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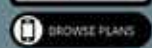
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Welcome to Georgia's 2023-2024 Hunting Seasons and Regulations. Hunting regulations are set by the Board of Natural Resources, acting on the recommendations of Wildlife Resources Division's professional wildlife biologists and other field personnel. Laws are set by the elected members of the General Assembly. This guide is designed to help you understand the laws and regulations for hunting in Georgia. For complete rules and exact wording, refer to the Game and Fish Code (Title 27) and the current copy of the Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Division's regulations (Subject 391-4-2) on file with the Secretary of State.

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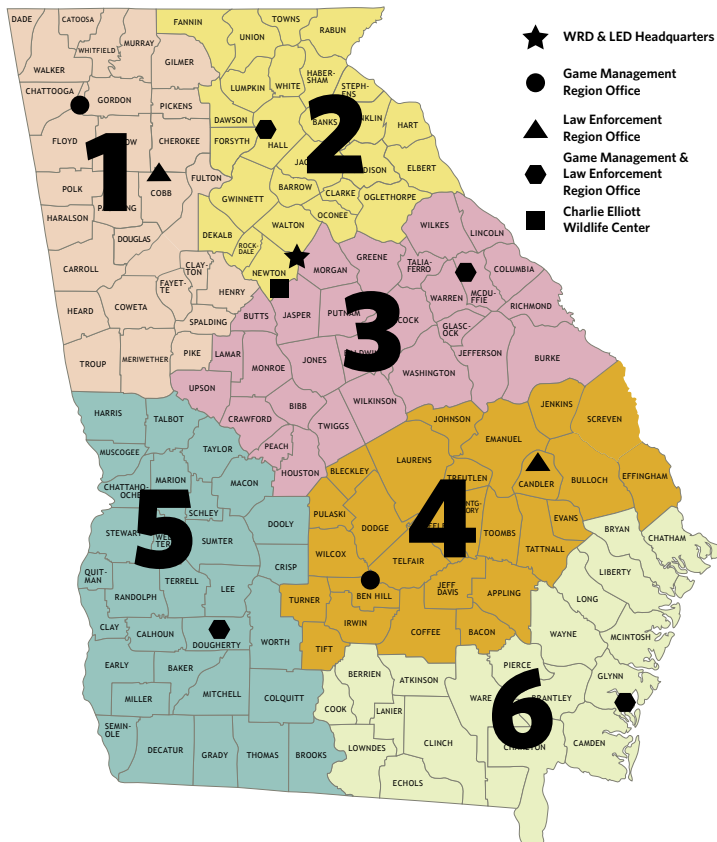
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Central Bear Zone	If fewer than 6 female bears are harvested on December 16, 2023, a 2nd hunt day will be opened. To see if the 2nd day will be offered and when, please visit www.georgiawildlife.com after December 18.
Either-sex Deer Opportunity	The number of "doe days" has been increased in most counties; check pages 22-23 to see when you can harvest antlerless deer in your location.
Extended Archery Deer Season	Archery deer season has been extended to January 31 in Baker, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Richmond, and Thomas Counties.
Southwest GA Archery Buck Only Days & Firearms Extension	The first 16 days of archery season in Baker, Decatur, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, and Thomas Counties is antlered deer only. Additionally, firearms deer season ends January 15 in Baker, Decatur, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, and Thomas Counties.




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Hunting has played an integral role in the lives of many Georgians by connecting them with nature, fostering family bonds, and cultivating a deep appreciation for conservation. The numbers are in and the increased participation in outdoor recreation we saw during Covid shutdowns has resulted in current numbers exceeding those in 2019 by 10%. This shows that the folks who were reactivated or who were mentored these past 3 years are becoming hunters and anglers.

Moving forward, it's essential to build upon this momentum and continue promoting these activities to ensure their long-term sustainability. Encouraging others to participate, mentoring newcomers, and fostering a sense of community can help maintain and grow the number of hunters and anglers. By sharing the joy and benefits of hunting and fishing, we can preserve these time-honored traditions and create a positive impact on individuals, the environment, and future generations.

It is hard to explain in words the value gained from our experiences outdoors. They say a picture is worth a thousand words but most of the time we're simply sharing the result of an extraordinary experience. The sight, smell, and sound of sunrise afield is something words cannot possibly capture, and that experience is needed to spread our passion to others. When you consider taking someone afield for the first time, picture the bond that can be forged as you explore the great outdoors together, honing skills, and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Georgia DNR invites you to be a part of the solution to preserve the hunting heritage. Doing your part is simple – find a friend, co-worker, child, or family member who's never been hunting and take them into the field with you. Together, we can reignite and share our passion for hunting and ensure its continuation for generations to come. So, let's grab our gear, embrace the thrill of the hunt, and share the true gift that Georgia has to offer – its natural resources.

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Combo Hunting & Fishing License	Annual	\$30.00	\$150.00
	One-Day	\$5.00	\$30.00
	+ Additional Day	\$1.00	\$10.00
Apprentice Hunting & Fishing License	One-Day	\$5.00	\$30.00
	+ Additional Day	\$1.00	\$10.00
HUNTING LICENSES			
Hunting License (Residents 16-64; All non-residents)	Annual	\$15.00	\$100.00
	One-Day	see combo	\$20.00
	+ Additional Day	see combo	\$6.00
Senior Sportsman's License (65+); also see lifetime licenses	Annual	\$7.00	Not Offered
Big Game License	Annual	\$25.00	\$225.00
	One-Day	\$10.00	\$130.00
	+ Additional Day	\$2.00	\$8.00
Harvest Record – Alligator, Bear, Deer & Turkey	Annual (Mar. - Feb.)	FREE	FREE
Quota Alligator Harvest Permit ¹	Seasonal	\$75.00	\$250.00
Trapping License ²	Seasonal	\$40.00	\$325.00
Shooting Preserve License	Two-Year	\$12.00	\$12.00
GA Waterfowl and Migratory Bird License ³	Annual (Mar. - Feb.)	\$5.00	\$5.00
Disability Hunting License	Annual	\$3.00	Not Offered
	Three-Year	\$9.00	Not Offered
FISHING LICENSES			
Fishing License (Residents 16-64; All non-residents)	Annual	\$15.00	\$50.00
	One-Day	see combo	\$10.00
	+ Additional Day	see combo	\$3.50
Optional Youth Fishing License (12-15)	Multi-Year ⁴	\$10.00	Not Offered
Senior Sportsman's License (65+); also see lifetime licenses	Annual	\$7.00	Not Offered
Trout License	Annual	\$10.00	\$25.00
	One-Day	\$5.00	\$10.00
	+ Additional Day	\$1.00	\$2.00
SIP Permit	Annual	FREE	FREE
Commercial Fishing License	Seasonal	\$20.00	\$200.00
Disability Fishing License	Annual	\$3.00	Not Offered
	Three-Year	\$9.00	Not Offered
PUBLIC LAND ACCESS			
Georgia Lands Pass	Annual	\$30	\$60

- 1 - Free Quota Alligator Harvest Permit is available for all Lifetime Sportsman's License, Disability Sportsman's License, Disability Hunting License, Honorary License, and Optional Multi-year or Resident Youth Sportsman's License holders selected for an Alligator Quota Hunt.
 - 2 - Non-resident trapping license requires a forfeiture bond. Please refer to application for specific details at GoHuntGeorgia.com
 - 3 - Free GA Waterfowl and Migratory Bird License is available for all resident Landowners who hunt their own property and any hunter with a valid Sportsman's License, Optional Youth Sportsman's License, Disability Sportsman's License, Disability Hunting License, Honorary License or Lifetime Sportsman's License.
 - 4 - Privileges for the multi-year resident Youth License are valid until the person's 17th birthday.
- + - Additional Day - days can be added for up to 11 consecutive days

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	One-Day	\$25.00	\$170.00
	+ Additional Day	\$3.00	\$20.00
Optional Youth Sportsman's License (Residents 15 and under)	Multi-Year ⁴	\$15.00	Not Offered
Non-resident Youth Sportsman's License (Nonresidents 15 and under)	Annual	-	\$50.00
Senior Sportsman's License (Residents 65+); also see lifetime licenses	Annual	\$7.00	Not Offered
One-Time Honorary Veteran's License	One-Year	FREE	Not Offered
Disability Sportsman's License	Annual	\$5.00	Not Offered
	Three-Year	\$15.00	Not Offered

LICENSE	AGE	TERM	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
LIFETIME LICENSES				
Infant Lifetime Sportsman's License	Under 2	Lifetime	\$500.00	\$500.00
Youth Lifetime Sportsman's License	2-15	Lifetime	\$600.00	Not Offered
Adult Lifetime Sportsman's License	16-49	Lifetime	\$750.00	Not Offered
Older Adult Lifetime Sportsman's License	50-59	Lifetime	\$375.00	Not Offered
Senior Discount Lifetime Sportsman's License	60-64	Lifetime	\$315.00	Not Offered
Senior Lifetime Sportsman's License	65+	Lifetime	\$70.00	Not Offered
Senior Lifetime Hunting License	65+	Lifetime	\$35.00	Not Offered
Senior Lifetime Fishing License	65+	Lifetime	\$35.00	Not Offered
Free Senior Lifetime Sportsman's License (born on or before June 30, 1952)	See Page 10	Lifetime	FREE	Not Offered
Military and Veterans Lifetime Sportsman's License	-	Lifetime	\$600.00	Not Offered
Non-resident Grandchild Lifetime Sportsman's License	2-15	Lifetime		\$1,500.00
Shooting Preserve Lifetime License	-	Lifetime	\$75.00	\$75.00

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+ - Additional Day – days can be added for up to 11 consecutive days

WHERE TO BUY YOUR LICENSE

Online: GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com

Phone: 1-800-366-2661

In Person: License vendors are located statewide. Check GoHuntGeorgia.com for a complete list.

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5. It lets you do more than just hunt or fish - every hunting or fishing license also gives you access to all of Georgia's Wildlife Management Areas (WMA), Public Fishing Areas (PFAs) and most DNR shooting ranges.

ATTENTION BIG GAME HUNTERS!



Don't forget your 2023-24 Harvest Record before going afield to hunt bears, deer, or turkeys. You can get your **FREE** Harvest Record wherever licenses are sold and online. All 3 species must be reported to Georgia Game Check online or by phone. See page 14 for harvest reporting instructions.

Reminder for alligator hunters:

Alligator hunters will receive their harvest record as part of their alligator permit at the time of purchase (alligator permits are free to drawn hunters who have certain licenses (see page 8) but they still have to "purchase" the permit online, by phone or at a license retailer).

HUNTING LICENSES

RESIDENCY

RESIDENT means any person who has been domiciled within the State of Georgia (declared Georgia their only state of legal residence) for a period of at least three months. A valid Georgia driver's license or Georgia ID is required to show residency. Nonresident full time Georgia college students with a valid college ID living in Georgia, and active duty military personnel with a valid U.S. DOD Common Access Card with Uniformed Services affiliation and the dependents of such military personnel may obtain resident hunting and fishing licenses other than resident lifetime, disability and honorary licenses. Nonresident landowners must purchase a nonresident license.

HUNTER EDUCATION

All hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1961 must successfully complete a hunter education course before purchasing a hunting license. All hunter education courses certified or mandated by any state wildlife agency or Canadian province are accepted. Residents may sign up for online or classroom courses at GoHuntGeorgia.com or by calling **1-800-366-2661**.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Reliable identification and a Social Security Number (SSN) are required to purchase a license (OCGA § 19-11-9.1). Game Wardens may require positive identification when checking licenses. All required hunting licenses and stamps must be in possession while hunting or while assisting another hunter (electronic copies are acceptable). It is unlawful to obtain, possess, or use multiple licenses for the purpose of circumventing season bag limits.

Hunter education is not required to purchase an Apprentice Hunting License or short-term license. Persons purchasing a Lifetime License must have hunter education before hunting, unless exempt by age or supervision. Hunter education is not required to hunt on one's own land or land of a parent or guardian (blood or dependent relationship) residing in the same household, or to hunt pen raised game birds on licensed shooting preserves that provide specified hunter education instruction (see Shooting Preserve License page 12).

To obtain a replacement hunter education card visit GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com or call 1-800-366-2661 Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

HUNTERS UNDER AGE 16 are not required to complete a hunter education course. A child under age 16 must be under "direct supervision" or "directly supervised," which means uninterrupted, unaided visual contact and auditory communication with the child by a licensed adult. It is unlawful for an adult to permit their child or ward (under age 16) to hunt without adult supervision.

Exception: Hunters 12-15 years old may hunt unsupervised after successfully completing a hunter education course. Special restrictions may apply on WMAs and Federal Areas (see pages 36-39 and 64-66).

HUNTERS AGE 16-25 are required to have a hunter education card when purchasing a season hunting license and must be in possession while hunting.

HUNTERS OVER AGE 25 and born after Jan. 1, 1961 must successfully complete a hunter education course but are not required to present their Hunter Education Card when buying a season hunting license or possess it while hunting.

APPRENTICE HUNTER is any person who has not successfully completed a hunter education course or does not possess a hunter education certificate. Apprentice hunters may purchase a short-term Apprentice Hunting License to hunt and fish in Georgia.

LANDS PASS

Any person age 16 and older, entering any WMA or PFA must have a valid Georgia license that allows hunting or fishing on state land or a Lands Pass (exclusions apply, visit georgiawildlife.com/LandAccess). WMAs and PFAs that require a license to hunt or fish or a Lands Pass are marked with a sign at the site or area entrance. See page 36 for more information.

FREE LICENSES

SENIOR CITIZENS: Georgia residents born on or before June 30, 1952 may obtain a Lifetime Sportsman's License free of charge. An optional Lifetime Sportsman's Plastic Card may be purchased for \$10. Reduced cost senior annual and lifetime licenses are available to residents age 65+ born July 1, 1952 and after.

RETURNING GEORGIA VETERANS (ONE TIME ONLY): Georgia resident military veterans who were on active duty for 90 or more consecutive days and were honorably discharged on or after July 1, 2005 may obtain one annual Honorary License free of charge. Such veterans may obtain this license by providing a copy of their DD Form 214 and a completed DNR application.

TYPES OF LICENSES

RESIDENT HUNTING, COMBO OR SPORTSMAN'S LICENSE is required for all resident hunters 16 years of age or older, except when hunting or fishing on one's own land or land owned by immediate family (blood or dependent relationship) residing in the same household.

NONRESIDENT HUNTING, COMBO OR SPORTSMAN'S LICENSE is required for all nonresident hunters, except nonresident small game hunters that are under 16. All nonresident big game hunters must obtain a Harvest Record and those 16 and older must possess a big game license (included in Sportsman's License).

HARVEST RECORD is required for any person who hunts alligator, bear, deer or turkey, regardless of age. The Harvest Record is only valid for a single year and may be obtained on or after March 1 for the upcoming season. Harvest must be recorded before moving the animal from the site of the kill, and reported online or by telephone within 24 hours. See page 14.

RESIDENT HUNTERS UNDER AGE 16 must possess a Harvest Record to hunt alligator, bear, deer and turkey. They are not required to possess any of the following: Hunting, Big Game or GA Waterfowl & Migratory Bird License.

ALLIGATOR HARVEST PERMIT is required to harvest an alligator (permittee must also be selected through the alligator quota hunt process). All persons accompanying or assisting an alligator permit holder need a valid hunting license. A free permit is available for Lifetime Sportsman's License, Disability Sportsman's License, Disability Hunting License, Honorary License, and Resident Optional Youth Sportsman's License holders selected for an Alligator Quota Hunt.

BIG GAME LICENSE is required, in addition to a valid Hunting License, for hunting bear, deer, or turkey. The Big Game License is not required by resident hunters hunting one's own land or land owned by immediate family (blood or dependent relationship) residing in the same household, resident or nonresident persons under the age of 16, or anyone who possesses an Honorary, Sportsman's, or Lifetime Sportsman's License. A Harvest Record is also required to hunt bear, deer or turkey.

GA WATERFOWL & MIGRATORY BIRD LICENSE is required for any person who hunts migratory birds (doves, ducks, geese, woodcock, snipe, coots, rails, or gallinules) and is required by age to have a hunting license to hunt. A free GA Waterfowl & Migratory Bird License is available for all resident Landowners hunting their own land and hunters with a valid Sportsman's License, Youth Sportsman's License, Disability Sportsman's License, Disability Hunting License, Honorary License or Lifetime Sportsman's License.



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FEDERAL DUCK STAMP is required for all waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older including resident landowners and their immediate family. The stamp is valid from July 1–June 30 and must be signed in ink across the face. The Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp is available at US Post Offices, 1-800-STAMP24, www.GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com, or usps.com.

SPORTSMAN'S LICENSE includes Hunting, Big Game, Fishing and Trout Licenses. Duck hunters must obtain a Federal Duck Stamp. Migratory Bird hunters must obtain a Free GA Waterfowl & Migratory Bird License. Saltwater anglers must obtain a Free SIP license. Alligator, bear, deer and turkey hunters must obtain a Free Harvest Record.

RESIDENT OPTIONAL YOUTH SPORTSMAN'S LICENSE: this optional multi-year license can be purchased by resident youth through age 15 and does not expire until the sportsman's 17th birthday. The license includes privileges for all hunting and fishing including big game and trout. A Harvest Record, GA Waterfowl & Migratory Bird License (16+), Quota Alligator Harvest Permit if selected, and SIP (16+) are free but must be obtained each year. Hunter education is required at age 16.

NONRESIDENT YOUTH SPORTSMAN'S LICENSE: this annual license can be purchased by nonresident youth through age 15. The license includes privileges for all hunting and fishing including big game and trout (except for the Quota Alligator Harvest Permit). A harvest record, GA Waterfowl & Migratory Bird License (16+), and SIP (16+) are free but must be obtained. Hunter education is required at age 16.

