Archery opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

~~**Muzzleloader/Alternative firearms:**~~ Closed.

Modern Gun (youth permit hunt): Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (no antler restrictions) (Codes 20.07, 21.02, 21.03, and Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 4 does with archery
- Limit during the modern gun youth permit hunt is 1 deer, buck (no antler restrictions) or doe

HOLLAND BOTTOMS WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~**Muzzleloader/Alternative firearms (permit hunts):**~~ Third Saturday in October for 3 days and fourth Friday in November for 3 days.

Modern Gun (youth hunt): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes 21.02, 21.03, and

Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 2 does with archery
- 1 legal buck or 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms permit
- Limit during the modern gun youth hunt is 2 deer, 1 buck (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

HOPE UPLAND WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only).~~~~Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Closed.

Modern Gun (special youth hunt): First Saturday in November for 2 days.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes 21.02, 21.03, and Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 4 does with archery
- Limit during the modern gun youth permit hunt is 2 deer, 1 buck (no antler restrictions) or up to 2 does

HOT SPRINGS STATE FOREST WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Closed.

Modern Gun Special Youth Permit Hunt: First Saturday in November for two days. (Addendum C1.13).

Modern Gun: Closed.

Seasonal Limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal buck with archery
- 2 does with archery
- Limit during Modern Gun Special Youth Permit Hunt (2 deer, 1 buck, no antler restrictions and 1 doe)

HOWARD COUNTY WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only).~~~~Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and December 29-31 annually.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 12 days and fourth

Saturday in November for 12 days.
Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes 21.02, 21.03, and Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 4 does with archery
- 1 legal buck and 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms
- 1 legal buck and 1 doe with modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 1 deer, buck (no antler restrictions) or doe

HOWARD HENSLEY SEARCY COUNTY WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~**Muzzleloader**~~**Alternative firearms:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions) (Codes 11.02, 21.03).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms, or modern gun
- 4 antlerless with archery
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer, no more than 2 antlered bucks or 1 antlerless

IRON MOUNTAIN NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 2 deer; no more than 1 legal buck.

- 1 legal buck with archery
- 2 does with archery

J. PERRY MIKLES BLUE MOUNTAIN SUA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~**Muzzleloader**~~**Alternative firearms:** Closed.

Modern Gun (youth hunt): First Saturday in October for 2 days.

Modern Gun (permit hunt): Second ~~Thursday~~ ~~Wednesday~~ in November for 2 days. Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions) (Code 21.02 and Addendum C1.13).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery
- 3 antlerless with archery
- 1 antlered buck or 1 antlerless with modern gun permit
- Limit during the modern gun youth hunt is 2 deer, 1 antlered buck and 1 antlerless

JACK MOUNTAIN WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only).~~~~Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~**Alternative firearms:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days and December 29-31 annually.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 37 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks(Codes 11.02, 20.07, 21.03).

- 2 legal bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~**alternative firearms**, or modern gun
- 4 does with archery
- 4 does with ~~muzzleloader~~**alternative firearms** or modern gun combined
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 4 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) or up to 4 does

JAMESTOWN INDEPENDENCE COUNTY WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only).~~~~Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~**Alternative firearms:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and First Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks(Code 11.02).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~**alternative firearms** or modern gun
- 4 antlerless with archery
- 1 antlerless with ~~muzzleloader~~**alternative firearms** or modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer, 1 buck (no antler restrictions) and 1 antlerless

JIM KRESS WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ ~~Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 ~~legal-antlered~~ bucks (Codes 11.02, 20.07).

- 2 ~~legal-antlered~~ bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms, or modern gun
- 4 ~~does-antlerless deer~~ with archery
- 1 ~~doe antlerless deer~~ with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms or modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun ~~special~~ youth hunt is 2 deer, 1 ~~antlered~~ buck (no antler restrictions) and 1 ~~doe~~antlerless deer

JONES POINT WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery
- 4 antlerless with archery

KINGSLAND PRAIRIE NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 5 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 5 does with archery

LAFAYETTE COUNTY WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ ~~Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and December 29-31 annually.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 37 days and December

26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 5 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes 11.02, 20.07, and Addendum C1.14).

- 2 legal bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms, or modern gun
- 5 does with archery
- 4 does with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms and modern gun combined
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 5 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) and 3 does

LAKE GREESON WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only).~~~~Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and December 29-31 annually.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms (mobility impaired permit hunt): Thursday and Friday prior to the first Saturday in November.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 12 days (no dogs) and fourth Saturday in November for 12 days (dogs allowed).

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes 20.07, 21.02, 21.03).

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 4 does with archery
- 1 legal buck and 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms
- 1 legal buck and 1 doe with modern gun
- Limit during the ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms mobility-impaired permit is 2 deer, 1 legal buck and 1 doe
- Limit during the modern gun youth hunt is 2 deer, 1 buck (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

LAKE OVERCUP WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only).~~~~Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer, no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 4 does with archery

LEE COUNTY WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~**Muzzleloader/Alternative firearms:**~~ Third Saturday in October for 9 days and third Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 30 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Code [11.02](#)).

- 2 legal bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader/alternative firearms~~ or modern gun
- 3 does with archery
- 2 does with ~~muzzleloader/alternative firearms~~ and modern gun combined
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) or up to 2 does

LEE CREEK WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~**Muzzleloader/Alternative firearms:**~~ Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions). (Code [11.02](#)).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader/alternative firearms~~, or modern gun
- 3 antlerless with archery
- 1 antlerless with ~~muzzleloader/alternative firearms~~ or modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 2 antlered bucks and 1 antlerless

LITTLE BAYOU WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~**Muzzleloader/Alternative firearms:**~~ Third Saturday in October for 5 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunt): First Saturday in November for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes [21.02](#) and

Addendum C1.13).

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 4 does with archery
- 1 legal buck and 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer, 1 buck (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

LITTLE RIVER WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~**Alternative firearms:** Third Saturday in October for 5 days and December 29-31 annually.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun Second Saturday in November for 37 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Code 11.02).

- 2 legal bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms, or modern gun
- 4 does with archery
- 2 does with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms and modern gun combined
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 4 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) and 2 does

LOAFER'S GLORY WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~**Alternative firearms:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions) (Code 11.02).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms, or modern gun
- 4 antlerless with archery
- 1 antlerless with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms or modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 4 deer, 2 antlered bucks and 2 antlerless

LONGVIEW SALINE NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~**Alternative firearms:** Closed.