DISABILITY HUNTING LICENSE: Georgia residents who are permanently and totally disabled may obtain a Disability License. A qualifying disability is an impairment of a permanent and total nature and is certified as such by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Social Security Administration, Medicaid, Medicare, or Railroad Retirement System.

LIFETIME SPORTSMAN'S LICENSES: cover all state paid hunting and fishing privileges (free required state licenses and the Federal Duck stamp are not included) and are valid for the life of the license holder. These privileges specifically include Hunting, Big Game, Fishing, and Trout Licenses. Lifetime License applications may be obtained at GoHuntGeorgia.com, by calling 1-800-366-2661, or by visiting any WRD office. For identification and proof of residency requirements see information on page 10.

Excluded from Lifetime Sportsman's License: Free GA Waterfowl & Migratory Bird License, Federal Duck Stamp, Free SIP permit, and a Free Alligator Harvest Permit, and Harvest Record (bear, deer, turkey). Lifetime license holders will need to obtain these annually.

RESIDENT / NONRESIDENT SHOOTING PRESERVE LICENSE: Persons with an active Georgia hunting license do not additionally need a shooting preserve license. A 2-year (\$12) or lifetime (\$75) shooting preserve license is available to residents and nonresidents. This license covers hunting pen-raised game birds and fishing in any private or state waters located within the boundaries of licensed private or commercial shooting preserves. Hunter safety requirements for hunting pen-raised game birds on properly licensed shooting preserves may be met by hunter education instruction that, at minimum, demonstrates techniques for proper firearm handling, unloading, and safety. Appropriate licenses, hunter safety certification requirements, and state seasons and regulations apply when hunting wild game birds or other wildlife on shooting preserves. Exception: it shall be lawful to hunt bobwhite quail between October 1 and March 31 of the following year on licensed shooting preserves.

LEGAL EQUIPMENT FOR HUNTING

"Hunting" means pursuing, shooting, killing, taking, or capturing wildlife or feral hogs. This term also includes acts such as placing, setting, drawing, or using any device used to take wildlife or feral hogs, whether any such act results in taking or not, and includes every act of assistance to any person in taking or attempting to take such wildlife or feral hogs.

RESTRICTIONS

- **Convicted felons** may not possess any firearm or muzzleloading firearm while hunting unless that individual's right to carry has been restored (OCGA § 16-11-131). This does not apply to archery equipment, air bows or air rifles.
- **Loaded Weapon:** A firearm is considered loaded if a shell is in the chamber or magazine, a percussion cap is on the nipple, or powder is present on the frizzen pan. A crossbow is considered loaded if it is cocked.
- **Plugged Shotguns:** For hunting migratory game birds, shotguns shall be limited to a capacity of not more than 3 shells in the magazine and chamber combined. If a plug is necessary to so limit the capacity, the plug shall be of 1 piece and incapable of being removed from the loading end of the magazine.
- **Suppressors:** Lawfully possessed suppressors may be used for hunting, unless otherwise specified. Permission of the landowner is required on private land.

ARCHERY EQUIPMENT

Crossbows (including torsion spring models), longbows, recurve bows, and compound bows are allowed for hunting any game or feral hog. Arrows for hunting deer, bear or feral hog must be broadhead type. Draw weight, let-off, bolt/arrow-length, recovery devices, and sights are not restricted. See the Summary of Bowhunting Equipment Regulations at <https://georgiawildlife.com/hunting/hunter-resources> for more details.

PRIMITIVE WEAPONS

Archery equipment, air bows, .30-cal. or larger air rifles and muzzleloaders or muzzleloading shotguns are legal during primitive weapons season. Scopes are legal.



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HUNTING INFORMATION

FIREARMS

Deer & Bear

- **Modern Rifles and Handguns:** Centerfire only, .22-cal. or larger with expanding bullets. There is no restriction on magazine capacity for rifles.
- **Shotguns:** 20-gauge or larger loaded with slugs or buckshot.
- **Muzzleloaders:** .30-cal. or larger, or muzzle-loading shotguns 20 gauge or larger. Scopes are legal.
- **Air Guns:** Any air rifle of at least .30 caliber or air bow utilizing unignited compressed gas or air is legal during primitive weapons and firearms seasons.

Turkey

Shotguns with No. 2 or smaller shot, any muzzleloading firearm, any air rifle of at least .30 caliber or air bow utilizing unignited compressed gas or air. Hunters are not required to plug shotguns for turkey.

Small Game & Furbearer

- **Rifles and Handguns:** Any .22-cal. or smaller rimfire, any muzzleloading firearm, or any caliber air rifle or air gun. For fox & bobcat, centerfire firearms of .17 caliber and larger may be used (see WMA Restrictions on pg. 42). There is no restriction on magazine capacity for rifles.

- **Shotguns:** Any having shot shell size 3.5 inches or smaller in length with No. 2 or smaller shot.
- **Shotguns (Waterfowl):** Any 10-gauge or smaller loaded with federally approved nontoxic shot of size "F" or smaller. Lead shot may not be in possession while hunting waterfowl.

GEORGIA GAME CHECK

All alligator, bear, deer, and turkey harvests must be reported through Georgia Game Check within 24 hours. For reporting requirements on certain WMA, VPA, and State Park hunts see page 38.

HOW TO REPORT YOUR ALLIGATOR, BEAR, DEER, OR TURKEY:

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If you have a cell phone, enter the harvest date and county on the Harvest Record through the Go Outdoors GA App, online at GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com, or by calling 1-800-366-2661 before moving your harvest from the site of the kill.

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TRAINING DOGS ON PRIVATE LAND

Persons training dogs for hunting must have a valid Hunting License unless they are on their own land or land of an immediate relative. There is no closed season for training dogs on private lands. It is unlawful to possess firearms (except handguns with blank or shot cartridges), axes, climbers, or other equipment for taking game while training hunting dogs, except that shotguns with No. 6 or smaller shot may be used while training pointing, flushing, and retrieving dogs using pen-raised quail and pigeons provided that the dog trainer maintains proof of purchase of pen-raised quail. It is unlawful to run deer with dogs, except during open seasons for hunting deer with dogs, or to take game by any means while training hunting dogs, except during open seasons for such game. **For specific rules & regulations for dog training on WMAs & Chattahoochee National Forest see page 67.**

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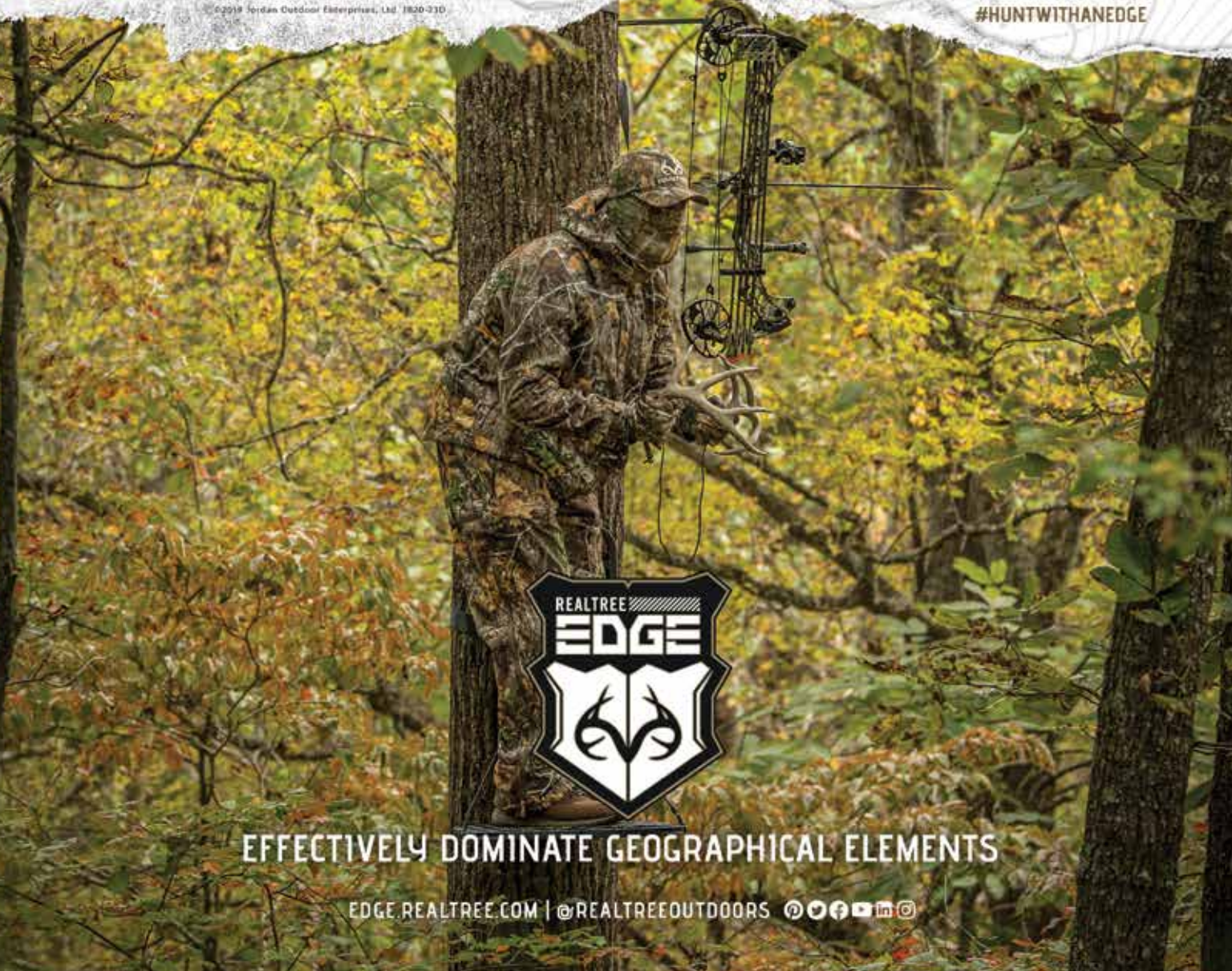
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HUNTING INFORMATION

CLOSED AREAS

Counties, or parts of counties, not specifically open by law or regulation are closed to hunting. Counties open for hunting do not include lands within WMAs, PFAs, State Parks, or other State/Federal lands, except when those lands are specifically open. Hunting for all species of wildlife is prohibited on the portion of Morgan Falls Lake (Bull Sluice) lying within Fulton Co. and in Willeo Creek.

PROTECTED SPECIES

For information on protected species, please visit georgiawildlife.com.

HUNTER ORANGE REQUIREMENTS

A hunter, and anyone accompanying the hunter, must wear as an outer garment at least 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange above the waist (which may include a head covering) when hunting:

- deer during the primitive weapons or firearms deer season
- bear during the primitive weapons or firearms bear seasons
- feral hogs during firearms deer or bear seasons

Hunter orange is required during primitive weapons and firearms hunts for deer, bear, and special opportunity coyote and feral hog hunts

on WMAs, VPAs, and federal lands. Hunter orange is not required on WMA, VPAs, or Corps of Engineers tracts designated "archery-only", nor during archery deer hunts held on a WMA during the statewide primitive weapons or firearms seasons (unless otherwise indicated). Hunter orange is required on WMA and VPA small game hunts that are concurrent with firearms deer or bear hunts (see more information on page 38).

LEGAL HOURS

Legal hours for hunting are 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset, except alligators, raccoons, opossums, foxes, coyotes, bobcats and feral hogs which may be hunted at night. Any light used to hunt raccoons, opossums, foxes, or bobcats must be carried on the body of the hunter, affixed to a helmet or hat worn by the hunter, or be part of a belt system worn by the hunter. There is no voltage restriction on such lights.

Legal hours for migratory birds are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset (see page 34). Sunrise and sunset times are available on the Go Outdoors GA App.

UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES

- Hunting without landowners' permission, including power line, gas line, railroad and other rights-of-way. Written permission must be obtained if land is so posted.
- Hunting while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Holding, possessing, releasing, or importing wildlife without a permit from the DNR.
- Concealing the taking or possession of wildlife (or parts) which the person in possession reasonably should have known was obtained illegally.
- Killing or crippling game without reasonable efforts to retrieve.
- Hunt, shoot, kill, or wound any farmed deer (e.g. elk, red deer, fallow deer, sika deer, or axis deer) or exotic wild animal (e.g. farmed deer, mouflon sheep, Barbary sheep [aoudad], antelope, etc.) held under a wild animal license for enjoyment, gain, amusement, or sport.
- Hunting or shooting from or across a public road.
- Hunting from a vehicle, plane, or boat under power.
- Selling or purchasing any game species or parts thereof, except antlers, hides, and tails of legally taken deer, tails of legally taken squirrels, hides of legally trapped furbearers, and legally taken alligator products.
- Use of a computer or any other device to remotely discharge a firearm for the purpose of hunting.
- Use of drugs, poisons, chemicals, smoke, gas, explosives, or electronically-amplified sounds to hunt any game species.
- Use of any pitfall, deadfall, snare, catch, net, live decoy, or baited hook to take game species.
- Use of electronic communications equipment to aid in the pursuit of game.
- Disturbing wildlife dens, holes, or homes, or driving wildlife from their dens, holes, or homes.
- Discharging a firearm within 50 yards of a public road.
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YOUTH & NEW HUNTER PROGRAMS

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Hunter Education Program

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This is a required program for anyone age 16 and up who plans to hunt (and is a requirement for many of our youth programs). Students learn how to be safe and responsible with firearms.



S.H.A.R.P. Program

<https://georgiawildlife.com/sharp-program>

Are you an adult or youth hunter with limited experience or success? The "Safe Harvest and Responsible Practices" (S.H.A.R.P.) program at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center provides new hunters with the basic knowledge and skills required to confidently pursue Georgia's wild game on their own.



Give It a Shot Program

georgiawildlife.com/give-it-a-shot

Would you like a hands-on approach to firearms and shooting? The new and improved Give It a Shot Program is designed to help those who are new to shooting learn the basics.



Buck Shoals WMA & Clybel WMA

georgiawildlife.com/buck-shoals-wma

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Buck Shoals WMA and Clybel WMA offer a variety of youth and adult hunt and learn programs and youth quota hunt opportunities.



Scholastic Clay Target Program

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The Georgia Independent Schools Association and the Georgia Association of Private and Parochial Schools offer SCTP as a varsity team sport. Students who have completed hunter education have the opportunity to shoot trap, skeet and sporting clays with the help and support of trained coaches focused on firearm safety.



National Archery in the Schools Program

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NASP is an in-school archery program for students in grades 4th-12th.



Summer Camps

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Youth of all ages have fun learning about the outdoors together at day camps and residential camps held throughout the summer at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center in Mansfield.

YOUTH HUNTS

Q Quota Hunt	Y Quality Deer Symbol
B Bonus Deer Hunt	YH Youth Hunt

On Big Game Youth Hunts, only the youth may hunt (age 16 years or younger). On Small Game Youth Hunts, both the youth (age 16 years and younger) and the supervising adult may hunt. See page 70 for more information on applying for quota hunts.

YOUTH HUNT: DEER/BEAR

QUOTA APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPT. 1

for designated quota hunts only

One adult may supervise one child. For designated quota hunts, group applications with up to five children allowed. Youth under 16 must bring supervising adult.

AREA	TYPE	DATE
Allatoona	Deer/Bear	Oct. 21-22*, Oct. 23-Nov. 1
Arrowhead	Deer/Bear	Sept. 9-Oct. 31
Balls Ferry State Park	Deer	Oct. 14-20
Beaverdam	Deer	Sept. 16-22*
Berry College	Deer/Bear	B Jan. 6-7*
Big Lazer Creek	Deer	Sept. 23-24, Y Nov. 17-19*
Blanton Creek	Deer	Y Oct. 7-8*
Buck Shoals	Deer/Bear	Q12 B Nov. 18-19, Dec. 2-3
Bullard Creek	Deer	Oct. 27-29*
Carters Lake	Deer/Bear	Q20 B Nov. 11
Cedar Creek	Deer	Nov. 21-26*
Cedar Creek - Little River Area	Deer	Oct. 14-20
Chattahoochee Fall Line - Fort Perry Tract	Deer	Q35 Sept. 24-25
Chattahoochee Fall Line - Hilliard	Deer	Q50 Nov. 11-12
Chickasawhatchee	Deer	Nov. 19-25, Dec. 22-27
Clayhole Swamp	Deer	Sept. 15-17
Clybel	Deer	Sept. 30-Oct. 5, Nov. 21-26*
Coopers Creek	Deer/Bear	B Oct. 6-8
Coosawattee	Deer/Bear	B Oct. 20-22*
Crockford - Pigeon Mtn	Deer/Bear	B Oct. 21-22*
Dawson Forest	Deer/Bear	Y B Oct. 13-15*
Dukes Creek - SWSP	Deer/Bear	Oct. 13-15*
Flint River	Deer	Y Oct. 7-15*
Gaither	Deer	Q25 Dec. 25-31
Grand Bay	Deer	Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Griffin Ridge	Deer	Oct. 27-29
Horse Creek	Deer	Sept. 30-Oct. 1*
J. L. Lester	Deer/Bear	Q20 B Oct. 7-8, Jan. 13-14
Lake Russell	Deer/Bear	B Oct. 6-8*, B Nov. 3-5
Lanahassee	Deer	Dec. 24-30*
Oaky Woods	Deer	Oct. 14-20
Ocmulgee	Deer	Sept. 30-Oct. 6
Ossabaw Island	Deer	Q75 B Nov. 23-25
Paulding Forest	Deer/Bear	B Oct. 14-15*
Paulks Pasture	Deer	Sept. 15-17
Penholoway Swamp	Deer	Sept. 22-24
Pleasant Valley	Deer/Bear	Sept. 9-Oct. 19 (archery)
Pleasant Valley	Deer/Bear	Oct. 20-Nov. 10
River Bend	Deer	Oct. 20-22*
River Creek	Deer	Y Q35 Dec. 18-20
Rum Creek	Deer	Oct. 2-8*
Sansavilla	Deer	Sept. 22-24
Sapelo Island	Deer	B Oct. 6-8
Tallapoosa	Deer/Bear	B Oct. 6-8, Nov. 24-26, Jan. 12-14
Tuckahoe	Deer	Sept. 15-17*
West Point	Deer	Y Oct. 13-15*

*These hunts are Specialty Hunts (Returning Georgia Veterans, Honorary License holders, Ladies and Youth)

YOUTH HUNT: SMALL GAME

QUOTA APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCT. 15

for designated quota hunts only

One adult may supervise two children. For designated quota hunts, group applications with up to three children allowed. Selected child may bring one other child and must bring only one supervising adult.

AREA	TYPE	DATE
Albany Nursery	Quail	Q1 Nov. 18, Dec. 2
Altamaha - Butler Refuge	Rabbit	Jan. 20-21. Archery only.
Arrowhead	Small Game	Jan. 15-Feb. 29
Buck Shoals	Small Game	Q10 Jan. 6-14, 20-28
Chickasawhatchee	Quail	Q2 Nov. 18, Dec. 2, 30, Jan. 13, 20, 24
Di-Lane Plantation	Quail	Q8 Feb. 3
River Creek	Quail	Q2 Jan. 27
Silver Lake	Quail	Q2 Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, Jan. 13, 20, 27

YOUTH HUNT: TURKEY

QUOTA APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEB. 15

for designated quota hunts only

One adult may supervise one child. For designated quota hunts, group applications with up to three children allowed. Youth under 16 must bring supervising adult.

AREA	DATE
Albany Nursery	Q1 Apr. 6-10, Apr. 20-24
Arrowhead	Apr. 13-19
B. F. Grant	Apr. 6-12
Balls Ferry State Park	Apr. 6-14
Buck Shoals	Q5 Apr. 20-21, May 4-5
Chattahoochee Fall Line - Fort Perry Area	Q15 Apr. 20-22
Clybel	Q25 Apr. 6-10, Apr. 20-24
Di-Lane Plantation	Q20 Apr. 6-12
Dodge County	Q2 Apr. 20-21, Apr. 27-28
Doerun Pitcherplant Bog	Q1 Apr. 6-7, Apr. 13-14
Flat Creek	April 6-14
Grand Bay	Apr. 6-7, Apr. 20-21
Griffin Ridge	Q25 Apr. 6-12
Hugh Gillis	Q2 Apr. 19-20, May 3-4
Moody Forest	Apr. 6-7
Pleasant Valley	Apr. 6-May 15
River Creek	Q5 Apr. 6-9, Apr. 12-15
Rum Creek	Q25 Apr. 6-10, Apr. 20-24 May 4-8
Silver Lake	Apr. 18-22
Standing Boy Creek	Q10 Apr. 12-14, Apr. 19-21
Tallapoosa River	Apr. 6-May 15*
West Point - Dixie Creek Tract	Apr. 6-12
West Point - Glovers Creek	Apr. 6-12

YOUTH HUNT: DOVE

QUOTA APPLICATION DEADLINE: AUG. 15

for designated quota hunts only

One adult may supervise two children. For designated quota hunts, group applications with up to three children allowed. Youth under 16 must bring supervising adult.

AREA	DATE
Appling County Dove Field	Sept. 2
Buck Shoals	Q25 Sept. 2, 9
Chattahoochee Fall Line - Hilliard	Q35 Sept. 2, 9
Di-Lane Plantation	Q75 Sept. 2, Field 2
Flat Creek	Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23
Flint River	Sept. 2
Indian Ford Farm Dove Fields	Q50 Sept. 9
J. L. Lester	Sept. 2, 9
Paradise	Sept. 2
Redlands	Q80 Sept. 2
River Creek	Q15 Sept. 2, 9
Walton	Q80 Sept. 2
Wilson Shoals	Q15 Sept. 2
Wayne State Farm VPA	Q10 Sept. 2, 16, 30

YOUTH HUNT: WATERFOWL

QUOTA APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCT. 15

for designated quota hunts only

One adult may supervise two children. For designated quota hunts, no group applications allowed. Selected child may bring one other child and must bring only one supervising adult.

AREA	DATE
Altamaha - Champney	Q20 Nov. 18-19 (only Youth and Veterans may apply)
Conasauga	Nov. 11, 18, 25
Cordele Fish Hatchery	Q3 Dec. 2, Jan. 13
Lula Bridge	Nov. 11-12
Mead Farm	Nov. 11, Nov. 18, Nov. 25
Oconee - Dan Denton	Q3 Pond 1 & Q2 Pond 3 Nov. 11, 25
Phinizy Swamp	Nov. 11
Pleasant Valley VPA	Saturdays only during season
River Creek	Q3 Dec. 23 Jan. 6, 13
Rum Creek (MARSH Pond)	Q3 Dec. 16, Jan. 13
Tallapoosa	State Season, See page 62
West Point - Glovers Creek	Nov. 11



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Archers may not possess any firearms while hunting during archery deer season and primitive weapons hunters may not possess any centerfire or rimfire firearm while hunting during the primitive weapons season unless the person is a lawful weapons carrier as defined in O.C.G.A. Section 16-11-125.1, subject to the limitations of O.C.G.A. §§ 16-11-126 and 16-11-127, except where prohibited by federal law.

ARCHERY

- **Archery Only Counties:** Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb and Fulton (north of GA Hwy 92) Counties in accordance with statewide bag limits and other regulations.
- **Extended Archery Season:** Baker, Barrow, Bibb, Chatham, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Columbia, Decatur, DeKalb, Douglas, Early, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Grady, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Miller, Mitchell, Muscogee, Paulding, Richmond, Rockdale, Seminole, and Thomas counties only in accordance with statewide bag limits and other regulations.
- **Chattahoochee NF & Oconee NF:** During firearms deer season, archers must follow firearms either-sex dates on the National Forest. **All Chattahoochee National Forest land east of I-75 is closed to antlerless deer hunting. Antlered bucks only.**

Archery hunting is allowed during primitive weapon and firearm deer seasons. Deer of either sex may be taken, except as otherwise specified on WMAs. Hunting on the Chattahoochee & Oconee National Forests is buck-only except as otherwise specified, see pages 23 and 64-65 for details. Archery hunters must wear at least 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange during primitive weapons and firearms deer seasons, except in archery-only counties or WMAs.

PRIMITIVE WEAPONS

Statewide, excluding archery-only counties. Scopes are legal. Air rifles of .30 cal or larger and air bows are legal. During the statewide primitive weapons deer season and WMA primitive weapons hunts, **youth under 16 years of age may hunt deer with any legal deer firearm.**

SEASON LIMIT

10 antlerless deer and 2 antlered deer. One of the two antlered deer must have a minimum of 4 points, 1 inch or longer, on either antler or a minimum 15-inch outside antler spread to be legal. (Special county antler restrictions noted in next section).

COUNTY-WIDE ANTLER RESTRICTIONS

Dooly & Macon: antlered bucks must have a minimum outside antler spread of 15 inches to be legal.

Hancock, Harris, Meriwether, Montgomery Randolph, Talbot & Troup: antlered bucks must have a minimum of 4 points, 1-inch or longer, on either antler or a minimum 15-inch outside antler spread to be legal.

CHECKING YOUR DEER

All deer hunters are required to have a Harvest Record for the current season. Additionally, harvested deer must be reported through Georgia Game Check within 24 hours (see Georgia Game Check on page 14).

ANTLERS

Antlerless deer are those having no visible antlers above the hairline (including "button bucks") and may only be taken during either-sex or antlerless seasons or hunts. During "buck-only" hunts or seasons, a deer must have antlers visible above the hairline to be legal for harvest.

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COOLER LOCKERS

Whole or field-dressed deer received by a cold-storage or meat processing facility must be marked with the hunter's name, date, county of harvest and sex of deer. Hunters must provide the Game Check confirmation number to the facility when dropping off a deer. A list of processors is available at GoHuntGeorgia.com.

LAKES, STREAMS AND PONDS

It is unlawful to take a deer by any means while it is in a lake, stream, or pond.

RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ TRANSMISSION TOWERS

Hunting from a stand or platform attached to a transmission tower is trespassing and is prohibited. Written permission must be obtained from the landowner to hunt on power line, gas line, railroad, or other rights-of-way.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE PREVENTION

If you harvest a white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, moose, caribou, or any other species of deer outside the state of Georgia, you may bring back only the following carcass parts:

- 1 – boned-out meat or products thereof;
- 2 – hides with no heads attached;
- 3 – antlers, skulls, skull plates, teeth or jawbones with no soft tissue attached (velvet antlers are okay);
- 4 – finished taxidermy products.

CWD TESTING

Georgia Wildlife Resources Division has conducted statewide surveillance for CWD since 2002. Because the disease has not been found in Georgia to date, there is no recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control to test deer before consuming them. However, should you still want to test a deer for CWD you may contact your local Game Management office (see page 4) to make an appointment to bring the head in for testing. The fee for testing a deer head for CWD is \$40 per deer. When removing the head from the deer be sure to leave at least 4 inches of neck attached and store it refrigerated, not frozen. For more information please visit <https://georgiawildlife.com/cwd>.

CARCASS DISPOSAL

Although CWD has not been detected in Georgia, hunters can help minimize the spread of disease by following these guidelines on carcass disposal:

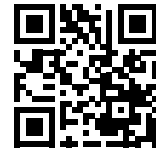
- Field dress deer on the property where they were killed.
- Return any unused carcass parts (bones, hide, trimmings, etc.) to the property where the deer was killed or bag them and send them to a landfill as you would handle household waste.
- Never dispose of carcass parts in a lake, stream, or river or on a road side or property other than where the deer was killed.

DEER URINE AND CWD

Hunters are strongly encouraged to only use synthetic urine products or natural urine products bearing the Responsible Hunting Scent Association's Deer Protection Program Checkmark.

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YELLOW			
EQUIPMENT	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY
Archery	Sept. 9, 2023	Oct. 13, 2023	Either-Sex
Primitive Weapons	Oct. 14, 2023	Oct. 20, 2023	Either-Sex
Firearms	Oct. 21, 2023	Nov. 24, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
	Nov. 25, 2023	Nov. 26, 2023	Either-Sex
	Nov. 27, 2023	Dec. 31, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
	Jan. 1, 2024	Jan. 1, 2024	Either-Sex
	Jan. 2, 2024	Jan. 14, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only

GREEN			
EQUIPMENT	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY
Archery	Sept. 9, 2023	Oct. 13, 2023	Either-Sex
Primitive Weapons	Oct. 14, 2023	Oct. 20, 2023	Either-Sex
Firearms	Oct. 21, 2023	Jan. 14, 2024	Either-Sex

In Hancock, Harris, Meriwether, Montgomery, Randolph, Talbot and Troup Counties, only antlered bucks with at least 4 points (one inch or longer) on either side or a 15-inch outside spread are legal.

In Dooly and Macon Counties, antlered bucks must have a minimum 15-inch outside spread.

CYAN			
EQUIPMENT	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY
Archery	Sept. 9, 2023	Oct. 13, 2023	Either-Sex
Primitive Weapons	Oct. 14, 2023	Oct. 20, 2023	Either-Sex
Firearms	Oct. 21, 2023	Nov. 2, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
	Nov. 3, 2023	Nov. 9, 2023	Either-Sex
	Nov. 10, 2023	Dec. 31, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
	Jan. 1, 2024	Jan. 1, 2024	Either-sex
	Jan. 2, 2024	Jan. 14, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only

MAGENTA			
EQUIPMENT	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY
Archery	Sept. 9, 2023	Sept. 24, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
	Sept. 25, 2023	Oct. 13, 2023	Either-Sex
Primitive Weapons	Oct. 14, 2023	Oct. 20, 2023	Either-Sex
Firearms	Oct. 21, 2023	Jan. 15, 2024	Either-Sex

ORANGE			
EQUIPMENT	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY
Archery	Sept. 9, 2023	Oct. 13, 2023	Either-Sex
Primitive Weapons	Oct. 14, 2023	Oct. 20, 2023	Either-Sex
Firearms	Oct. 21, 2023	Nov. 2, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
	Nov. 3, 2023	Nov. 9, 2023	Either-Sex
	Nov. 10, 2023	Nov. 16, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
	Nov. 17, 2023	Nov. 23, 2023	Either-Sex
	Nov. 24, 2023	Dec. 31, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
	Jan. 1, 2024	Jan. 14, 2024	Either-sex

EXTENDED ARCHERY SEASON			
COUNTIES	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY
Baker, Barrow, Bibb, Chatham, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Columbia, Decatur, DeKalb, Douglas, Early, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Grady, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Miller, Mitchell, Muscogee, Paulding, Richmond, Rockdale, Seminole, and Thomas	Jan. 15, 2024	Jan. 31, 2024	Either-Sex

GRAY			
EQUIPMENT	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY
Archery	Sept. 9, 2023	Jan. 31, 2024	Either-Sex

CHATTAHOOCHEE & OCONEE NATIONAL FORESTS

- **Chattahoochee National Forest (outside of WMAs) firearms deer season**

Oct. 21, 2023 - Jan. 1, 2024
Buck Only except as noted below.

- **Chattahoochee National Forest (outside of WMAs) firearms either-sex days**

West of I-75

Buck only (except during county either-sex days)

East of I-75

Closed to antlerless deer hunting during archery, primitive weapons, and firearms deer seasons.

- **Oconee National Forest (outside of WMAs) firearms deer season**

Oct. 21, 2023 - Jan. 14, 2024
Buck Only except as noted below

- **Oconee National Forest (outside of WMAs) firearms either-sex days**

Nov. 4-5, Nov. 25-26, Dec. 30-31

Refer to pages 64 & 65 for archery and primitive weapons seasons and more information.



DEER HUNTING

DOG-DEER HUNTING

DOG-DEER SEASONS

Hunting deer with dogs is allowed in select counties by permit only. Hunting deer with dogs is allowed on leased properties of at least 1,000 contiguous acres or privately-owned properties of at least 250 acres that are permitted by DNR. Permits are specific to only one piece of property and only one permit application per property should be submitted. Applications for a permit must be received at least 30 days prior to hunting deer with dogs. Applicants wishing to hunt on opening day must submit an application by September 21, 2023. Applications are available at gdnrle.org/special-permits. The permit number must be clearly marked on all dogs and all vehicles being used during the hunt. Call (770) 918-6408 for specific rules and regulations.

COUNTY	EITHER SEX
Atkinson (south of US Hwy 82), Jefferson, and Johnson (east of GA Hwy 15)	Nov. 23 - Jan. 14
Brantley, Bryan, Bulloch, Burke, Calhoun, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Chatham, Clinch, Dougherty, Echols, Effingham, Emanuel, Evans, Glynn (except Jekyll Island), Jenkins, Lanier (east of the Alapaha River and southeast of US Hwy 221), Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Pierce (southeast of US Hwy 84 and portion lying northwest of US Hwy 84 and east of Scenic Drive), Screven, Tattnall, Ware (south of US Hwy 82; and that portion lying north of US Hwy 82 and southeast of US Hwy 84), Washington (north of GA Hwy 24), and Wayne (north of US Hwy 341 and west of Beard's Bluff Rd.; north of GA Hwy 169; and southeast of US Hwy 84)	Oct. 21 - Jan. 14
Baker, Decatur, Early, Grady, Seminole, and Thomas	Oct. 21 - Jan. 15
Colquitt, Marion, Stewart, Terrell, and Webster	Dec. 9 - Jan. 14

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HUNTING REGULATIONS

BAITING

Bait: corn, wheat, other grains, salts, apples, and other feed that has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered so as to constitute a lure, attraction, or enticement to game animals or game birds.

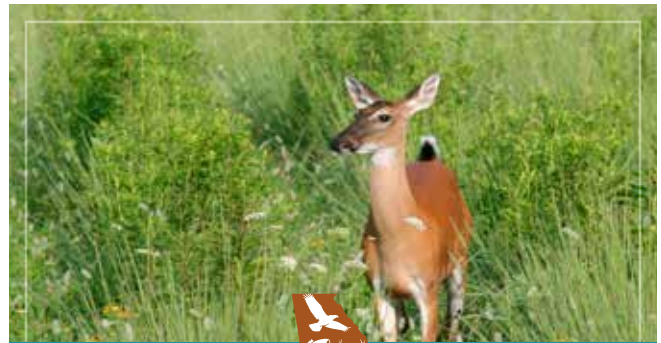
IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO:

- Hunt any game animal (except as noted below) or game bird upon, over, around, or within 200 yards of bait.
- Hunt any area for a period of 10 days following complete removal of all bait.
- Hunt any game or feral hog over bait, or place bait, on any State or Federal managed lands.
- Place bait in a manner that will cause hunting on an adjacent property to be prohibited.

Taking of any big game, other than deer, over bait is subject to a fine of \$5,000 and/or imprisonment up to 12 months.