Modern Gun (Disabled Veterans hunt): Second Saturday in November for two days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Seasonal limit of 5 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 5 does with archery
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 5 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) or up to 5 does

MAUMELLE RIVER WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 1 legal buck (Code 21.02).

- 1 legal buck with archery
- 2 does with archery

MCILROY MADISON COUNTY WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only).~~~~Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in January for 2 days.

~~Muzzleloader~~**Alternative firearms (permit hunt):** First Saturday in November for 5 days.

Modern Gun (permit hunt): First Saturday in December for 5 days.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 1 antlered buck (no antler restrictions)(Codes 21.02and Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 1 antlered buck with archery
- 3 antlerless with archery
- 1 antlered buck and 1 antlerless with ~~muzzleloader~~**alternative firearms** permit
- 1 antlered buck and 1 antlerless with modern gun permit
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer; 1 antlered buck and 1 antlerless

MIKE FREEZE WATTENSAW WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only).~~~~Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~**Alternative firearms (permit hunt):** Third Saturday in

October for 5 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun (permit hunt): Second Saturday in November for 5 days. Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes 21.02, 21.03, and Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery
- 1 legal buck and 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms permit
- 1 legal buck and 1 doe with modern gun permit
- Limit during the modern special gun youth hunt is 2 deer, 1 buck (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

MORO BIG PINE NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 5 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun : Second Saturday in November for 5 days, Friday after Thanksgiving for 5 days, second Saturday in December for 5 days, and December 26-30 annually.

Seasonal limit of 5 deer; no more than 1 legal buck. Hunters must harvest and check a doe prior to harvesting a legal buck (a youth is not required to harvest a doe before harvesting a buck during any hunt). (Codes 11.02, 21.03, and Addendum C1.14).

- 1 legal buck with archery
- 5 does with archery
- 1 legal buck or up to 5 does with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms
- 1 legal buck or up to 5 does with modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 5 deer, 1 buck (no antler restrictions) or up to 5 does

MOUNT MAGAZINE WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~ **Alternative Firearms:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days (dogs allowed second Thursday following the second Saturday for 11 days) and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions) (Code 11.02).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery, muzzleloader, or modern gun
- 4 antlerless with archery
- 1 antlerless with muzzleloader during muzzleloader season or 1 antlerless

first 2 days of modern gun season

- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 2 antlered bucks and 1 antlerless

MUDDY CREEK WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Muzzleloader: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks. (Codes 11.02, 21.02).

- 2 legal bucks with archery, muzzleloader or modern gun
- 3 does with archery
- 1 doe with muzzleloader during muzzleloader season or 1 antlerless first 2 days of modern gun season

- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

NACATOCH RAVINES NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 4 does with archery

NIMROD LLOYD MILLWOOD WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Muzzleloader Alternative Firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunt): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun (Disabled Military/Mobility-Impaired): As set by the Corps of Engineers.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions) (Code 11.02 and Addendum C1.14).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~ alternative firearms, or modern gun
- 2 antlerless with archery
- 1 antlerless with ~~muzzleloader~~ alternative firearms during the ~~muzzleloader~~ alternative firearms season only
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 2 antlered bucks and 1 antlerless
- During military/mobility impaired hunt hunters may take 2 deer, 1 buck and 1 antlerless

NORFORK LAKE WMA

Archery: All units: fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Muzzleloader Alternative Firearms: Seward Point, Bennett's Bayou, and Fulton County units: third Saturday in October for 9 days. Chapin Point and Indian Head units closed.

Modern Gun (special youth hunt): Seward Point, Bennett's Bayou and Fulton County units: first Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days. Chapin Point and Indian Head units closed.

Modern Gun: Seward Point, Bennett's Bayou, and Fulton County units: second Saturday in November for 9 days. Chapin Point and Indian Head units closed.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Code 11.02).

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 4 does with archery
- 1 legal buck and 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~ alternative firearms or modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer, 1 buck (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

OVERFLOW NWR

Archery: Archery opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Muzzleloader Alternative Firearms: Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Modern Gun: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 6 deer; no more than 2 bucks (no antler restrictions). (Codes 20.07, 21.02, 21.03, and Addendum C1.14).

- 2 bucks with archery
- 6 does with archery
- 1 buck and 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~ alternative firearms

OZAN WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth

Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and December 29-31 annually.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 37 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 5 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Code 11.02).

- 2 legal bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms, or modern gun
- 5 does with archery
- 4 does with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms and modern gun combined
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 5 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) and 3 does

OZARK LAKE WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions) (Code 11.02).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms, or modern gun
- 4 antlerless with archery
- 1 antlerless with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms or modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt 3 deer, 2 bucks and 1 antlerless

OZARK NATIONAL FOREST WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.
Muzzleloader: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions) (Code 11.02).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~ alternative firearms, or modern gun
- 3 antlerless with archery
- 1 antlerless with ~~muzzleloader~~ alternative firearms during ~~muzzleloader~~ alternative firearms season, or during modern gun season
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 2 bucks and 1 antlerless

PALMETTO FLATS NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 4 does with archery

PETIT JEAN RIVER WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~**Muzzleloader**~~**Alternative firearms:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions) (Code 11.02).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~ alternative firearms, or modern gun

- 4 antlerless with archery
- 1 antlerless with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms or modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 2 antlered bucks and 1 antlerless

PINE CITY NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery

PINEY CREEKS WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions) (Code 11.02).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms, or modern gun
- 3 antlerless with archery
- 1 antlerless with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms or modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 2 antlered bucks and 1 antlerless

POISON SPRINGS WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and December 29-31 annually.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 37 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 5 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Code 11.02).