EXCEPTIONS FOR DEER AND FERAL HOGS:

- Deer and feral hogs may be hunted over or near any bait on private lands in all counties, provided the hunter has written permission from the landowner. It is unlawful to hunt deer over bait, or place bait, on any state or federally managed lands.
- Placing bait for deer or hogs may make a property (or portion of a property) un-huntable for other species, such as turkeys. Hunters are urged to communicate with others who may hunt other species on or near an area where baiting for deer or hogs is being considered.



MANAGING WILDLIFE POPULATIONS

Did you know season timing and length is more effective than bag limits when managing wildlife populations? Bag limits effectively protect wildlife populations by preventing the commercialization of meat and parts from decimating wildlife numbers. However, truly increasing or decreasing harvest numbers requires adjusting season length and timing and cutting back some hunting opportunities. For most species, many hunters don't come close to killing the actual bag limit. For example, less than 10% of successful deer hunters kill more than 2 deer annually while nearly half don't kill any.



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Land Access: Any person, ages 16 and older, entering a WMA or PFA must possess a valid license for hunting or fishing or a Lands Pass (exclusions apply). Visit www.georgiawildlife.com/LandAccess for a list of all public properties and access requirements.

📍 DNR ARCHERY RANGES

LOCATION	
Amicalola Falls State Park	McDuffie PFA
Bullard Creek WMA	Ocmulgee WMA
Carters Lake WMA	Oconee WMA
Chickasawhatchee WMA	Panola Mountain State Park
Clarks Hill WMA	Richmond Hill WMA
Clybel WMA	Rich Mountain WMA—Cartecay Tract
Dodge County PFA	River Bend WMA
Evans County PFA	Rocky Mountain PFA
Flat Creek PFA	Unicoi State Park
General Coffee State Park	Victoria Bryant State Park
Georgia Veterans State Park	Walton WMA
J. L. Lester WMA	

📍 DNR FIREARMS RANGES

LOCATION	RANGE HOURS
Cedar Creek WMA	Thursday–Sunday: 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. CLOSED: Mondays–Wednesdays, Easter, Thanksgiving Day, & Christmas
Mike Commander (Chickasawhatchee), Clybel, Richmond Hill, and Wilson Shoals WMAs	Tues.–Sat. 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Sunday 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm CLOSED: Mondays, Easter, Thanksgiving Day, & Christmas
Cohutta WMA (USFS - Sumac Creek Shooting Range)	https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/conf/recreation/otheractivities/recarea/?recid=10483&actid=106
Beaverdam, Big Lazer Creek, Bullard Creek, Dixon Memorial, Hannahatchee, Mayhaw, Ocmulgee, West Point, and Yuchi WMAs	Tuesday–Sunday: sunrise to sunset CLOSED: Mondays
John’s Mountain WMA (USFS - Chestnut Mountain Shooting Range)	https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/conf/recreation/otheractivities/recarea/?recid=10474&actid=106



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See Seasons and Bag Limits on pages 32-34

BEAR

LIMIT

Two bears per season, however, only one bear may be taken from the Central or Southern Zone.

STATEWIDE RESTRICTIONS

It is unlawful to kill a female bear with cub(s) or bears under 75 pounds. No hunting bears over bait.

REPORTING HARVESTED BEARS

- All bear hunters are required to have a Harvest Record for the current season.
- Harvested bears must be reported through Georgia Game Check within 24 hours (see page 14).
- Additional checking and tagging requirements are listed under each bear zone.

Northern Bear Zone

Carroll, Fulton, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Walton, Barrow, Jackson, Madison, Hart and all counties north.

Youth (under 16 years of age) may hunt bear with any legal bear firearm during the Primitive Weapons season.

Restrictions: Hunting bears with dogs is prohibited except as specified for Chattahoochee & Chestatee WMAs (pages 45-46).

Checking & Tagging:

- Bears killed during bonus deer hunts must be reported via Georgia Game Check and taken on the day of kill to the check station for sample collection and tagging.
- Within 3 business days, bears (minimum of hide and skull) must be taken to any Game Management Office (except Fitzgerald) during regular business hours or to a state approved cooperators for biological data collection and tagging.
- List of approved cooperators may be found at <https://georgiawildlife.com/bear-info>.

Hours may vary; contact cooperators for details.

- Harvested bears may also be checked at any WMA check station in the counties listed above that are open for a bear or bonus deer hunt between 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Central Bear Zone

Bibb, Bleckley, Houston, and Twiggs Counties.

Restrictions: No hunting bears with dogs. No hunting bears on WMAs.

Checking & Tagging:

- Harvested bears must be tagged at the Oaky Woods WMA check station between noon and 9 p.m. on the day of the hunt(s).

Southern Bear Zone

Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Clinch, Echols, Lanier, Lowndes and Ware counties.

Restrictions: Hunting with dogs is allowed, except in Lanier and Lowndes Counties, where only still hunting is allowed.

Checking & Tagging:

Bears (minimum of hide and skull) must be tagged within 24 hours at one of these locations:

- Fargo Georgia Forestry Commission Office – Thursdays and Fridays 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Saturdays noon - 9 p.m., all hunt days
- Folkston Georgia Forestry Commission Office – Thursdays and Fridays 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Saturdays noon - 9 p.m., all hunt days
- Dixon Memorial WMA – Sept. 28-30; 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- After hours, call 1-800-241-4113, or 912-262-3173 on the following business day to arrange tagging.

TURKEY

LIMIT

Daily: 1 gobbler per hunter
Season: 2 gobblers per hunter
WMAs, VPAs, & National Forest lands: 1 gobbler per area per hunter (see page 38)

CHECK YOUR TURKEY

All turkey hunters are required to have a Harvest Record for the current season. Additionally, harvested turkeys must be reported through

Georgia Game Check within 24 hours (see page 14).

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY SEASON

Season is for youth 16 years of age and younger and mobility impaired persons (i.e. confined to wheelchair, hemiplegia, monoplegia, paraplegia, or single-leg amputation above the knee). Such hunters must be accompanied by a licensed adult (18 years or older) who can call but may not take or attempt to take a turkey. **This season does not apply to public lands unless otherwise specified.**

TURKEY SURVEY

All turkey hunters are encouraged to participate in the Turkey Hunting Population Survey to record turkey observations and hunter success during the spring season. Visit georgiawildlife.com/turkey-info or call (706) 557-3264.

BANDED TURKEYS

Hunters harvesting a banded turkey are asked to report their harvest at georgiawildlife.com/turkeyband or call 706-557-3350.

FERAL HOG

PRIVATE LANDS

Limit: No limit, no closed season.

Feral hogs may be hunted at night on private land. Hunting over bait is allowed. No hunting from a vehicle under power.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS:

Residents: All residents 16 years of age or older must possess a hunting license to hunt or trap feral hogs except when hunting on land owned by them or their immediate family (blood or dependent relationship) residing in the same household.

Nonresidents: Must possess a nonresident hunting license.

Exemptions to many of these restrictions for agricultural producers are available by permit. Contact your local Game Management Office for details see page 4.

LEGAL WEAPONS ON PRIVATE LAND

Any legal weapon. Additional weapon restrictions apply on WMAs and federal lands.

WMAS AND NATIONAL FOREST LANDS

Limit: No limit.

Hogs may be taken with primitive weapons during primitive weapons deer season, archery equipment during archery deer season, with deer weapons during firearms deer season, with turkey weapons during turkey season and with small game weapons during small game season. No night hunting. No hunting over bait. Hunting license requirements must be met. Hunter orange is required during firearms and primitive weapons deer and bear hunts. See page 67 for dog training seasons and rules. See pages 64-66 for federal lands.

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TRANSPORTING & RELEASE

It is unlawful to transport a live feral hog without a permit from the Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA). Feral hogs captured alive by a person without a valid GDA permit must be killed prior to transport. Release of any live feral hogs into an area that is not fenced in accordance with GDA regulations is prohibited. Any persons convicted of the transport or release of live feral hogs may be subject to losing hunting privileges for up to three years and a fine up to \$5,000.00, but not less than \$1,500.00. Transport and possession of live feral hogs are regulated by GDA; contact the Livestock & Poultry Program at 404-656-3665 for more information or visit <http://agr.georgia.gov/feral-hogs.aspx>.

PROCESSING

Any facility that processes hogs for a fee, including deer processors, must obtain a license to operate from the Meat Inspection Section of the Georgia Department of Agriculture. For more information, deer processors may contact the Georgia Meat Inspection office at 404-656-3673. Licensing requirements do not apply to individuals who process feral swine for their own use.

DISEASE PRECAUTION

Feral hogs can carry infectious diseases that are transmissible to people. To avoid possible

exposure: wear plastic gloves when field-dressing feral hogs; wash hands with soap and hot water immediately afterwards; avoid direct contact with blood and reproductive organs; cook thoroughly; and properly dispose of all waste.

ALLIGATOR

Please visit our website, GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com for complete alligator hunting rules and regulations.

Check Your Alligator: Harvested alligators must be reported through Georgia Game Check within 24 hours (see page 14).

Season: August 18 (sunset) - October 2 (sunrise)

Quota Process: Alligator harvest is by permit only. To enter the selection process, log into your account at GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com.

Application Period: June 1 - July 15

Legal Weapons: Hand-held ropes or snares, snatch hooks, harpoons, gigs, or arrows with restraining line attached. Lawfully restrained alligators may be killed with any caliber handgun or bangstick.

SMALL GAME

(See page 33 for seasons and bag limits)

BOBCAT & FOX

Bobcats and foxes may be hunted with small game firearms or centerfire firearms of .17 caliber or larger. Manual calls only. Hunting with dogs allowed. Night hunting allowed.

TRAPPING

Complete trapping regulations are available at GoHuntGeorgia.com. See pages 33 & 39 for seasons.

FALCONRY

Valid falconry permit and hunting license required. For season dates and limits for waterfowl see page 35.

- Squirrel (12 per day) Aug. 15 - Mar. 15
- Grouse (3 per day) Oct. 1 - Mar. 15
- Rabbit (12 per day) Oct. 1 - Mar. 15
- Quail (12 per day) Oct. 1 - Mar. 15

UNPROTECTED SPECIES

Coyotes, armadillos, groundhogs, beavers, starlings, pigeons, English sparrows, and nutria are unprotected species. No closed season. No limit. Electronic calls may be used for hunting coyotes.

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BIG GAME HUNTING 2023-2024 SEASONS, DATES & LIMITS

Hunting seasons, dates, and bag limits on WMAs, PFAs, State Parks, and federal lands may differ from those below. See pages 42-66 for specific dates in the area specific listing.

	SPECIES	SEASON	DATES	LIMITS & RESTRICTIONS
BIG GAME	Deer	Archery	Sept. 9 - Oct. 13	See pages 22-23 for either sex days.
		Extended Archery: See page 20 for counties.	Jan. 15 - 31	12 per season, Statewide. No more than 10 may be antlerless and no more than 2 may be antlered. One of the 2 antlered deer must have at least 4 points, one inch or longer, on one side of the antlers or at least a 15-inch outside spread. See page 20 for requirements in counties with antler restrictions.
		Primitive Weapons & Youth-Only Firearms (see page 20)	Oct. 14 - Oct. 20	
		Firearms*	Oct. 21 - Jan. 14 Oct. 21-Jan. 15 (Baker, Decatur, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, & Thomas Counties)	*Firearms deer hunting is not allowed in Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton (north of GA Hwy 92), and that portion of Glynn County lying within Jekyll Island. In the portion of Forsyth County south of GA Hwy 20 only shotguns and muzzleloaders may be used (no other firearms allowed).
	Bear	Northern Zone	Archery: Sept. 9 - Oct. 13 Primitive Weapons & Youth Only Firearms: Oct. 14 - 20	Two per season, provided, however, no more than one of these may be taken from the Central or Southern Zones. See pages 14 & 30 for bear harvest and reporting requirements. See page 38 for reporting requirements for bears harvested on WMAs.
			Firearms: Oct. 21 - Jan. 14	
		Central Zone	Firearms: Dec. 16*	
	Southern Zone	Firearms: Sept. 21-23, Sept. 28-30, Oct. 5-7, Oct. 12-14	*If fewer than 6 female bears are harvested on December 16 then a 2nd hunt day will be opened (please visit www.georgiawildlife.com after December 18).	
	Turkey	Special Opportunity, Statewide	Mar. 23-24, 2024	Only for youth 16 years of age or younger and mobility impaired persons (see page 30). This season does not apply to public lands unless otherwise specified.
		Private Lands	Mar. 30 - May 15, 2024	2 Gobblers per season; Daily bag limit of 1 (including Special Opportunity season). On WMAs, VPAs, & National Forest lands: 1 gobbler per area per person. See individual WMA listings for specifics pages 42-66.
WMAs, VPAs & National Forest		Apr. 6 - May 15, 2024		

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2023-2024 SEASONS, DATES & LIMITS

Hunting seasons, dates, and bag limits on WMAs, PFAs, State Parks, and federal lands may differ from those below. See pages 42-66 for specific dates in the area specific listing.

	SPECIES	SEASON	DATES	LIMIT
SMALL GAME	Alligator	Zone & Quota Limited	Aug. 18 - Oct. 2	1 per quota permit holder
	Fox & Bobcat	Statewide	Dec. 1 - Feb. 29	No limit
	Grouse	Statewide	Oct. 15 - Feb. 29	3 per day
	Quail	Statewide	Nov. 18 - Feb. 29	12 per day
	Rabbit	Statewide	Nov. 18 - Feb. 29	12 per day
	Raccoon & Opossum	Private lands	No closed season	No limit
		Public lands	Aug. 15 - Feb. 29	No limit
Squirrel	Statewide	Aug. 15 - Feb. 29	12 per day	
TRAPPING	Bobcat, Fox, Mink, Muskrat, Otter, Skunk, Weasel	Statewide	Dec. 1 - Feb. 29	No limit
	Raccoon, Opossum	Statewide	No closed season	No limit



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Josie with her first gator. (Lake Seminole)

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MIGRATORY BIRDS

2023-2024 SPECIES, DATES & LIMITS

	SPECIES	SEASON	DATES	LIMIT*
MIGRATORY BIRDS	Canada Goose Geese & White-fronted Geese	Statewide	Sept. 2-24 Oct. 7-22 Nov. 18-26 Dec. 9 - Jan. 28	5 per day, combined
	Brant	Closed		
	Common (Wilson's) Snipe	Statewide	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28	8 per day
	Coot	Statewide	Nov. 18-26 Dec. 9 - Jan. 28	15 per day
	Crow	Statewide	Nov. 5 - Feb. 28	No limit
	Doves	Statewide	Sept. 2 - Oct. 8 Nov. 18-26 Dec. 19 - Jan. 31	15 per day
	Ducks	Statewide	Nov. 18-26 Dec. 9 - Jan. 28	6 per day; no more than 4 may be sea ducks See Species Limits
	Gallinules	Statewide	Nov. 18-26 Dec. 9 - Jan. 28	15 per day
	Harlequin	Closed		
	Mergansers	Statewide	Nov. 18-26 Dec. 9 - Jan. 28	5 per day
	Snow Geese	Statewide	Oct. 7-22 Nov. 18-26 Dec. 9 - Jan. 28	5 per day
	Sora and Rails	Statewide	Oct. 8-28 Nov. 8 - Dec. 26	King & Clapper: 15 per day Sora and Virginia: 25 per day
	Teal	Statewide	Sept. 9-24	6 per day
	Woodcock	Statewide	Dec. 9 - Jan. 22	3 per day

* Possession limits are 3 times the daily bag limit.

	SPECIES	LIMIT*
DUCKS	Black or Mottled	1 per day
	Canvasback	2 per day
	Fulvous Whistling	1 per day
	Mallard	2 per day (only 1 may be a hen)
	Pintail	1 per day
	Redhead	2 per day
	Scaup	1 per day
	Wood Duck	3 per day
SEA DUCKS (SCOTER, EIDER, LONG-TAILED DUCK)	Eider	3 per day (only 1 may be a hen)
	Long-tailed duck	3 per day
	Scoter	3 per day

FEDERALLY REGULATED MIGRATORY BIRDS

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regulates the harvest of migratory birds by establishing framework (opening and closing dates, maximum season length, and maximum bag limits) within which states can set their migratory bird hunting seasons. Georgia annually establishes waterfowl and late-season migratory bird hunting season dates and bag limits that maximize opportunity within the framework adopted by the USFWS.

In addition to State regulations, Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting, and storage of migratory birds. Each hunter should also

consult official Federal Regulations, which may be found in: Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

GA WATERFOWL AND MIGRATORY BIRD LICENSE

A GA Waterfowl & Migratory Bird License is required for any person age 16 and older who hunts migratory birds (doves, ducks, geese, woodcock, snipe, coots, soras, rails, or gallinules). A free GA Waterfowl & Migratory Bird License is available for all resident Landowners hunting their own land and also for any Sportsman's License, Youth Sportsman's License, Disability Sportsman's License, Disability Hunting License, Honorary License or Lifetime Sportsman's License holder.

FEDERAL DUCK STAMP

Federal Duck Stamp is required for all waterfowl (ducks and geese) hunters 16 years of age or older, including resident landowners and their immediate family. The stamp is valid from July 1 - June 30 and must be signed in ink across the face. The Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp is available at US Post Offices, 1-800-STAMP24, www.GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com, or usps.com.

LEGAL HOURS

ALL MIGRATORY BIRDS: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.

FEDERAL YOUTH, ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY, & VETERANS WATERFOWL DAYS

Nov. 11-12, 2023

Youth 16 years of age or younger may hunt waterfowl or geese on these days. An adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth into the field but may not hunt. Additionally, active duty military and veterans may hunt waterfowl or geese on these days in accordance with all other license requirements and bag limits.

CROWS

Electronic calls may be used. Crows may be taken outside of these dates only when causing agricultural damage.

EURASIAN COLLARED DOVES

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POSSESSION OF MIGRATORY BIRDS HARVESTED BY ANOTHER

Persons possessing migratory birds harvested by another hunter must possess, in writing, the hunter's signature, address, total number of birds harvested by species and dates of harvest.

BANDED BIRDS

Hunters harvesting any banded migratory bird should go to the Bird Banding Laboratory website at www.reportband.gov to report the band number and how, when and where it was recovered.

FALCONRY (FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS)

Valid falconry permit and hunting license required.

Limits:

3 per day, 9 in possession

Dates:

Sept. 2-24

Oct. 7-22

Nov. 11-12

Nov. 18 - Dec. 2

Dec. 9 - Jan. 28

CAUTION: More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal Regulations, contact Special Agent-in-Charge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 75 Spring Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303 or call 404-679-7057.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

LAKES ALLATOONA & LANIER RESTRICTIONS:

No hunting allowed within 600 feet of a dock, house, structure, bridge, road, boat ramp, marina or open recreation area. Contact the local Game Management Region Office (see page 4) for open dates, closed recreation areas open for hunting and other special rules for waterfowl hunting on Lakes Allatoona & Lanier, or visit georgiawildlife.com/migratory-bird-info.

GEORGIA POWER LAKES (IN NORTH GEORGIA):

No hunting allowed within 300 feet of any dock, house, boat ramp, marina or open recreation area without permission from the lease or property owner.

Lakes open for duck and goose hunting: Lake Burton, Lake Seed, Lake Rabun, Tallulah Falls Lake, Lake Tugalo and Lake Yonah. Contact the Game Management Region 2 Office at 770-535-5700 for dates and other special rules for waterfowl hunting on Georgia Power Lakes in North Georgia, or visit georgiawildlife.com/migratory-bird-info.

LAKE WALTER F. GEORGE (LWFG):

No hunting allowed on the portions of LWFG in Georgia within 600 feet of a dock, house, structure, bridge, road, boat ramp, marina,



Destiny Sentell on opening day of dove season.

or open recreation area. Waterfowl hunting from land is prohibited outside of the specified "Hunting Areas". A Corps permit **is required** to hunt waterfowl on all areas of the lake, except the Eufaula NWR. Information on how to purchase a permit (in person or by mail only): www.sam.usace.army.mil or 229-768-2516.

LAKE BLACKSHEAR, LAKE OCONEE, LAKE SEMINOLE, LAKE SINCLAIR & LAKE OLIVER (SOUTH OF STANDING BOY CREEK):

No hunting allowed within 300 feet of a dock, house, structure, bridge, road, boat ramp, marina or open recreation area.



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GEORGIA PUBLIC HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS (WMAS)

WMAs, VPAs, and State Parks offer unique hunting opportunities based upon factors such as size, habitat, topography, access, wildlife population dynamics and public desires. Therefore, each area has specific rules and regulations. Being familiar with Unlawful Actions (pg. 43), information that follows, and regulations for a specific area can ensure you have an enjoyable experience.

Land Access: Any person, age 16 and older, entering any WMA or PFA must have a valid GA license that allows hunting or fishing or a Lands Pass (exclusions apply). Visit www.georgiawildlife.com/LandAccess for a list of all public properties and access requirements. Areas that require a valid license to hunt or fish or a Lands Pass are marked with signage at the site or entrance. Passes and licenses may be purchased at GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com, by calling 1-800-366-2661, or through license vendors.

Any individual(s) or organization(s) desiring to sponsor or conduct an event, activity, or series of events or activities involving more than eight individuals or are engaged in commercial activities on a WMA or PFA may be required to obtain a "Right of Entry" agreement (ROEA) from the Department. Contact the respective Game Management office for more details (see page 4).

Maps: Interactive maps for all areas are available at georgiawildlife.com/AllWMAs. Maps may also be found at check stations, kiosks, and region offices.

Fees on National Forest Lands: Fees may be charged for camping, ATV/ORV trails, shooting ranges, and boat ramps on the National Forest. These fees apply to all users. For more information, visit www.fs.usda.gov/visit/passes-permits/recreation-fees-passes or contact any U. S. Forest Service Office.

WMA ACTIVITIES

CAMPING is allowed year-round unless otherwise indicated in the area listing. Camping and campfires must be in designated campgrounds unless otherwise posted at the check station. Camping, or establishment of a campsite, is limited to a maximum of 14 consecutive days, after which the campsite must be vacated and all personally owned property or physical features of the camp must be removed for a period of not less than 7 days. During that 7-day period a new campsite may not be established within the boundaries of the same WMA or within 1 mile straight-line radius of the vacated campsite by the same person(s).

Designated DNR-managed campgrounds may have a fee and/or require reservations. Payments and reservations may be made online at GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com or by calling 1-800-366-2661.

No musical instruments, radios, televisions, generators or other noise making devices may be used after 10:00 p.m. in a manner that they may be heard by other WMA users. (Note: Medically needed devices or aids to disabled persons are permitted.)

Loaded firearms are prohibited in camping areas, except that any lawful weapons carrier as defined in O.C.G.A. Section 16-11-125.1 may carry such firearm subject to the limitations of OCGA §§ 16-11-126 and 16-11-127, except where prohibited by federal law.

No carving, cutting, chopping or damaging of live or standing trees.

NATIONAL FOREST LANDS: Camping is allowed anywhere unless otherwise indicated or signed. Forest Service regulations apply on WMAs located on National Forest lands.

HIKING & OTHER RECREATIONAL USES are allowed year-round, unless otherwise posted at the WMA check station or at a specific recreation site. All WMA visitors are encouraged to wear daylight fluorescent orange during open hunting seasons. Specific recreation sites may be closed as needed for management purposes.

COLLECTING FIREWOOD: Only trees that are dead and down may be cut and used for firewood on WMAs. Annual firewood cutting permits are issued for personal use by the Game Management Region Office. On National Forests, firewood permits are available from the district U. S. Forest Service offices.

MOTOR VEHICLES, ATVS, HORSES & BICYCLES

All motor vehicles are restricted to roads open for vehicular access. ATVs may only be operated on open roads within WMAs during the period between 2 hours before sunrise and 2 hours after sunset one day prior to and during big game, small game, and hog only hunts by hunters actively participating in the hunt (except where otherwise specified).

"Open Roads" are roads not closed with a gate, sign, earthen berm or similar device intended to prevent vehicular access. Motor vehicles (including ATVs, dirt bikes, utility vehicles, golf carts, and other off-road vehicles) must meet applicable safety, licensing, insurance and registration requirements for use on public roads. Vehicle and ATV operators must be at least 16 years old. Roads may be closed at the discretion of DNR. Vehicles may not be parked in such a way as to block an open or closed roadway, or gate.

ON NATIONAL FOREST LANDS, including WMAs on the National Forest, ATVs are restricted to designated ATV trails unless posted otherwise.

HORSES AND BICYCLES

Horses and bicycles are allowed on open roads, designated trails, or designated areas (some specific area restrictions may apply). Bicycles may be used on closed roads for the purpose of hunter access. Electric bicycles (750 watts or less) may be used the same as pedal powered bicycles. Those exceeding 750 watts are restricted to roads open for vehicular access. Horses may be used off roads and trails during permitted field trials.

ON NATIONAL FOREST LANDS, horses and bicycles may be used on lands not otherwise closed. Electric bicycles are restricted to roads open for motor vehicles. Horses, bicycles, and electric bicycles are prohibited on the Appalachian Trail.

COGONGRASS...HAVE YOU SEEN IT? REPORT IT.

To prevent loss of forestland and wildlife habitat,
report sightings to the Georgia Forestry Commission.



In spring - cogongrass produces fluffy white seedheads.



Leaves have finely serrated margins (often light yellow-green in color) and prominent, off-center white mid-veins.



Root system is a dense, thick root mat with extremely long, scaly and sharp pointed rhizomes.

Cogongrass may not look dangerous, but it is one of the world's worst weeds! It grows in full sun or shade, is spread by wind-blown seeds and underground rhizomes and chokes out all native vegetation. Most ground-dwelling animals such as quail, turkey, and deer do not travel through cogongrass.

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PUBLIC HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL WMA REGULATIONS

ROAD CLOSURES

There are reasons why roads may be closed to motor vehicles. Some roads are intended for Official Use Only (e.g., timber harvest, habitat management, emergency response). Roads that are typically closed may be open during managed hunts or during certain high-use periods to improve access and evenly distribute hunters. Before visiting a WMA:

- Go to GoHuntGeorgia.com for notices of road closures.
- Obtain a WMA map that denotes area specific access.
- Contact the Game Management Region Office (page 4) regarding questions pertaining to the specific status of roads or access features.

HUNTING, FISHING & TRAPPING

Sign-in is required for all bear, deer, and turkey hunts unless otherwise noted for a specific area listing. Sign in only once for each hunt segment or season. Sign-in can be done online at GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com except for some State Park Hunts and some coastal island WMA hunts. Sign-in available the day prior to the hunt.

Bag limits are the same as statewide limits unless otherwise specified below or for a specific area listing. All alligator, bear, deer, and turkey are to be recorded on your harvest record and reported in Georgia Game Check (pg. 14) except as otherwise specified below.

DEER

All deer hunts or seasons are either-sex unless otherwise noted in the area listing. On areas with antler restrictions in effect, all deer hunts are quality buck and antlerless unless otherwise noted in the area listing.

BONUS DEER HUNTS: No more than two (2) deer may be killed unless otherwise noted in area listing. On areas with antler restrictions in effect, no more than one (1) of the two (2) deer may be an antlered buck. Deer killed on bonus hunts are not to be recorded on your deer harvest record or reported in Georgia Game Check. Instead, deer are to be taken on day of kill to the check station where agency staff will tag the deer. Deer can be brought to the check station whole, field dressed, or quartered along with head.

TURKEY

Bag limit is statewide limit except that no more than one (1) gobbler per season may be taken per a single WMA, department-managed land, or National Forest lands outside of WMAs unless otherwise noted in the specific area listing.

BEAR

All harvested bears must be Game Checked and tagged (See page 30 for specific requirements by bear zone). Bear killed during bonus deer hunts are to be taken on day of kill to the check station where agency staff will tag the bear.

MIGRATORY BIRDS

CROWS, SNIBE, SORA, RAILS AND WOODCOCK may be hunted during the statewide seasons (pages 34-35) for each species unless otherwise specified.

DOVE: On managed dove fields on opening day, legal hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset unless otherwise noted in area listing. Dove hunters may not enter the field prior to 1 hour before sunrise.

DUCK hunting on managed impoundments at Altamaha (Butler & Champney Islands), B. F. Grant, Oconee, Rum Creek, and West Point (Glovers Creek) WMAs and Cordele Hatchery is by quota only. Hunters must hunt from assigned areas or ponds. Shooting hours end at noon, except the last Saturday of the season when hunting is allowed until sunset. See page 70 for quota hunt information.

Waterfowl on all other WMA locations may be hunted any day of the waterfowl season or as otherwise specified.

GOOSE hunting is allowed on WMAs when the area is open for small game, except on managed waterfowl impoundments and managed dove fields. On managed waterfowl impoundments, geese may be taken by drawn hunters during the statewide goose season.

SMALL GAME, ALLIGATORS, FALCONRY

Small game and furbearers may be hunted subject to statewide seasons and bag limits (page 33) except as otherwise specified below and noted for a specific area listing.

Small game and furbearer hunting are not allowed during quota hunts unless otherwise noted in the specific area listing.

Daylight fluorescent orange is required on small game hunts (except dove and waterfowl) concurrent with firearms deer or bear hunts.

ALLIGATORS may be taken on small game dates and big game dates, day or night, during statewide alligator season by quota permit holders only, unless otherwise noted in the specific area listing. See page 31 for more information.

COYOTES may be taken anytime a WMA is open to hunting, but hunters may only use weapons legal for the species for which the area is open. During small game hunts and dates, centerfire firearms are not allowed. Additionally, coyote season is May 16-31 on all WMAs with any legal weapon, unless otherwise specified in the WMA specific area listings. Hunters are required to wear fluorescent orange and no night hunting or baiting is allowed. Electronic calls may be used.

FALCONRY: Small game may be taken on WMAs (including field trial and archery only areas) by permitted falconers during the state falconry season unless otherwise noted in the specific area listing.

FERAL HOGS may be taken anytime a WMA is open to hunting, but hunters may only use weapons legal for the species for which the area is open. During small game hunts and dates, centerfire firearms are not allowed. On some WMAs during the May 16-31 coyote season, feral hogs may be taken unless otherwise noted in the specific area listing. On WMAs where feral hogs can be taken during May 16-31, any legal weapon may be used and hunters are required to wear fluorescent orange. Electronic calls may be used. No night hunting or baiting allowed. Dogs are NOT allowed unless otherwise specified.

FOX SQUIRREL bag limit is one per person per day on all WMAs, VPAs, and department-managed lands.

RACCOONS, OPOSSUMS, FOXES & BOBCATS may be hunted at night unless otherwise noted in the specific area listing but is restricted to small game weapons only (no centerfire rifles). Hunters must pick up their dogs by noon on the day following the hunt. No electronic calls. No centerfire rifles during small game dates, day or night.

AFTER YOUR SUCCESSFUL HUNT

All hunters must make an effort to properly dispose of all portions of their game carcasses after processing (see page 21). Please do not discard carcasses within 1,500 feet of any campground or within 125 feet of any road or trail. Do not dump multiple game carcasses in one spot. Spread carcasses out so scavengers across the WMA can access the carcasses, facilitating quick clean up.

FISHING

Fishing is allowed on WMAs unless otherwise posted. A fishing license is required to fish on all WMAs (a trout license is additionally required to fish in mountain trout waters).

TREE STANDS & HUNTING STRUCTURES

Hunting structure: any portable tree stand, ground blind, stool, chair, bucket, waterfowl blind, or other similar device used for the purpose of hunting.

Hunters may not construct or hunt from any tree stand that is not portable or natural. Tree stands may not be placed on utility poles or other structures supporting utility lines. For big game and feral hog

hunts, hunting structures shall not be placed any sooner than one day prior to the hunt and shall be removed from the WMA no later than noon the day following the hunt. For small game hunts, hunting structures may be placed and shall be removed from the WMA only on the day of the hunt. **Exception:** Opening day of dove season hunters shall not enter a managed dove field and hunting structures shall not be placed on a managed dove field prior to 1 hour before sunrise.

TRAPPING

Limited opportunities to trap on certain WMAs are available by permit only. Such opportunities are available on: Albany Nursery, B. F. Grant, Big Lazer Creek, Blanton Creek, Bullard Creek, Clayhole, Crockford-Pigeon Mtn, Dawson Forest, Dixon Memorial, Elmodel, Joe Kurz, Penholoway, Rum Creek, Tuckahoe, West Point, and Yuchi WMAs. Contact the appropriate region office (page 4) for further details or to apply for a permit.

YOUTH HUNTS AND SUPERVISION

Youth under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older and “directly supervised,” which means uninterrupted, unaided visual contact and auditory communication with the youth by the adult when hunting on a WMA.

Big Game (bear, deer, turkey) Hunts: One adult shall supervise no more than one child. Only the youth may hunt. The adult may not hunt. All youth big game hunts are firearms hunts unless specified otherwise.

Small Game Hunts: One adult may directly supervise no more than two children (16 years old and under). Adults and children may hunt, provided that the adult is directly supervising a child who is actively participating in the hunt, unless otherwise noted in the specific area listing.

VOLUNTARY PUBLIC ACCESS (VPA) LANDS

Since 2014, through a USDA grant, the DNR Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) has been able to enhance its WMA program through temporary agreements with private landowners for public hunting opportunities. Some of these VPA opportunities are listed on pages 61-62, but some may not be included due to deadlines. For an up-to-date list of properties, please visit GoHuntGeorgia.com.