- 2 legal bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms, or modern gun
- 5 does with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms, and modern gun combined
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 5 deer, 2 bucks (no

antler restrictions) or up to 5 does

POND CREEK NWR

Archery: Archery opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Modern Gun (youth hunt): Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Modern Gun (mobility-impaired permit hunt): Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Modern Gun (permit hunt): Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 bucks (no antler restrictions). The first deer harvested can be a buck or doe. A doe must be harvested and checked at the refuge check station before a second buck may be harvested with any weapon (this does not apply to the modern gun youth hunt and mobility-impaired permit hunt) (Codes 20.07, 21.02, 21.03, and Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 2 bucks with archery
- 4 does with archery
- 1 buck or up to 2 does with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms
- 1 buck and 1 doe with modern gun permit
- Limit during the mobility-impaired permit hunt is 4 deer, 2 bucks or up to 4 does
- Limit during the modern gun youth hunt is 4 deer, 2 bucks or up to 4 does

PRAIRIE BAYOU WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Closed.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes 20.11, 21.02).

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer, 1 buck (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

PROVO WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). Last~~

~~Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~**Alternative firearms:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days and third Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 12 days (no dogs), fourth Saturday in November for 12 days (dogs allowed) and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes 11.02, 20.07).

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 4 does with archery
- 1 legal buck and 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~**alternative firearms**
- 1 legal buck and 1 doe with modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer, 1 buck (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

RAILROAD PRAIRIE NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer, no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery

RAINEY WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only).~~~~Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~**Alternative firearms:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions) (Code 11.02).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~**alternative firearms**, or modern gun
- 4 antlerless with archery
- 1 antlerless with ~~muzzleloader~~**alternative firearms** or modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 2 bucks and 1 antlerless

REX HANCOCK BLACK SWAMP WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Muzzleloader/Alternative firearms: (permit hunt): Third Saturday in October for 5 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days.

Modern Gun (permit hunt): Second Saturday in November for 5 days.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) (Codes 21.02, 21.03, and Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 2 bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery
- 1 buck and 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms permit
- 1 buck and 1 doe with modern gun permit
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer; 1 buck and 1 doe

RICK EVANS GRANDVIEW PRAIRIE WMA

Archery (permit hunt): First Saturday in October through the last Sunday of November for 51 days.

Modern Gun (special permit youth hunt): First Saturday in December for 2 days.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 1 legal buck. A doe must be harvested before a buck may be harvested. Does harvested on this area are bonus deer and do not count against the statewide seasonal limit. A youth is not required to harvest doe before harvesting buck during any hunt. (Codes 21.02, 21.03, and Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 1 legal buck with archery permit
- 2 does with archery permit
- Youth limit: 1 doe, 1 buck
- Youth do not have to harvest doe before buck on any hunt

RING SLOUGH WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 1 doe with archery

- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer; 1 buck (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

RIVER BEND WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~**Muzzleloader/Alternative firearms:**~~ Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunt): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Code 11.02).

- 2 legal bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader/alternative firearms~~ or modern gun
- 4 does with archery
- 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader/alternative firearms~~ or modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

ROBERT L. HANKINS MUD CREEK WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks.

- 2 antlered bucks with archery
- 3 antlerless with archery
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer; 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions) or up to 3 antlerless

ROTH PRAIRIE NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery

ST. FRANCIS NATIONAL FOREST WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~**Muzzleloader/Alternative firearms (permit hunts):**~~ Third Saturday in October for 5 days and fourth Saturday in October for 5 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunt): First Saturday in November for 2 days.

Modern Gun (permit hunt): Second Saturday in November for 5 days. Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes 21.02, 21.03, and Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery
- 1 legal buck or 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms permit
- 1 legal buck or 1 doe with modern gun permit
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer, 1 buck (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

ST. FRANCIS SUNKEN LANDS WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: Closed.

Modern Gun (special youth hunt): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 2 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 2 deer; no more than 1 legal buck (Code 11.02).

- 1 legal buck with archery or modern gun
- 2 does with archery
- 1 doe with modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer, 1 buck (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

SANDHILLS NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 4 does with archery

SCOTT HENDERSON GULF MOUNTAIN WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms: **(permit hunt):** Third Saturday in October for 5 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days.

Modern Gun (permit hunt): Second Saturday in November for 5 days.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 1 antlered buck (no antler restrictions) (Codes 21.02, 21.03, and Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 1 antlered buck with archery
- 3 antlerless archery
- 1 antlered buck and 1 antlerless with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms permit
- 1 antlered buck and 1 antlerless with modern gun permit
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer; 1 antlered buck and 1 antlerless

SEVEN DEVILS WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~**Muzzleloader**~~**Alternative firearms:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days and December 29-31 annually.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 37 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 5 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Code 11.02).

- 2 legal bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms, or modern gun
- 5 does with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms, and modern gun combined
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 5 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) or up to 5 does

SHEFFIELD NELSON DAGMAR WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~**Muzzleloader**~~**Alternative firearms (permit hunt):** Third Saturday in October for 5 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days

Modern Gun (permit hunt): Second Saturday in November for 5 days.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes 21.02, 21.03, and Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery
- Limit 2 (1 buck/1 doe) with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms permit
- Limit 2 (1 buck/1 doe) with modern gun permit
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer; 1 buck and

1 doe

SHIREY BAY RAINEY BRAKE WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~**Alternative firearms (permit hunt):** Third Saturday in October for 5 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunt): First Saturday in November for 2 days.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 **antlered** legal bucks (Codes 20.02, 21.02, and Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 2 **antlered** legal bucks with archery
- 3 **antlerless** does with archery
- Limit 2 (1 **antlered** buck/1 **antlerless** doe) with ~~muzzleloader~~**alternative firearms** permit
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer (1 buck/1 doe) (no antler restrictions)

SLIPPERY HOLLOW NATURAL AREA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 **antlered** bucks (no antler restrictions).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery
- 3 antlerless with archery

SMOKE HOLE NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery

SPRING BANK WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~**Alternative firearms:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days and third Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 30 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Code 11.02).

- 2 legal bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms, or modern gun
- 4 does with archery
- 2 does with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms and modern gun combined
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 4 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) and 2 does

STATELINE SANDPONDS NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery

STEVE N. WILSON RAFT CREEK BOTTOMS WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~**Muzzleloader**~~**Alternative firearms (permit hunt):** Third Saturday in October for 5 days.

Modern Gun (youth special hunt): First Saturday in November for 2 days.

Modern Gun (permit hunt): Second Saturday in November for 5 days (Code 20.02).

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes 21.02, 21.03, and Addenda C1.13).