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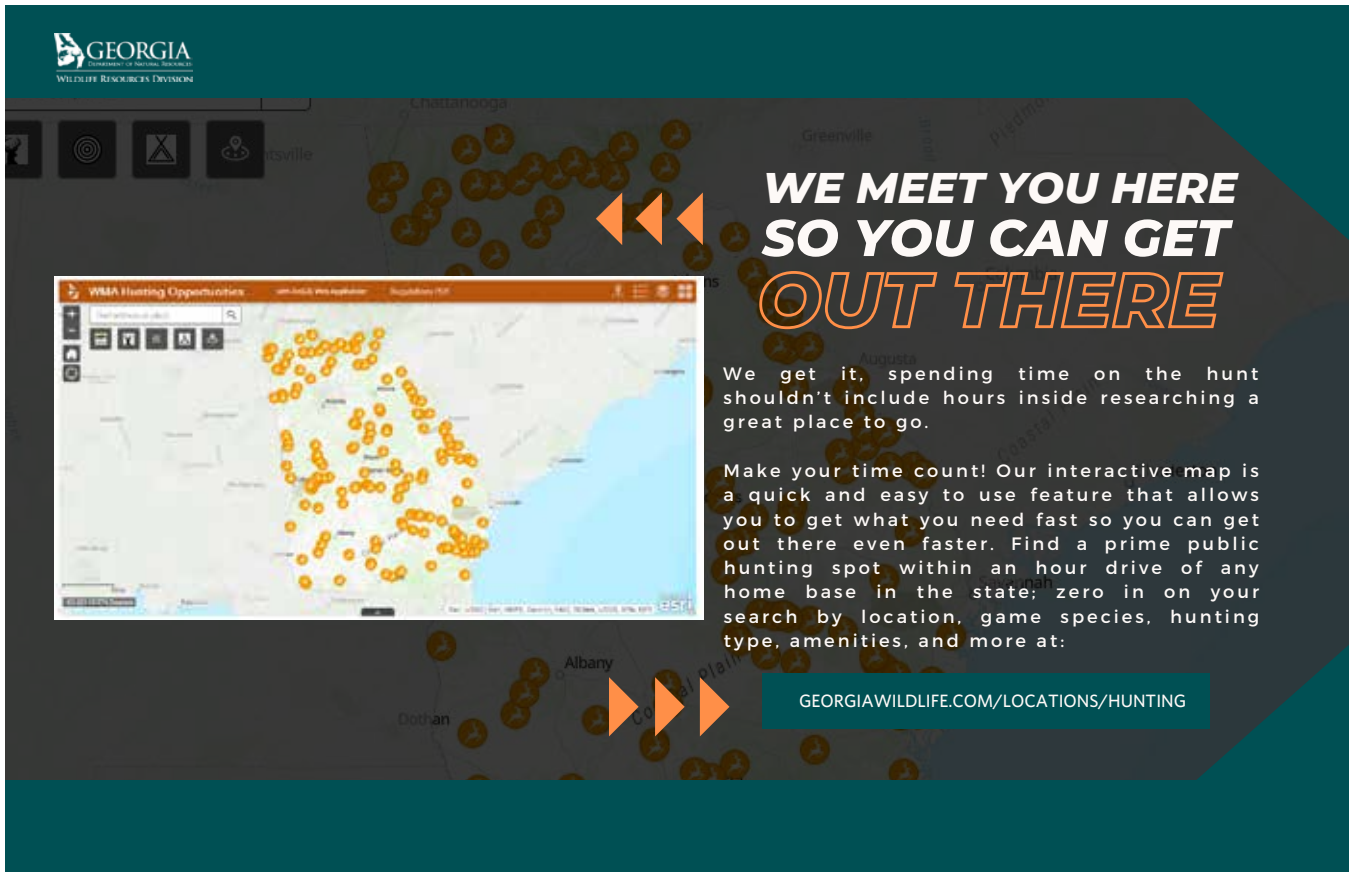
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UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES ON WMAs

- Man-drives during deer hunts. A man-drive is defined as an organized hunting technique involving three (3) or more hunters using a coordinated effort to drive deer or feral swine from cover to another hunter for the purpose of shooting.
- Placing bait or wildlife food and hunting any game species or feral hog over bait.
- Target practicing, except on an authorized shooting range.
- Driving a vehicle around any gate, sign, earth berm, or similar device intended to prevent vehicular access.
- Hunting within 50 yards of any road opened for vehicular access. See pages 64 and 65 for National Forests.
- Hunting within a posted safety zone or no hunting zone.
- Consuming alcohol except at designated camp sites (this regulation does not apply on National Forest lands).
- Operate any motor vehicle, including off-road vehicles, in a reckless and negligent manner, or in a manner that willfully causes damage to roads, ditches, wildlife habitat, berms, firebreaks, campgrounds or parking areas.
- Using motor vehicles, signage, flagging tape, or any other method(s) to close or restrict access to roads, trails or any other access features.
- Using metal detectors or collecting artifacts.
- Using paintball equipment (this regulation does not apply on National Forest lands).
- Trapping except that special permits may be issued for certain WMAs.
- Possessing alcohol while hunting on National Forest lands.
- Possessing a cocked crossbow in a motor vehicle.
- Possessing a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle during a legal open hunting season for that area unless such person is a lawful weapons carrier as defined in O.C.G.A. Section 16-11-125.1.
- Hunt any big game species, feral hogs, or coyotes with dogs unless otherwise specified.

PUBLIC HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES INTERACTIVE MAP

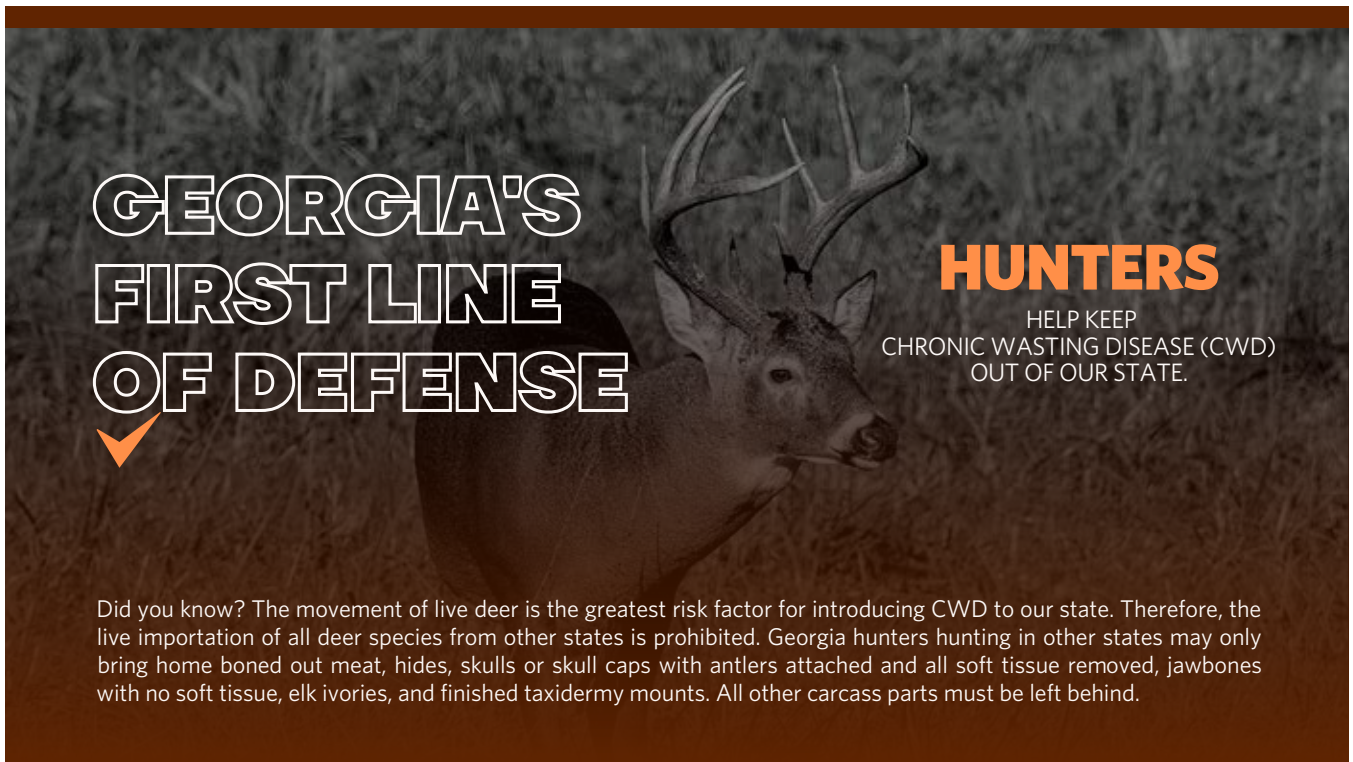


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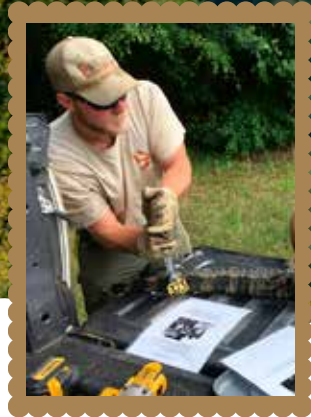
Did you know? The movement of live deer is the greatest risk factor for introducing CWD to our state. Therefore, the live importation of all deer species from other states is prohibited. Georgia hunters hunting in other states may only bring home boned out meat, hides, skulls or skull caps with antlers attached and all soft tissue removed, jawbones with no soft tissue, elk ivories, and finished taxidermy mounts. All other carcass parts must be left behind.

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PUBLIC HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

SPECIFIC WMA & PFA HUNTING REGULATIONS

This section of the 2023-2024 Hunting Seasons and Regulations provides information related to lands managed for hunting by Wildlife Resources Division.

Small game and furbearers may be hunted subject to statewide seasons and bag limits (page 33) except during quota hunts and unless otherwise specified in a specific area listing.

Please review the legend below. Each listing will have a list of applicable symbols located in its header as a quick reference.

INTERACTIVE MAPS & MORE

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LEGEND

Sign-in required for all bear, deer, and turkey hunts unless otherwise noted for a specific area.

- 📍 Sign-in
- 🏆 Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 42)
- 👤 Youth Hunt (see pg. 20)
- 📍 Quota Hunt (see pg. 74)
- 🏹 Archery Only Area
- 🌟 Specialty Hunt (see pg. 72)
- 📍 Hunt & Learn
- 🦌 Antler Restricted Area
- 📍 Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 73)
- 🐕 Bird Dog Training
- 🦊 Furbearer Dog Training
- 🐰 Rabbit Dog Training
- 🎯 Archery Range
- 🔫 Firearms Shooting Range

ALAPAHA RIVER WMA

6,870 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER

ARCHERY
» Sept. 9-Oct. 22

FIREARMS

» **Buck Only:** Oct. 28-29
» 📍 Nov. 9-11 | 📍 Nov. 22-26, Dec. 12-17

TURKEY

Q15: Apr. 6-12
Apr. 13-May 15

DOVE

Q50📍 Sept. 2
Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, Nov. 18-26, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE

May 16 - 31

DIRECTIONS

From Ocala: Take Hwy 319 West towards Tifton for 10 miles. Entrance on left.

ALBANY NURSERY WMA

300 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER

ARCHERY
» Dec. 3-Jan. 14

SHOTGUN ONLY

» 📍 Oct. 26-29, Nov. 23-26

TURKEY

📍 Q1 Mobility Impaired: Apr. 13-17, Apr. 27-May 1
📍 Q1 Apr. 6-10, Apr. 20-24

QUAIL

Daily bag limit: 3/person. Quail hunting on designated dates only. Hunting party must report harvest at kiosk or online; one survey per party.
📍 Q1 📍 Nov. 18, Dec. 2
Q1 📍 Jan. 20, 23

DOVE

Quota on designated fields only. All other areas open to the public.
Q35📍 Sept. 2
Sept. 9-Oct. 8, Nov. 18-26, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE

No May 16-31 season.

AREA NOTES

Physically Disabled hunters apply by letter by Mar. 10 to Albany Nursery Quota Turkey Hunt, Game Management, 2024 Newton Road, Albany, Georgia 31701. Include a phone number. See page 70 for all other quota hunt application instructions. No camping. Dog training in designated area only.

DIRECTIONS

Take GA Hwy 234 west 11 miles; turn right on Tallahassee Rd.; go 1.2 miles to entrance on right.

ALEXANDER WMA

1,300 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER

ARCHERY
» Sept. 9-Oct. 20, Dec. 1-Jan. 14

FIREARMS

» Oct. 21-Nov. 30

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

DOVE

No dove hunting outside of dove field.
Q50📍 Sept. 2. Shooting hours end at noon.
📍 Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, Nov. 18-26, Dec. 19-Jan. 31.

QUAIL

Daily bag limit: 3/person. Hunting on designated dates only. Hunting party must report harvest at kiosk or online; one survey per party. Saturdays and Tuesdays from Nov. 18-Feb. 27.

COYOTE

May 16 - 31

AREA NOTES

No camping.

DIRECTIONS

From Waynesboro Take GA HWY 24 east 6 miles; turn right on Harrison Rd.; go 1.5 miles to stop sign; turn left on Lovett Rd for 0.6 mile; Sign-In board is on the left.

ALLATOONA WMA

6,818 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR

ARCHERY
» Sept. 9-Oct. 20

FIREARMS

» 📍 Oct. 21-22
» 📍 Oct. 23-Nov. 1
» Nov. 2-Jan. 1

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE

May 16-31

AREA NOTES

Firearms prohibited in U.S. Corps of Engineers developed campsites. Horse and bicycle trails & areas are closed all day during Firearms Specialty Hunt and before 10 am EST during other deer and turkey seasons. No ATVs. No camping.

DIRECTIONS

From Cartersville Take HWY 20 east from I-75, 5.5 miles to check station.

ALLIGATOR CREEK WMA

3,086 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER

State seasons.

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

DIRECTIONS

From Lumber City: Take Hwy 19 north towards Glenwood for 2 miles. Entrance on left.

ALTAMA PLANTATION WMA

3,986 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER

ARCHERY
» Sept. 9-Nov. 8, Dec. 31-Jan. 14

FIREARMS

» Q50 Nov. 9-11, Nov. 30-Dec. 2

» Dec. 28-30

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

SMALL GAME

No furbearer hunting.

COYOTE

May 16-31

DIRECTIONS

From Brunswick: Take I-95 north approx. 6.5 miles to Exit 42 (GA Hwy 99). Turn left (southwest) on Hwy 99 crossing back over I-95 toward Sterling and proceed approx. 0.5 mile to entrance on right.

ALTAMAHA WMA—BUFFALO SWAMP, LEWIS ISLAND, AND MCGOWAN LAKE TRACTS

19,987 acres • 912.262.3173

Area includes Altamaha WMA lands west of Butler & Champney Islands.

DEER

State seasons.

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

DIRECTIONS

Buffalo Swamp from Darien: Take HWY 251/Cox Rd west 8 miles to Cox. Left onto Possum Point Rd. Sign In box is 1.5 miles on left. McGowan Lake from Darien: Take HWY 251/Cox Rd west 8 miles to Cox. Left onto Barrington Rd. Entrance is 2.2 miles on left. You may also sign in at Altamaha Regional Park, Champney Island Boat Ramp, and Darien City Docks.

ALTAMAHA WMA—WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA

11,402 acres • 912.262.3173

Area includes Broughton, Butler, Champney, and Rhetts Islands.

DEER

ARCHERY
Sept. 9-Nov. 15

SMALL GAME

Butler Island opens after the last Saturday of waterfowl season. Aug. 15-Nov. 15, Feb. 1-Feb. 29. No furbearer season.

- **Rabbits:** Daily bag Limit: 6/ person. 🏹 Archery Only, Butler Refuge Area: Jan. 20-21.
- **Snipe:** Wed.-Sun. & state holidays during season.

DOVE

Sept. 2-4, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24

WATERFOWL

Shooting hours end at noon, except last day of season when shooting hours end at sunset.

- **Rhett's Island:** Wed., Sat., Sun., & State Holidays during statewide season.
- **Q20 Butler Island:** Saturday Only; see Page 71. Stand selection drawing is held at 5am. Stand-by hunters will be issued unfilled blinds on quota hunts based on drawing the morning of the hunt. Max. 3 persons per quota party. Handicap hunters selected for quota contact Area Manager at 912-262-3173.
- **Q20 Champney Island:** Saturday & Sunday Only; see Page 71. First hunt open only to youth and veterans to apply (other 2 party members don't have to be youth or veteran). No stand-by hunters allowed. Max. 3 persons per quota party.

COYOTE

Mar. 1-May 31. Small game weapons only. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

AREA NOTES

Butler Refuge (east of Hwy 17 on Butler Island) and Ansley Hodges MARSH Project (located west of Hwy 17 on Champney Island) are closed to firearms at all times but open to archery deer & hog hunting seasons and archery rabbit hunting (except the youth hunt) after the last Saturday of waterfowl season. Airboats are prohibited inside managed waterfowl impoundments. Access to Rhett's Island at designated cross-over sites only. Boats are restricted to one motor of 25hp or less. Rhett's Island is closed to fishing, shrimping & crabbing during early teal & statewide waterfowl season. Butler Island ponds & impoundments closed to cast netting west of Hwy 17. Drone use prohibited including launching & landing.

DIRECTIONS

From Darien Take U.S. HWY 17 south 1.5 miles; check station is on the right.

ARROWHEAD WMA

337 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR

- ARCHERY
 - » 🏹 Sept. 9-Oct. 13
 - » 🏹 Nov. 1-15
 - » 🏹 Nov. 16-Jan. 14

TURKEY

- 🦃 Apr. 6-12
- 🦃 Apr. 13-19
- Apr. 20-May 15

SMALL GAME

Aug. 15-Sept. 8
 🏹 Jan. 15- Feb. 29

WATERFOWL

Saturdays during statewide season.

COYOTE

May 16-31; small game weapons only.

AREA NOTES

No ATVs except mobility impaired hunters during mobility impaired hunt. No camping.

DIRECTIONS

From Rome Take U.S. Hwy 27 north 9 miles to GA HWY 156; turn right (east) and go 2.3 miles to Floyd Springs Rd; turn left and go 2 miles to area.

B. F. GRANT WMA

11,400 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER

Only bucks with at least 4 points (1-inch or longer) on either antler or a minimum 15-inch outside antler spread are legal.

ARCHERY

» Sept. 9-30, Dec. 2-8

PRIMITIVE

» Dec. 15-17

FIREARMS

» Q300 🏹 Nov. 2-4, 16-18

TURKEY

- 🦃 Apr. 6-12
- Q80 Apr. 13-19
- Apr. 20-May 15

DOVE

Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, Sept. 30-Oct. 8, Nov. 19-26, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

WATERFOWL

MARSH Pond Q3 🏹 Dec. 9, Jan. 20
 No waterfowl hunting on MARSH Ponds outside of quota hunts. State season during small game dates for rest of WMA. Shooting hours end at noon.

COYOTE

May 16 - 31

AREA NOTES

No hunting on or access through pastures.

DIRECTIONS

From Eatonton Take HWY 16 west 0.7 miles; turn right on HWY 441 Bypass; go 1.5 miles to Godfrey Rd at the flashing traffic light; turn left and go 6 miles to Check-In station.

BARTRAM FOREST WMA

🏹 Archery Only Area
 1,343 acres • 706.595.4222

Bartram Forest is a multi-use forest; other users may be present during open hunting seasons. Gates may be open/closed at the discretion of Georgia Forestry Commission. Please see WMA maps for safety zones.

DEER

State seasons.

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

AREA NOTES

No firearms hunting is allowed. Legal waterfowl hours end at noon. No camping.

COYOTE

No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

DIRECTIONS

From Milledgeville Take US 441 south 3.1 miles, turn left; continue 2.9 miles on US 441/GA29 and make U-turn to return north; go 0.1 miles to 1st pull-in on right. Kiosk is just down that road.

BEAVERDAM WMA

5,500 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER

ARCHERY

» Sept. 9-15, Sept. 23-Oct. 20

FIREARMS

- » 🏹 Sept. 16-22
- » 🏹 Nov. 2-4
- » Buck Only: Nov. 23-25, Dec. 13-16

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

DIRECTIONS

From Dublin Take U.S. 441 north 4.5 miles; turn right on Old Toombsboro Rd., go 7.5 miles to WMA sign; turn right on Oconee Church Rd., turn at WMA sign.

BERRY COLLEGE WMA

14,781 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR

ARCHERY

» Sept. 9-Oct. 31, Nov. 5-17

FIREARMS

- » Q1000 🏹 Either-Sex Deer Last Day: Nov. 1-4
- » Q1000 🏹 Nov. 29-Dec. 2
- » 🏹 🏹 Jan. 6-7

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

BIRD & RABBIT DOG TRAINING

Aug. 15-Mar. 19, except during firearms deer hunts.

DOVE

Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7-8, Nov. 18-26, Dec. 19-Jan. 5, Jan. 8-31

COYOTE

No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES

There is no open season for the taking of any wildlife on Berry College campus and refuge. No night hunting for small game. Firearms and archery equipment are prohibited on the campus and refuge. Hunters may not use the campus for gaining access to the WMA. No ATVs. Foot trails, bicycle and horse areas are closed all day during firearms deer season and before 10:00 a.m. during deer archery and turkey season.

DIRECTIONS

From Rome Take U.S. 27 north to jct of Old Summerville Rd.; turn left on Old Summerville Rd and go 1.5 miles to jct with CCC Rd at check station.

BIG DUKES POND WMA

1,692 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER

ARCHERY & PRIMITIVE WEAPONS

» State Seasons.

FIREARMS

» Oct. 21-Nov. 30

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

WATERFOWL

Wed. & Sat. only during state waterfowl season; legal hours end at noon.

COYOTE

May 16 - 31

AREA NOTES

Camping, ATVs & horses prohibited. Note Safety Zone on map - access prohibited between Feb. 1-July 15.

DIRECTIONS

From Millen Take HWY 17 North 0.9 miles; turn right on Old Louisville Rd. Go 7.9 miles to entrance on left.

BIG HAMMOCK WMA

7,221 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER

ARCHERY

» Sept. 9-Oct. 4, Oct. 8-20, Dec. 1-Jan. 14

PRIMITIVE

» Oct. 5-7

FIREARMS

» Oct. 28-Nov. 12

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

AREA NOTES

If the river stage is 9 feet or higher, measured at the Doctortown Gauge, the gates will be closed. Gates will remain closed after river gauge drops below 9' to allow for drying period before traffic is allowed on WMA roads; expect 7-10 days prior to gates opening. Deer hunters may not hunt within 50 feet of the nature trail off Mack Phillips Rd.

DIRECTIONS

From Glennville Take HWY 144 south 12 miles to Altamaha River. Area lies on both sides of HWY 144.

BIG LAZER CREEK WMA

7,200 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER

Only bucks with at least 4 points (1-inch or longer) on either antler or a minimum 15-inch outside antler spread are legal.

CEDAR CREEK WMA



40,000 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER

ARCHERY

» Sept. 9-Oct. 15, Oct. 23-29

FIREARMS

» Buck Only: Nov. 27-Dec. 10
» Either-sex Last Day: Ⓞ Oct. 19-21 Nov. 9-11
» ★ Nov. 21-26

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

DOVE

Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, Sept. 30-Oct. 8, Nov. 18-20, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE

May 16-31

AREA NOTES

Legal hours for waterfowl end at noon. ATVs prohibited.

DIRECTIONS

From Monticello take HWY 16 east 3/4 mile; take right fork on HWY 212; go 12 miles to check station sign on the right; follow arrow 0.5 mile to check station.

CEDAR CREEK—LITTLE RIVER AREA



1,505 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER

ARCHERY

» Sept. 9-Oct. 13, Oct. 21-Jan. 14

FIREARMS

» Oct. 14-20

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

DOG TRAINING

Aug. 15-Mar. 15 except during firearms deer hunts.

COYOTE

May 16-31

AREA NOTES

Legal hours for waterfowl end at noon. No ATVs. No camping.

DIRECTIONS

From Eatonton Take GA 16 west 3.6 Miles to Lynchburg Rd.; turn right; go 0.5 miles to kiosk on right.

CEYLON WMA



16,000 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER

Only bucks with at least 4 points (1-inch or longer) on either antler or a minimum 15-inch outside antler spread are legal.

ARCHERY

» Sept. 9-Oct. 15, Dec. 3-24

FIREARMS

» Q100 Ⓞ Oct. 19-21, Nov. 9-11, Nov. 30-Dec. 2

TURKEY

Q40 Apr. 6-12, 20-26, May 4-10

BIRD DOG TRAINING

Intersection of Boat House & Ceylon Roads, see area map.

COYOTE

May 16 - 31

DIRECTIONS

From Brunswick take I-95 South to Exit 14 (GA Hwy 25; Woodbine). Turn left onto Lang Road and go 1 mile to WMA entrance on left.

CHATTAHOOCHEE WMA



25,150 acres • 770.535.5700

DEER & BEAR

ARCHERY

» Buck Only: Sept. 9-15, 23-29, Oct. 9-25

FIREARMS

» Buck Only: Ⓞ Nov. 18-26 | Ⓞ Oct. 26-29, Dec. 12-15

BEAR

FIREARMS

» Q9 (Bag limit 2/person or 5/party) Dog/Bear: Sept. 30-Oct. 8
» Sept. 16-22

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

AREA NOTES

Dog-bear hunters must check in at the Chestatee WMA check station prior to hunting and are required to attend a pre-hunt meeting as directed in their notification email. All dogs used must be marked with the selected hunter's name and valid phone number.

DIRECTIONS

From Helen take HWY 75 north to Robertstown, turn left on Alt. HWY 75; cross bridge; turn right, go 2.8 miles to check station.

CHATTAHOOCHEE FALL LINE WMA—ALMO



6,700 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER

Only bucks with at least 4 points (1-inch or longer) on either antler or a minimum 15-inch outside antler spread are legal.

ARCHERY

» Sept. 9-Oct. 12, Nov. 18-26

FIREARMS

» Q150 Ⓞ Oct. 19-21, Nov. 9-11

TURKEY

Q50 Apr. 13-21, May 4-12

♦ Apr. 6-8
May 13-15

COYOTE

May 16 - 31

AREA NOTES

No fox squirrel or quail hunting. Legal waterfowl hours end at noon. No ATVs, horses, or hog dogs. Hunters must check kiosk daily for prescribed burning schedule and location.

DIRECTIONS

From Geneva travel south on Hwy 240 approximately 2.75 miles, the

check station, kiosk and campground are 200 yards east of Hwy 240 on a WMA road.

CHATTAHOOCHEE FALL LINE WMA—BLACKJACK CROSSING AREA



1,600 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER

Only bucks with at least 4 points (1-inch or longer) on either antler or a minimum 15-inch outside antler spread are legal.

» State seasons.

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE

May 16-31

AREA NOTES

No fox squirrel hunting. No camping, ATVs, or horses. Hunters must check kiosk daily for prescribed burning schedule and location.

DIRECTIONS

From Geneva travel south on Hwy 240 approximately 2.75 miles, the check station, kiosk and campground are 200 yards east of Hwy 240 on a WMA road.

CHATTAHOOCHEE FALL LINE WMA—FORT PERRY AREA



3,442 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER

Only bucks with at least 4 points (1-inch or longer) on either antler or a minimum 15-inch outside antler spread are legal. Youth Hunt and Hunt & Learn exempt from antler restrictions.

ARCHERY

» Sept. 9-17, Oct. 2-8, Nov. 19-26

FIREARMS

» Q35 Ⓞ Sept. 24-25
» Antlerless Only: Sept. 29-Oct. 1
» Q35 Ⓞ Oct. 26-28, Nov. 9-11
» ♦ Nov. 3-5

TURKEY

Q15 Apr. 6-8, May 4-6

Q15 Ⓞ Apr. 20-22

May 7-15

DOVE

Sept. 2, 9, 16-22, 25-28, Nov. 18-26, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE

May 16-31

AREA NOTES

No fox squirrel or quail hunting. Legal waterfowl hours end at noon. No ATVs or horses. Hunters must check kiosk daily for prescribed burning schedule and location.

DIRECTIONS

From Geneva travel south on Hwy 41 approximately 6.0 miles to Fort Perry Rd (CR49), turn left go approximately 1.0 miles to check station, kiosk and campground on the left.

CHATTAHOOCHEE FALL LINE WMA—HILLIARD



8,089 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER

Only bucks with at least 4 points (1-inch or longer) on either antler or a minimum 15-inch outside antler spread are legal. Youth hunt; Hunt & Learn exempt from antler restriction.

ARCHERY

» Sept. 9-28, Nov. 19-Dec. 8

FIREARMS

» Q50 Ⓞ Oct. 26-28, Nov. 16-18
» ♦ Nov. 3-6
» Ⓞ Q50 Nov. 11-12
» Antlerless Only: Sept. 29-Oct. 1

TURKEY

May 13-15, ♦ Apr. 6-8
Q40 Apr. 13-21, May 4-12

DOVE

» Ⓞ Q35 Ⓞ Sept. 2, 9 (Youth Field Only)
» Sept. 2, 9, 16-28, Nov. 19-26, Dec. 19-29, Dec. 31-Jan. 12, 14-31

QUAIL

Daily bag Limit: 3/person. Quail hunting on designated dates only. Hunting party must report harvest at kiosk or online; one survey per party Dec. 9, Dec. 30, Jan. 13

COYOTE

May 16-31

AREA NOTES

No fox squirrel hunting. No ATVs or horses. Waterfowl shooting hours end at noon. Hunters must check kiosk daily for prescribed burning schedule and locations.

DIRECTIONS

From JCT Hwy 80 and 355, go south 8.1 miles. Take Hwy 352 6.0 miles and entrance to check station is on the right.

CHESTATEE WMA



27,123 acres • 770.535.5700

DEER & BEAR

ARCHERY

» Buck Only: Sept. 9-15, Sept. 23-29, Oct. 10-30

FIREARMS

» Buck Only: Ⓞ Nov. 15-19, Dec. 6-10 | Ⓞ Dec. 26-Jan. 1

BEAR

FIREARMS

» Q6 (Bag limit 2/person or 5/party) Dog/Bear: Sept. 30-Oct. 8
» Sept. 16-22

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

AREA NOTES

Dog-bear hunters must check in at the Chestatee WMA check station prior to hunting and are required to attend a pre-hunt meeting as directed in their draw notification email.

COOPERS CREEK WMA

30,000 acres • 770.535.5700

DEER & BEAR

ARCHERY
» **Buck Only:** Sept. 9-Oct. 4, Oct. 30-Nov. 12

PRIMITIVE
» **Buck Only:** Oct. 25-29

FIREARMS
» **Buck Only:** Ⓣ Oct. 6-8
» **Buck Only:** Ⓣ Nov. 29-Dec. 3 | Ⓣ Dec. 26-Jan. 1

TURKEY
Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE
May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

DIRECTIONS
From Dahlonega Take GA HWY 60 north 26 miles to jct. of Coopers Creek Rd.; turn right and go 0.5 mile to jct. of USFS Road #236; turn left and go 4 miles to jct. of USFS Road #4; turn right and go 0.5 mile to check station. From Blairsville Take Old Blue Ridge HWY west 5 miles to Mulkey Gap Rd.; turn left and travel 8.5 miles to check station.

COOSAWATTEE WMA

2,040 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR

ARCHERY
» Sept. 9-Oct. 19, Oct. 23-Nov. 9, Nov. 13-Jan. 1

FIREARMS
» **Buck Only:** Ⓣ Oct. 20-22
» **Q100** Ⓣ Nov. 10-12

TURKEY
Apr. 6-May 15

DOVE
State season.

COYOTE
May 16-31

AREA NOTES
No ATV's. Hunters must sign-in for big game hunts and check-out bonus deer and bear at the Carters Lake WMA check station

DIRECTIONS
From Chatsworth: Go 11 miles south on old US 411; turn left at Carters Lake Powerhouse sign; go 1 mile to check station

CORDELE FISH HATCHERY

40 acres • 229.430.4254

WATERFOWL
Designated pond only. Legal hours end at noon.

Q3 Ⓣ Dec. 2, Jan. 13
Q3 Ⓣ Dec. 16, 30

COYOTE
No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

DIRECTIONS
From Cordele take U.S. HWY 280 west 0.5 miles. Turn right on Fish

Hatchery Rd.; go 1.4 miles. Turn Right on Williams Lake Rd; go 0.4 miles to impoundment on left.

CROCKFORD-PIGEON MOUNTAIN WMA

20,657 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR

ARCHERY
» Sept. 9-Oct. 20, Oct. 23-Nov. 15, Nov. 19-Dec. 5, Dec. 10-Jan. 1

FIREARMS
» **Buck Only:** Ⓣ Oct. 21-22
» **Either-Sex Last Day:** Ⓣ Nov. 16-18
» **Buck Only:** Ⓣ Dec. 6-9

TURKEY

Q40 Apr. 6-12
Apr. 13-May 15

DOG TRAINING

Dog Training Areas: Aug. 15-Mar. 19, except during firearms deer hunts. Training limited to designated areas (see map).

DOVE

Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7-8, Nov. 18-26, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE

May 16-31

AREA NOTES
No ATVs. All non-hunting activities except camping are prohibited during firearms deer hunts. Additionally, horse and bicycle trails and areas are closed before 10:00 a.m. during archery deer and turkey season. Firearms restrictions apply to certain portions of the WMA. Consult WMA map for specific limitations.

DIRECTIONS
From Lafayette Take HWY 193 west 2.7 miles to Chamberlain Rd.; turn left and go 3 miles to Rocky Lane Rd.; turn right and go 0.3 mile to check station.

DAWSON FOREST WMA

25,500 acres • 770.535.5700

DEER & BEAR

Only bucks with at least 4 points (1-inch or longer) on either antler or a minimum 15-inch outside antler spread are legal.

ARCHERY
» Sept. 9-Oct. 11, Dec. 11-24

FIREARMS
» **Buck Only:** Ⓣ Oct. 13-15
» **Anterless Last Day:** Ⓣ Oct. 26-29
» **Quality Buck Only:** Ⓣ Nov. 8-12, Nov. 30-Dec. 3

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

DOVE

Q40 Sept. 2
Sept. 4, 9, 16, 23, Nov. 18-26; Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

AREA NOTES

All trails are closed all day during firearms deer hunts and before 10:00 a.m. during archery and turkey seasons. Special rules apply to horse, bicycle and camping use; rules are posted at trailhead, camping areas, WMA check station. Permits are required for horse, bicycle and camping use. Permits must be completed and on person to be valid. Roads on the city of Atlanta Tract are closed to vehicles daily from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. except for individuals legally camping, hunting or fishing on the area.

DIRECTIONS

From Dawsonville Take GA HWY 53 west 6 miles; turn right onto driveway at kiosk; check station is at top of hill. Check in and Sign-in/out at kiosk on HWY 53; check out harvested game during managed hunts at check station. Sign-in and sign-out is also available at the Horse Camp.

DI-LANE PLANTATION WMA

8,100 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER

Only bucks with at least 4 points (1-inch or longer) on either antler or a minimum 15-inch outside antler spread are legal.

ARCHERY
» Sept. 9-Oct. 11

FIREARMS
» **Q400** Ⓣ Oct. 12-14, 26-28
» Ⓣ Nov. 9-11

TURKEY

Q20 Ⓣ Apr. 6-12
Q30 Apr. 13-19, 20-26
Apr. 27-May 15

SMALL GAME

Small game may be hunted during state seasons except during quota hunts. Hunting allowed only south of Rocky Creek during January dates.
» **Rabbit:** Nov. 19-20, 23, 26-27, 30
» **Rabbit/Fox:** Sun., Mon., & Thurs. during Dec., Jan., & Feb.

DOVE

No dove hunting outside of dove fields.
Field 1, **Q100** Ⓣ Sept. 2
Field 2, **Q75** Ⓣ Sept. 2
Field 1 & 2 Ⓣ Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, Nov. 18-26
Field 2 Ⓣ Jan. 1-31

QUAIL

Bag limit: 6/person or 12/party. Quail hunting on designated dates only. Woodcock, snipe, and other gamebirds with an open season may be taken.
Q8 Ⓣ Feb. 3
Q8 Ⓣ Dec. 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 27, 30, Feb. 7

COYOTE

No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES

For information about bird dog field trials call (706) 595-4222.

DIRECTIONS

From Waynesboro Take HWY 25 South to 4th Street. Turn right on 4th Street/Herndon Rd. and go 9 miles. Follow signs to check station.

DIXON BAY WMA

300 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER

ARCHERY
» Sept. 9-Nov. 10

PRIMITIVE
» Nov. 11-Jan. 14

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE

May 16-31

AREA NOTES

No camping. Furbearer and alligator hunting prohibited.