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery
- 1 legal buck and 1 doe with modern gun permit
- Limit during the modern gun youth hunt is 2 deer, 1 buck (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

STONE PRAIRIE WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

~~**Muzzleloader**~~**Alternative firearms (permit hunt):** Third Saturday in October for 5 days.

Modern Gun (youth permit): First weekend Saturday/Sunday in

November for 2 days.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks.

Modern Gun (youth): First Saturday in January for 2 days.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer; 1 buck (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

SUGARLOAF MOUNTAINS-MIDLAND PEAK NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 5 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 5 does with archery

SULPHUR RIVER WMA

Archery: First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). ~~Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Archery Henry Moore WRA: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of October.

~~Muzzleloader~~**Alternative firearms:** Third Saturday in October for 9 days and third Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 30 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Code 11.02).

- 2 legal bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~**alternative firearms**, or modern gun
- 4 does with archery
- 2 does with ~~muzzleloader~~**alternative firearms** and modern gun combined
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 4 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) and 2 does

SWEDEN CREEK NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery

- 4 antlerless with archery

SYLAMORE WMA

North Unit

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~**Muzzleloader/Alternative firearms:**~~ Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 9 days and Friday after Thanksgiving for 3 days.

South Unit

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~**Muzzleloader/Alternative firearms:**~~ Third Saturday of October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 1 legal buck (both units) (Code [11.02](#)).

- 1 legal buck with archery, ~~muzzleloader/alternative firearms~~, or modern gun
- 3 does with archery
- 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader/alternative firearms~~ during the ~~muzzleloader/alternative firearms~~ season or during modern gun season
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer, 1 buck (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

TERRE NOIRE NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 5 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 5 does with archery

TRUSTEN HOLDER WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~**Muzzleloader/Alternative firearms (permit hunt):**~~ Third Saturday in October for 5 days.

Modern Gun: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes 21.02, 21.03, and Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 4 does with archery
- 1 legal buck and 2 does with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms permit
- Limit during the ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms mobility-impaired permit hunt is 3 deer, 1 buck (no antler restrictions) and 2 does. Does taken during the special mobility-impaired permit hunt are bonus deer and do not count toward the seasonal limit. (Contact Corps of Engineers at 870-548-2291 for specific mobility-impaired criteria; application period July 5 - Sept. 5).

TWO BAYOU CREEK WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ ~~Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 5 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 5 does with archery
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 5 deer; 2 buck (no antler restrictions) and up to 5 does

U OF A PINE TREE EXPERIMENTAL STATION WDA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~Alternative firearms (permit hunt): Third Saturday in October for 5 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun (permit hunts): Second Saturday in November for 5 days and fourth Friday in November for 5 days.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) (Codes 20.07, 21.02, 21.03, and Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 2 bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery
- 1 buck and 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~alternative firearms permit
- 1 buck and 1 doe with modern gun permit
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer, 1 buck

(no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

VILLAGE CREEK WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~**Alternative firearms:** Closed.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 2 days and December 26-28 annually.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery or modern gun
- 3 antlerless with archery
- 1 antlerless with modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer, 1 buck and 1 antlerless

W.E. BREWER SCATTER CREEK WMA

Archery: ~~First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~**Alternative firearms (permit hunt):** Third Saturday in October for 2 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes 11.02 and Addenda C1.13).

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery
- 1 buck or 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~**alternative firearms** permit
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) or up to 1 doe

WAPANOCCA NWR

Archery: Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

~~Muzzleloader~~**Alternative firearms:** Closed.

Modern Gun (permit hunt): Season opens in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) (Codes 20.07, 21.02, 21.03, and Addenda C1.13, C1.14).

- 2 bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery
- 1 buck or 1 doe with modern gun permit

WARREN PRAIRIE NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~**Muzzleloader/Alternative firearms:**~~ Closed.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in January for 2 days.

Disabled Veteran (hunt): Second Saturday in November for 2 days. Seasonal limit of 5 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 5 does with archery
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt and disabled veteran hunt is 5 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) or up to 5 does

WEDINGTON WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~**Muzzleloader/Alternative firearms:**~~ Closed.

Modern Gun (mobility impaired permit hunt): Third Saturday and Sunday in October.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun (permit hunt): Second Saturday and Sunday in November. Seasonal limit of 2 deer; no more than 1 antlered buck (no antler restrictions) (Codes 20.02, 21.02, and Addendum C1.13).

- 1 antlered buck with archery
- 2 antlerless with archery
- 1 antlered buck and 1 antlerless with modern gun permit
- Limit during the mobility-impaired permit hunt is 2 deer, 1 buck and 1 antlerless
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 2 deer, 1 buck and 1 antlerless

WHITE CLIFFS NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 4 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 4 does with archery

WHITEHALL WMA

Archery: First Saturday in September for three days (antlered bucks only). ~~Last Saturday in August for three days (antlered bucks only).~~ Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Firearms: Closed.

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks.

- 2 legal bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer; 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) and up to 3 does

WHITE ROCK WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~**Muzzleloader Alternative Firearms:**~~ Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days.

Modern Gun (mobility impaired permit hunt): Third Saturday in October for 2 days.

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days.

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually. Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 antlered bucks (no antler restrictions) (Code 11.02 and Addendum C1.13).

- 2 antlered bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~ alternative firearms, or modern gun
- 3 antlerless with archery
- 1 antlerless with ~~muzzleloader~~ alternative firearms or modern gun • Limit during the modern gun mobility-impaired permit is 3 deer, 2 antlered bucks and 1 antlerless.
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 2 antlered bucks and 1 antlerless

WINONA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

~~Muzzleloader~~ Alternative Firearms: Third Saturday in October for 9 days and second Saturday in December for 3 days

Modern Gun (special youth hunts): First Saturday in November for 2 days and first Saturday in January for 2 days

Modern Gun: Second Saturday in November for 23 days and December 26-28 annually

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks (Codes 11.02, 21.02).

- 2 legal bucks with archery, ~~muzzleloader~~ alternative firearms, and modern gun
- 3 does with archery
- 1 doe with ~~muzzleloader~~ alternative firearms or modern gun
- Limit during the modern gun special youth hunt is 3 deer, 2 bucks (no antler restrictions) and 1 doe

WITTSBURG NATURAL AREA WMA

Archery: Fourth Saturday in September through the last day of February.

Firearms: Closed

Seasonal limit of 3 deer; no more than 2 legal bucks

- 2 bucks with archery
- 3 does with archery

LEGAL NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, April 11, 2024, at the Arkansas Game & Fish Headquarters located at 2 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205. At that time, regulations and business pertaining to the operation of the Game and Fish Commission and other fiscal and administrative matters will be considered and acted upon. Additionally, Committee meetings attended by Commissioners and agency staff members will be held throughout the day on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Arkansas Game & Fish Headquarters located at 2 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205. All interested persons are invited to attend these meetings.

The Commission meeting on April 11 will be live-streamed and a link for easy viewing access will be available on the agency website. Please visit the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission website at <https://www.agfc.com> for additional up-to-date details as the meeting dates draw closer.

Items on the agenda for the April 11, 2024 meeting will include discussion and/or adoption of proposed regulations that will be considered at the March 20-21, 2024 Commission Meetings, plus consideration of various Hunting and Fishing Regulations and regulations pertaining to the Enforcement Division of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, including but not limited to:

1. **General Hunting and Miscellaneous Wildlife Regulations** – Propose general hunting regulations for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 including, but not limited to, game seasons, bag limits, geographic zones, wildlife management areas (WMAs), weapon restrictions and other manner-of-taking-game requirements for alligator, bear, deer, elk, furbearing animals, quail, rabbit, squirrel, turkey, dove, waterfowl, and other game species. Changes to regulations include, but are not limited to:

Furbearer/Depredation

- Clarify which Commission-owned properties are open to hunting and trapping.
- Specify that striped skunks are not subject to wanton waste restrictions on wildlife.
- Specify that the requirements to possess another's wildlife are met by current fur dealer reporting requirements.
- Add an exception that would allow raccoon, opossum, or bobcat to be taken at night with the use of any caliber of rifle in accordance with a Predator Control Permit.
- Clarify that otter and bobcat tagging requirements apply to pelts or carcasses.
- Specify that only live red fox, gray fox, and coyote can be sold with a Live Fox and Coyote Permit.
- Clarify depredation permit information and requirements. Specify that nuisance birds, deer, and elk cannot be live captured and moved by the public.
- Authorize riding horses on Commission-owned WMAs for coon hunting or other purposes that are deemed to be appropriate and not in conflict with the agency's management of resources, permit hunts, etc.

Captive Wildlife

- Clarify that game birds are covered under Game Bird Shooting Resorts code and not under Commercial Wildlife Hunting Resort code.
- Clarify who needs to register animal sales with the agency.

- Add an exception for customers with fewer than 100 Bobwhite Quail for personal consumption that will not be moved off the property and that are either from a Wildlife Breeder/Dealer or an NPIP flock.
- Combine similar codes to reduce confusion and number of regulations.
- Clarify the requirement for movement of wildlife across the state.
- Clarify that any non-prohibited species that is permitted can be imported with a Wildlife Importation Permit.
- Clarify that sanctioned field trials require a special permit letter from the Chief of Wildlife Management, not a shoot-to-kill permit.
- Update the details of CWD testing requirements for Commercial Hunting Resort Requirements.
- Update the Captive Wildlife Species Lists for those species that have been evaluated since the past regulation cycle.
- Clarify that unlisted species are prohibited until evaluated.
- Adjust reporting requirements to semi-annual reporting.
- Clarify that a current and valid veterinarian exam form is required.
- Clarify rules for exhibition of imported wildlife.
- Make a declaration of the agency's right to inspect wildlife being imported into the state.
- Revise code to reflect that shoot-to-kill bird dog training permits are valid from date of issuance to December 31 of that calendar year.
- Add an annual reporting requirement for Venomous Reptile Possession Permit.
- Add a stipulation that you must be an Arkansas resident to apply for a Conservation Education Permit.
- Clarify that permits are required for breeding, sale, and importation of certain species.
- Clarify process of interim approvals for captive wildlife species list and handling of species not listed.
- Adjust fees of various captive wildlife permitting to account for inflation, to include, but not limited to: Game Bird Shooting Resort Permit, Commercial Wildlife Hunting Resort Permit, Wildlife Breeder/Dealer Permit, and Wildlife Importation Permit.
- Allow temporary exhibits of prohibited species for display, education, or conservation purposes to those with USDA permits.
- Remove requirement of Wildlife Importation Permit for Game Bird Shooting Resorts while ensuring birds are obtained from an NPIP source or a Wildlife Breeder/Dealer permittee.
- Allow for the revocation of Wildlife Importation Permits if requirements are not met.

Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs)

- Remove regulation regarding geocaching permits on WMAs because geocaching has since been prohibited.
- Affirm the prohibition of non-permit holders being on WMAs during permit hunts.
- Revise the end date for quail and rabbit dog training on WMAs from April 1 to March 31.
- Define camping to clarify that parking vehicles, boats, etc. in WMA parking lots for extended periods of time is camping and is prohibited outside designated camping areas.
- Allow tree hooks to be used on WMAs.
- Specify that all dog training and field trial activities on a WMA require a hunting license.
- Remove the unnecessary exception that allows for waterfowl retrievers to be used during open migratory bird seasons as these dogs are already allowed.
- Remove references to Ozark National Forest WMA as this WMA no longer exists.

- Expand incidental take of feral hogs on WMAs during open deer, elk, and bear seasons with weapons allowed during those seasons.
- At Camp Robinson SUA:
 - Add muzzleloader permit deer hunt.
 - Add early permit youth deer hunt.
 - Open waterfowl season.
- At Bell Slough WMA:
 - Add early permit youth deer hunt.
 - Add late youth modern gun deer hunt.
- At Stone Prairie WMA:
 - Add late youth modern gun deer hunt.
- At Spring River/Harold E. Alexander WMA:
 - Move modern gun permit deer hunt to statewide opener for gun season.
 - Move deer muzzleloader season up one week to match regular muzzleloader season.
 - Add early permit youth modern gun deer hunt.
 - Change the late youth modern gun deer hunt to an open youth modern gun deer hunt.
- At Ed Gordon Point Remove WMA:
 - Require that the head from all does harvested be left at the WMA work center for verification of harvest.
 - Clarify that access restrictions do not apply to Lake Cargile.
- At J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUA:
 - Allow trapping with enclosed pull-activated or “dog proof” type traps.
 - Move the modern gun deer permit hunt from the second Wednesday in November to the second Thursday in November.
 - Allow hunting of Mourning, White-Winged and Eurasian Collared Dove while field trials are in progress.
 - Allow walk-in hunting of small game (rabbits and squirrel), migratory birds and archery deer while field trials are in progress.
- At Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois D’Arc WMA:
 - Modify dates of muzzleloader permit hunt to no longer overlap with modern gun youth hunt.

Deer/Elk

- Allow the use of rifles which fire straight-walled cartridges .30 caliber and larger in Deer Zones 4 and 5 for modern gun deer season.
- Remove private lands antlerless-only modern gun hunt.
- Limit the bull elk harvest to one bull per landowner property during the private land elk hunt.
- Modify the public land elk hunt quota to issue 6 either-sex and 12 antlerless elk permits while closing Elk Zone 1 to hunting.
- Modify the private land elk hunt quota to 6 bulls and 12 antlerless elk.
- Allow spears for deer, elk, and bear hunting.
- Adjust buck deer restrictions on Big Lake (Mississippi County) and Harold E. Alexander/Spring River (Sharp County).

Turkey

- Prohibit the use of electronic decoys for hunting wild turkeys.
- Require Non-Resident Lifetime License Holders to add a no-cost turkey hunting permit to their license before turkey hunting in Arkansas.
- Create a mandatory no-cost resident turkey tag product that is required to hunt wild turkeys in Arkansas, and require all Resident Hunting License Holders and Resident Lifetime License Holders who hunt turkey to manually add this to their license each year.
- Open Camp Robinson SUA to spring turkey hunting by permit and manage permit hunt in combination with Stone Prairie WMA.
- Add a hybrid permit hunt on R.L. Hankins Mud Creek WMA.

Migratory Birds

- Include boat motor exhaust restrictions on the Cache River, Dale Bumpers White River, Felsenthal, and Overflow National Wildlife Refuges.
- Allow the taking of Egyptian geese and their eggs.
- Require hunters to have a federal migratory bird hunting stamp to harvest light geese during snow goose season.
- Clarify that the light goose conservation order is exempt from proof of Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration.
- Clarify that geese may be harvested during any open youth and veteran/military hunt with bag limits.
- Implement a waterfowl draw permit hunt on portions of Frog Bayou WMA.
- Clarify the rules of waterfowl permit hunts.
- Remove requirements for boat motors at Frog Bayou WMA as boat motors are not allowed on Frog Bayou.
- Clarify non-resident waterfowl hunting permit requirements.
- Allow non-resident duck hunters to purchase up to ten (10) three-day non-resident WMA waterfowl hunting permits throughout the regular duck season.
- Clarify the rules of veteran/military waterfowl hunts.
- Propose 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 duck season dates.
- Restrict access times at Nimrod Lloyd Millwood WMA Special Regulatory Area.
- Allow non-motorized boat access to all designated water trails.
- Establish a 25-shell limit for waterfowl hunters on all WMAs with a waterfowl-hunting focus, with an exception during special youth waterfowl hunts.
- Restrict waterfowl hunting east of Hwy 7 at Petit Jean River WMA to Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday, and the last day of duck season.
- Revise the end date on early Canada goose season from September 15 to October 15.
- Allow an electronic copy of the federal migratory bird hunting stamp to be valid for the entirety of waterfowl season.
- Clarify that the prohibition of guiding waterfowl hunters exists on both Commission-owned or -controlled WMAs and National Wildlife Refuges.
- Clarify resident/non-resident eligible hunting days for landowners owning inholdings on WMAs.

Miscellaneous

- Define the term “hunting assistance” and clarify that individuals with a suspended hunting license cannot provide “hunting assistance.”
- Clarify what anatomical parts of wildlife are legal to sell and which parts are illegal to sell.

- Define the term “customer identification (CID)” and allow CID numbers to be used as a method of labeling personal items (tree stands, trotlines, etc.) and tagging harvested game.
- Increase violation points for obstructing hunting, fishing, or trapping.
- Create consistency in the penalty for hunting over bait.
- Clarify that wildlife baiting prohibitions apply to Federal lands in addition to state-owned WMAs.
- Reduce the violation for failing to label or remove a tree stand every 7 days from Class 2 to Class 1.
- Increase the number of days a tree stand can remain in one location from 7 days to 14 days to match regulations on Federal lands.
- Create consistency in the penalty for road hunting by making all road hunting violations Class 3.
- Extend WMA-entry restrictions for boating violations to National Wildlife Refuges.
- Restrict individuals with revoked/suspended hunting and/or fishing licenses from being able to mentor or assist youths in hunting and fishing-related activities.
- Clarify legality of waterfowl hunting on Lake Catherine and Lake Hamilton.
- Clarify the term “written permission” and when written permission is required.
- Clarify rules regarding hunting from a vessel so that it is clearly prohibited with an exception for alligator and waterfowl.
- Create consistency in the penalty for hunting from a vessel by making all violations Class 3.
- Modify verbiage regarding dogs chasing wildlife for “pleasure” to dogs chasing wildlife for “training.”
- Modify requirements for tracking wounded game.
- Remove code requiring individuals to immediately disclose the possession of a concealed handgun.
- Reduce handgun restrictions on Commission-owned or controlled property or while hunting, fishing, or trapping on private property.
- Reinstate the ban on harvesting a collared bear.
- Allow use of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) for wildlife surveys on private lands and for game recovery if equipped with thermal capabilities.
- Require that dogs not under physical restraint and used for pursuing wildlife be equipped and monitored with devices (e.g. collars) that allow remote tracking and behavior correction.

2. **General Fishing Regulations** – Propose miscellaneous fishing regulations, including, but not limited to:

Alligator

- Remove alligator farmer and dealer permit regulations.
- Remove alligator hunter radio room call requirement.
- Clarify rules regarding non-residents hunting alligators on private lands in zones where alligator hunting is allowed.

American Eel

- Add American Eel to the list of sportfish with a creel limit of 2.

Bass

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- Modify catfish hogging and noodling season based on openness of waterbody to commercial fishing versus geographic location. Waterbodies that are not open to commercial fishing are generally less productive and can benefit for postponing hogging and noodling until after catfish have had the opportunity to spawn.

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- Modify commercial fishing fee structure to reflect two separate user groups (for-profit & personal use). Create a recreational netting permit (RNP) to provide an opportunity for recreational netters to keep fish for personal use. The new RNP would permit harvesting commercial fish species and three daily limits of catfish with netting gear on waters open to commercial fishing while prohibiting the sale of catch. The RNP permit would not have any reporting requirements.
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- Implement fishing tournament registration to improve agency's knowledge of such tournaments to help with management efforts on the waterbodies where these tournaments occur.

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- Modify special regulations for Cutthroat Trout on the North Fork White River.
- On the Beaver, Bull Shoals, Norfork, and Greers Ferry, and Spring River Tailwaters, prohibit the nighttime harvest of any fish other than Rainbow Trout.

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- Modify the prohibited aquatic species list and clarify that it applies to more than just Live Fish Trade regulations.
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- Redefine the downstream boundary of the Beaver Tailwater.
- Remove game fish daily limit exceptions from Lake Poinsett while establishing a crappie daily limit of 15 fish.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, May 16, 2024, at the El Dorado Union County Chamber of Commerce located at 111 W. Main St., El Dorado, AR 71730. At that time, regulations and business pertaining to the operation of the Game and Fish Commission and other fiscal and administrative matters will be considered and acted upon. Additionally, Committee meetings attended by Commissioners and agency staff members will be held throughout the day on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at El Dorado Union County Chamber of Commerce located at 111 W. Main St., El Dorado, AR 71730. All interested persons are invited to attend these meetings.

The Commission meeting on May 16th will be live-streamed and a link for easy viewing access will be available on the agency website. Please visit the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission website at <https://www.agfc.com> for additional up-to-date details as the meeting dates draw closer.

Items on the agenda for the May 16, 2024, meeting will include discussion and/or adoption of proposed regulations that previously were considered at the April 10-11, 2024, Commission Meetings, plus consideration of various Hunting and Fishing Regulations and regulations pertaining to the Enforcement Division of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, including but not limited to:

1. **General Hunting and Miscellaneous Wildlife Regulations** – Adopt general hunting regulations for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 including, but not limited to, game seasons, bag limits, geographic zones, wildlife management areas (WMAs), weapon restrictions and other manner-of-taking-game requirements for alligator, bear, deer, elk, furbearing animals, quail, rabbit, squirrel, turkey, dove, waterfowl, and other game species. Changes to regulations include, but are not limited to:

Furbearer/Depredation

- Clarify which Commission-owned properties are open to hunting and trapping.
- Specify that striped skunks are not subject to wanton waste restrictions on wildlife.
- Specify that the requirements to possess another's wildlife are met by current fur-dealer reporting requirements.
- Add an exception that would allow raccoon, opossum, or bobcat to be taken at night with the use of any caliber of rifle in accordance with a Predator Control Permit.
- Clarify that otter and bobcat tagging requirements apply to pelts or carcasses.
- Specify that only live red fox, gray fox, and coyote can be sold with a Live Fox and Coyote Permit.
- Clarify Depredation Permit information and requirements. Specify that nuisance birds, deer, and elk cannot be live-captured and moved by the public.
- Authorize riding horses on Commission-owned WMAs for coon hunting or other purposes that are deemed to be appropriate and not in conflict with AGFC's management of resources, permit hunts, etc.

Captive Wildlife

- Clarify that game birds are covered under Game Bird Shooting Resorts code and not under Commercial Wildlife Hunting Resort code.

- Clarify who needs to register animal sales with AGFC.
 - Add an exception for persons with fewer than 100 Bobwhite Quail for personal consumption that will not be moved off the property and that are either from a Wildlife Breeder/Dealer or an NPIP flock.
 - Combine similar codes to reduce confusion and number of regulations.
 - Clarify the requirement for movement of wildlife across the state.
 - Clarify that any non-prohibited species that are permitted can be imported with a Wildlife Importation Permit.
 - Clarify that sanctioned field trials require a special permit letter from the Chief of Wildlife Management, not a Shoot-to-Kill Permit.
 - Update the details of CWD testing requirements for Commercial Hunting Resort Requirements.
 - Update the Captive Wildlife Species Lists for those species that have been evaluated since the past regulation cycle.
 - Clarify that unlisted species are prohibited until evaluated.
 - Adjust reporting requirements to semi-annual reporting.
 - Clarify that a current and valid veterinarian exam form is required.
 - Clarify rules for exhibition of imported wildlife.
 - Make a declaration of AGFC's right to inspect wildlife being imported into the state.
 - Revise code to reflect that Shoot-to-Kill Bird Dog Training Permits are valid from date of issuance to December 31st of that calendar year.
 - Add an annual reporting requirement for Venomous Reptile Possession Permit.
 - Add a stipulation that a person must be an Arkansas resident to apply for a Conservation Education Permit.
 - Clarify that permits are required for breeding, sale, and importation of certain species.
 - Clarify process of interim approvals for captive wildlife species list and handling of species not listed.
 - Adjust fees of various captive wildlife permitting to account for inflation, to include, but not limited to: Game Bird Shooting Resort Permit, Commercial Wildlife Hunting Resort Permit, Wildlife Breeder/Dealer Permit, and Wildlife Importation Permit.
 - Allow temporary exhibits of prohibited species for display, education, or conservation purposes to those with USDA permits.
 - Remove requirement of Wildlife Importation Permit for Game Bird Shooting Resorts while ensuring birds are obtained from an NPIP source or a Wildlife Breeder/Dealer permittee.
 - Allow for the revocation of Wildlife Importation Permits if requirements are not met.
- Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs)
- Remove regulation regarding Geocaching Permits on WMAs because geocaching activity has been prohibited.
 - Affirm the prohibition of non-permit holders being on WMAs during permit hunts.
 - Add muzzleloader permit deer hunt at Camp Robinson SUA.
 - Add early permit youth deer hunt at Camp Robinson SUA and Bell Slough WMA.
 - Add late youth modern gun deer hunt at Stone Prairie WMA and Bell Slough WMA.
 - Move modern gun permit deer hunt at Spring River/Harold E. Alexander WMA to statewide opener for gun season.
 - Move deer muzzleloader season at Spring River/Harold E. Alexander WMA up one week to match regular muzzleloader season.

- Create an early permit youth modern gun deer hunt at Spring River/Harold E. Alexander WMA.
- Switch the late youth modern gun deer hunt to an open youth modern gun deer hunt at Spring River/Harold E. Alexander WMA.
- Open waterfowl season on Camp Robinson SUA.
- Require that the head from all does harvested at Ed Gordon Point Remove WMA be left at the WMA Work Center for verification of harvest.
- Revise the end-date for quail and rabbit dog training on WMAs from April 1 to March 31.
- Add and/or amend definitions for multiple terms, including “Big Bore Air Rifles”, “Camping”, “Chase for Training”, “Customer Identification Number”, “Disabled”, “Hunt or Hunting”, and “Hunting Assistance”.
- Clarify that access restrictions do not apply to Lake Cargile at Ed Gordon Point Remove WMA.
- Allow trapping with enclosed pull-activated or “dog proof” type traps on J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUA.
- Move the modern gun deer permit hunt at J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUA from the second Wednesday in November to the second Thursday in November.
- Allow hunting of Mourning, White-Winged and Eurasian Collared Dove at J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUA while field trials are being conducted.
- Allow walk-in hunting of small game (rabbits and squirrel), migratory birds and archery deer while field trials are in progress at J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUA.
- Modify dates of muzzleloader permit hunt to no longer overlap with modern gun youth hunt at Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois D’Arc WMA.
- Allow tree hooks to be used on WMAs.
- Specify that all dog training and field trial activities on a WMA require a hunting license.
- Remove the unnecessary exception that allows for waterfowl retrievers to be used during open migratory bird seasons as these dogs are already allowed.
- Remove references to Ozark National Forest WMA, as this large geographic area has been redesignated.
- Remove restrictions for motion decoys (including spinning-wing decoys) for waterfowl hunting on AGFC-owned WMAs.

Deer/Elk

- Allow the use of rifles that fire straight-walled cartridges .30 caliber and larger in Deer Zones 4 and 5 for modern gun deer season.
- Remove private lands antlerless-only modern gun hunt.
- Limit the bull elk harvest to one bull per landowner property during the private land elk hunt.
- Modify the public land elk hunt quota to issue 6 either-sex and 12 antlerless elk permits while closing elk zone 1 to hunting.
- Modify the private land elk hunt quota to 6 bulls and 12 antlerless elk.
- Allow spears for deer, elk, and bear hunting.
- Adjust buck deer restrictions on Big Lake (Mississippi County) and Harold E. Alexander/Spring River (Sharp County) within Mississippi and Sharp Counties.
- Allowing weapons capable of firing straight-walled ammunition statewide during all muzzleloader seasons. Certain weapon restrictions will apply.

- Implement a 3-day velvet buck archery hunt the first Saturday in September for 3 days on private lands and AGFC-owned and leased-land WMAs.
- Limit nonresident deer hunting with dogs to the last 9 days of modern gun deer season - excluding the Christmas modern gun deer hunt - with a one-deer bag limit.

Turkey

- Prohibit the use of electronic decoys for hunting wild turkeys.
- Require Non-Resident Lifetime License Holders to add a turkey hunting permit at no-cost to their license before turkey hunting in Arkansas.
- Create a mandatory no-cost resident turkey tag product that is required to hunt wild turkeys in Arkansas, and require all resident hunting license holders and resident lifetime license holders who hunt turkey to manually add this to their license each year.
- Open Camp Robinson SUA to spring turkey hunting by permit and manage permit hunt in combination with Stone Prairie WMA.
- Add a hybrid permit hunt on R.L. Hankins Mud Creek WMA.

Migratory Birds

- Include boat motor exhaust restrictions on the Cache River, Dale Bumpers White River, Felsenthal, and Overflow National Wildlife Refuges.
- Allow the taking of Egyptian geese and their eggs.
- Require hunters to have a federal migratory bird hunting stamp to harvest light geese during snow goose season.
- Clarify that the light goose conservation order is exempt from proof of Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration.
- Clarify that geese may be harvested during any open youth and veteran/military hunt with bag limits.
- Implement a waterfowl draw permit hunt on portions of Frog Bayou WMA.
- Clarify the rules of waterfowl permit hunts.
- Remove requirements for boat motors at Frog Bayou WMA as boat motors are not allowed on Frog Bayou.
- Clarify non-resident waterfowl hunting permit requirements.
- Allow non-resident duck hunters to purchase up to ten (10) three-day non-resident WMA waterfowl hunting permits throughout the regular duck season.
- Clarify the rules of veteran/military waterfowl hunts.
- Propose 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 duck season dates.
- Restrict access times at Nimrod Lloyd Millwood WMA Special Regulatory Area.
- Allow non-motorized boat access to all designated water trails.
- Establish a 25-shell limit for waterfowl hunters on all WMAs with a waterfowl-hunting focus with an exception during special youth waterfowl hunts.
- Restrict waterfowl hunting east of Hwy 7 at Petit Jean River WMA to Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday, and the last day of duck season.
- Revise the end date on early Canada goose season from September 15th to October 15th.
- Allow an electronic copy of the federal migratory bird hunting stamp to be valid for the entirety of waterfowl season.
- Clarify that the prohibition of guiding waterfowl hunters exists on both Commission-owned or controlled WMAs and National Wildlife Refuges.
- Clarify resident/non-resident eligible hunting days for landowners owning inholdings on WMAs.

- Reduce the daily bag limit for mallard hens from two to one per day.
- Modify white-fronted goose season to be 69 days and reduce daily bag limit to two per day.

Miscellaneous

- Define the term “hunting assistance” and clarify that individuals with a suspended hunting license cannot provide “hunting assistance.”
- Clarify what anatomical parts of wildlife are legal to sell and which parts are illegal to sell.
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- Increase violation points for obstructing hunting, fishing, or trapping.
- Create consistency in the penalty for hunting over bait.
- Clarify that wildlife baiting prohibitions apply to Federal lands in addition to state-owned WMAs.
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2. **General Fishing Regulations** – Propose miscellaneous fishing regulations, including, but not limited to:

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- Redefine the downstream boundary of the Beaver Tailwater.

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- Remove game fish size restrictions and daily limits on Lake Conway and Lake Wilhelmina (to apply during the planned renovation process at each lake).
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