DIRECTIONS

From Sylvania Take E. Ogeechee 2.2 miles to jct. of Buck Creek and Brannen's Bridge Rd., take Brannen's Bridge Rd. 3.4 miles to jct. of GA HWY 24, continue on Brannen's Bridge Rd. 5.3 miles to stop sign, turn left on Pine Grove Inn Rd. and go 6 miles; turn right on Sweetheart Rd., go 1.6 miles. Area is on right.

DIXON MEMORIAL WMA

35,559 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER

ARCHERY
» Sept. 9-26, Oct. 1-4, 8-13

FIREARMS
» Ⓣ Sept. 28-30, Nov. 2-4
» Ⓣ Oct. 5-7, Nov. 22-26
» **Buck Only:** Ⓣ Oct. 14-29
» **Q3 Dog Hunting/Buckshot Only:** Nov. 17-18, Dec. 1-2

Dog-deer hunting in designated area only. All dogs used in the hunt must be marked with the selected hunter's name & valid phone number. Designated area is closed during hunts except to hunters with a valid quota permit.

BEAR

Bears may not be taken on the Federal portion of Cowhouse Island.

ARCHERY
» Sept. 21-23

FIREARMS
» Sept. 28-30, Oct. 5-7, Nov. 2-4

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

DOVE

Sept. 2-27, Nov. 18-21, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

AREA NOTES

No airboats. Alligators may not be taken on the Federal portion of Cowhouse Island or Laura S. Walker State Park.

DIRECTIONS

From Waycross Take U.S. 1 south 6 miles to HWY 177, turn north and follow signs to check station.

DODGE COUNTY PFA

444 acres • 912.285.6094

DEER
Archery only: Nov. 2-12

TURKEY
 Apr. 20-21, 27-28

ALLIGATOR
 Sept. 8-10. Night hunting only.

COYOTE
No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES
No small game hunting. Hunting in designated area only. Area map posted at office and kiosk.

DIRECTIONS
From Eastman South on U.S. Hwy 23/341 for 3 miles; left on County Rd. 49; go 0.6 miles.

DOERUN PITCHERPLANT BOG WMA

600 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
State seasons; archery only.

TURKEY
 Apr. 6-7, 13-14

SMALL GAME
Jan. 10-Feb. 29. No fox squirrel, fox, or bobcat hunting.

COYOTE
No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES
Doerun Pitcherplant Bog WMA contains rare species and sensitive habitats. To protect these resources, vehicular access is limited. No ATVs or horses allowed. No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Doerun Take HWY 133 south two miles; turn left at Natural Area sign.

LEGEND

Sign-in required for all bear, deer, and turkey hunts unless otherwise noted for a specific area.

- Sign-in
- Bonus Deer hunt (See pg. 42)
- Youth Hunt (see pg. 20)
- Quota Hunt (see pg. 74)
- Archery Only Area
- Specialty Hunt (see pg. 72)
- Hunt & Learn
- Antler Restricted Area
- Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 73)
- Bird Dog Training
- Furbearer Dog Training
- Rabbit Dog Training
- Archery Range
- Firearms Shooting Range

ECHECONNIE CREEK WMA

750 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
State seasons.

TURKEY
Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE
May 16-31

AREA NOTES
No firearms hunting allowed. Legal hours for waterfowl end at noon. Access to Ocmulgee River tract is only by boat. No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Bonaire (to Ocmulgee River tract) Take GA 96 east for 3.3 miles to boat ramp on Ocmulgee River; go north by boat on river approximately 10.5 miles. Tract is on west bank of the river. From Warner Robins (to Echeconnee Creek tract) From intersection of HWY 247C and HWY 247, take HWY 247 north 3.9 miles; turn right on Feagin Rd.; turn right on Santa Clara Dr.; tract is 0.2 miles on the right and left side of road.

ELBERT COUNTY WMA

2,500 acres • 770.535.5700

DEER
State seasons.

TURKEY
Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE
May 16-31

AREA NOTES
Beverly Tract is Archery Only for deer. No camping. Sign-In required only on Vaughter Tract.

DIRECTIONS
From Elberton This WMA consists of 5 separate tracts in Elbert Co. Beverly Tract: Take GA HWY 72 east 5 miles; turn north on Pearl Mill Rd.; go 1.5 miles to area. Elbert Tract: Take GA HWY 72 east 10 miles to Bobby Brown State Park Rd.; turn south, area is east of road. Heardmont Tract: Take GA HWY 72 east 5 miles; turn north on Pearl Mill Rd.; bear right on Heardmont Rd.; turn right on Johnsontown Rd.; follow to area. Pickens Tract: From Elberton, take HWY 77 north 1.2 miles. Turn right and take Ruckersville Rd 11.4 miles. Turn right onto Turner Hill Rd. Take Turner Hill Rd. 1.5 miles. Turn right onto Cougar Pointe Dr. and follow to entrance sign. Vaughter Tract: Take GA HWY 77 north 3 miles and turn right onto HWY 368; go 3 miles to Harmony Rd.; turn left and continue to entrance sign on right.

ELMODEL WMA

1,600 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
» State seasons, first 2 weeks of archery is buck only.
» Jan. 16-31, archery only

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

DOVE
State season.

QUAIL
Daily bag limit: 3/person. Quail hunting on designated dates only. Hunting party must report harvest at kiosk or online; one survey per party.
 Tues. & Sat. from Nov. 14-Jan. 27, and Feb. 3, 10, 17

COYOTE
May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

AREA NOTES
No fox or bobcat hunting. No camping. Bird dog training in designated area only.

DIRECTIONS
From Newton Take HWY 37 north 8 miles; turn left on Jericho Rd.; area is on right.

EVANS COUNTY PFA

400 acres • 912.285.6094

ALLIGATOR
 Sept. 1-3. Night hunting only.

COYOTE
No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES
All hunters must sign-in at PFA office prior to hunting. No small game hunting.

DIRECTIONS
From Claxton Take U.S. HWY 280 east for 8.5 miles; turn right on Old Sunbury Rd.; go 1 mile and turn left on Area Line Rd.; go 0.3 miles, PFA on right.

FISHING CREEK WMA

2,900 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
State seasons.

TURKEY
Apr. 6-May 15

DOVE
Sept. 2-Oct. 8, Nov. 18-26, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

WATERFOWL
Wed. & Sat. during state season on waterfowl impoundments. Legal hours end at noon.

COYOTE
May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

DIRECTIONS
From Washington Take HWY 44 East 12.8 miles to O'Hara-Standard Rd.; turn right; at end turn left on Jones Chapel and continue to area. To Waterfowl Area from Lincolnton Take HWY 79 eight miles to Midway Church Rd. and turn left. Go 1.5 miles to sign on right.

FLAT CREEK PFA

850 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
State seasons; archery only.

TURKEY
 Apr. 6-14
Apr. 15-May 15

BIRD & RABBIT DOG TRAINING
Aug. 15-Mar. 15 except during deer hunts.

ALLIGATOR
Sept. 8-10. Night hunting only.

DOVE
 Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23
Sept. 30, Oct. 7, Nov. 18-26, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

WATERFOWL
 Nov. 18, 25.
Wed. & Sat during 2nd season. Legal hours end at noon.

COYOTE
No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES
No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Perry Take U.S. HWY 41 south across Flat Creek. Park is on left.

FLAT TUB WMA

7,141 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER
ARCHERY & PRIMITIVE
» State seasons
» Archery Only Area (South of Hwy 107): Sept. 9-Jan. 14
FIREARMS
» Buck Only: Oct. 21-Nov. 18, Dec. 26-Jan. 14
» Nov. 19-30

TURKEY
Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE
May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

AREA NOTES
No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS
From Douglas Take HWY 441 north 20 miles; turn right onto HWY 107; go 8 miles to WMA sign on left.

FLINT RIVER WMA

2,300 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
Only bucks with at least 4 points (1-inch or longer) on either antler or a minimum 15-inch outside antler spread are legal.

ARCHERY
» Sept. 9-18, Nov. 19-28
FIREARMS
» Oct. 7-15
» Nov. 2-4 Nov. 16-18

TURKEY
Apr. 6-May 15

QUAIL

Sun. & Wed. during state season.

DOVE

Sept. 2
Sept. 9, Sept. 16-Oct. 6, Nov. 19-26,
Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

DIRECTIONS

From Vienna Take HWY 27 to HWY 230, turn right; go 1 mile; veer left on River Rd. and go 6 miles to entrance sign.

GAITHER WMA

2,129 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER

ARCHERY
» Oct. 21-29, Nov. 13-19, Dec. 4-10
FIREARMS
» Q25 Sept. 25-31
» Q25 Nov. 3-5, Jan. 12-14

TURKEY

Q10 Apr. 6-10, 13-17, 20-24

COYOTE

No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES

Waterfowl legal hours end at noon. Archery-only area is south of Old Post Road and east of Davis Ford Rd; archery only for deer dates. No horseback riding. Bicycles permitted only for hunter access.

DIRECTIONS

From Mansfield: Go South on Hwy 11 for 7 miles and turn Right onto Henderson Mill Rd. Proceed 3.7 miles on Henderson Mill Rd and turn Right onto Davis Ford Rd. From there travel 0.4 miles to the Kiosk on the left.

GERMANY CREEK WMA

1,200 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER

ARCHERY & PRIMITIVE
» State seasons.
FIREARMS
» Oct. 21-Jan. 1

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE

May 16-31

AREA NOTES

No camping.

DIRECTIONS

From Thomson take Hwy 150/ Cobbham Road 8.9 miles; turn left on Rousseau Creek Road; go 3.3 miles turn left and follow to WMA Kiosk and Parking Area. For access by boat (nearest boat ramp is Raysville Bridge on GA HWY 43 approximately 12 miles north of Thomson). The area is to the east of bridge access.

GRAND BAY WMA

8,700 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER

Deer may be hunted Sat. & Sun. only during archery, primitive weapons and firearms deer seasons and:
FIREARMS
» Sept. 30-Oct. 1
» Oct. 7-8

TURKEY

Apr. 6-7, 20-21
General: Apr. 27-28

WATERFOWL

Sat. & Sun. during state season. Legal hours end at noon.

COYOTE

No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES

No fox squirrel or furbearer hunting. Harvested deer must be removed from the area whole (no field-dressing). No ATVs or motorcycles. Hiking trail from check station closed to hikers during firearms deer hunts. Federal lands within WMA may be closed for military training. No firearms hunting within designated archery-only areas.

DIRECTIONS

From Valdosta Take U.S. 221 north 8 miles; turn left on Knights Academy Rd.; go 1.5 miles to entrance on right; follow signs to check station.

GRIFFIN RIDGE WMA

5,600 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER

ARCHERY
» Sept. 9-Oct. 13, Dec. 2-24
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 14-22
FIREARMS
» Oct. 27-29
» Nov. 5-12

TURKEY

Q25 Apr. 6-12
Q25 Apr. 20-26, May 4-10, 11-15

COYOTE

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

AREA NOTES

No furbearer season. No ATVs or horses. No vehicles allowed beyond designated parking areas. Camping only at Fountain Hole Camping Area.

DIRECTIONS

From Ludowici Take U.S. 301 south 2 miles. The area is on the right (north) of highway. First road south of DOT weigh station.

HANNAHATCHEE WMA

5,095 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER

State seasons.

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

DOVE

State season.

COYOTE

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

DIRECTIONS

From Richland Take HWY 27 west toward Lumpkin; Go 4 miles to first paved road; turn right and go 3 miles; turn left and go 1 mile to Moore's Store Rd. (1st dirt road on right); turn right and proceed to check station.

HART COUNTY WMA

1,000 acres • 770.535.5700

DEER & BEAR

ARCHERY & PRIMITIVE
» State seasons.

FIREARMS

» Buck Only: Oct. 21-Nov. 16
» Nov. 17-19

TURKEY

Q5 Apr. 6-13, Apr. 27-May 4

DOVE

Sept. 2, 4, 9, 16, 23, Nov. 18-26,
Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be taken. No dogs allowed.

DIRECTIONS

From Hartwell Take HWY 77 south 1.5 miles; turn left onto Liberty Rd.; go 4 miles to the end of the pavement at Cedar Creek; the area lies to the south.

HILTONIA WMA

500 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER

ARCHERY
» Sept. 9-Nov. 10
PRIMITIVE
» Nov. 11-Jan. 14

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

DOVE

Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 18-26,
Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE

May 16-31

AREA NOTES

No camping. No furbearer season.



**ARE CLOSED WMA ROADS
BUGGING YOU?**

If you're a wild turkey poult — bugging is a good thing! Well-fed poults are a key component of healthy wild turkey populations. Forest openings and other open weedy areas such as closed roads, old food plots, logging decks, and open roadsides create vital bugging habitat for wild turkey broods during the summer. Openings with a variety of 1-2 foot tall native plants interspersed between bare ground provide ideal insect foraging areas for turkey poults. High protein levels in insects help young turkeys quickly grow flight feathers, giving them the ability to roost in trees to avoid predation.

AREA NOTES

No camping.

DIRECTIONS

From Ft. Gaines This WMA consists of 4 different tracts of land that can be found at various points along the lake shore. Directions to and maps of the various tracts can be obtained from: the Albany Game Management Office, 2024 Newton Rd., Albany, GA 31701; (229) 430-4254 and maps may be printed from gohuntgeorgia.com. In addition to the 4 tracts managed by GA DNR, the Army Corps of Engineers manages additional properties which require a special permit from their Ft. Gaines office at 229-768-2516.

LANAHASSEE WMA

Q 🏠 📍 📞

4,420 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER

Only bucks with at least 4 points (1-inch or longer) on either antler or a minimum 15-inch outside antler spread are legal.

ARCHERY

» Sept. 9-Oct. 13, Oct. 21-Nov. 5

PRIMITIVE

» State season.

FIREARMS

» Q50 📍 Nov. 16-18, Nov. 30-Dec. 2
» 🏠 Dec. 24-30

QUAIL

Daily bag limit: 3/person. Quail hunting on designated dates only. Hunting party must report harvest at kiosk or online; one survey per party. Nov. 25, Dec. 5, Dec. 9

COYOTE

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

DIRECTIONS:

From Preston, take US HWY 280 east 3.4 miles. The kiosk will be on the left.

LITTLE SATILLA WMA

🏠

18,920 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER

State seasons.

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE

May 16-31

AREA NOTES

No camping.

DIRECTIONS

From Patterson Take U.S. HWY 32 east 8 miles; turn left at check station sign.

LOWER BROAD RIVER WMA

Q 🏠

1,500 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER

State seasons.

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

DOVE

Q30 📍 Sept. 2
Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, Nov. 18-26,
Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

AREA NOTES

No camping.

DIRECTIONS

From Elberton Take HWY 72 east 11 miles. Turn right on HWY 79; go 7.3 miles to River Rd., turn right. Go 0.75 miles to Kiosk on left.

LULA BRIDGE WMA

🏠

513 acres • 770.535.5700

WATERFOWL

State seasons.

📍 Nov. 11-12

COYOTE

No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

DIRECTIONS

From Gainesville Take U.S. HWY 365 north 7 miles from Exit 24; turn left on GA HWY 52; go 3 miles; cross Chattahoochee River; turn right into boat ramp parking lot.

MAYHAW WMA

📍

6,300 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER

ARCHERY & PRIMITIVE

» State seasons; first 2 weeks of archery is buck only.

FIREARMS

» Buck Only: Oct. 21-Nov. 30
» Dec. 15-Jan. 14

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE

May 16-31

DIRECTIONS

From Colquitt Firetower Tract is 1 mile west of Colquitt on HWY 91. Willoughby and Oldhouse tracts: From Colquitt take U.S. 27 North to first paved road; turn left and go 1 mile to Willoughby Tract and 2 miles to Oldhouse Tract. Check station is located near entrance to Willoughby tract.

McDUFFIE PFA

Q 📍

600 acres • 706.595.1619

DOVE

Q25 📍 Sept. 2
Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30

WATERFOWL

Designated ponds only. Legal hours end at noon.
Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30

AREA NOTES

No small game or May 16-31 coyote season.

DIRECTIONS

From Thomson Take U.S. HWY 278 east for 5.6 miles; turn right on Elington Airline Rd.; go 2.8 miles and turn right on Fish Hatchery Rd.

McGRAW FORD WMA

Q

2,070 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR

Sept. 9-Jan. 1; archery only.

TURKEY

Q10 Apr. 6-12
Apr. 13-May 15

DOVE

Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7-8, Nov. 18-26, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

WATERFOWL

Wed. and Sat. during state season. Legal hours end at noon.

COYOTE

May 16-31

AREA NOTES

No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS

From Ballground From jct. of Bus. HWY 5 and HWY 372 travel 2.1 miles east to Sign-In on right across from intersection with Conns Creek Rd.

2023 FORESTRY FOR WILDLIFE PARTNERS

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division honors our 2023 Forestry for Wildlife Partners for their outstanding accomplishments in incorporating wildlife conservation practices as an integral part of their land management. These partners had a positive impact for wildlife habitat on about 1 million acres. Learn about FWP, including our new focus on partner projects and a lower minimum acreage at georgiawildlife.com/fwp.



MEAD FARM WMA

200 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
Sept. 9-Jan. 1; archery only.

TURKEY
Apr. 6-May 15

WATERFOWL
 Nov. 11, Nov. 18, Nov. 25 Sat. & Wed. during state season except Youth hunt dates.

BIRD DOG TRAINING
Allowed year-round.

COYOTE
May 16-31

AREA NOTES
Foot traffic only. No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Waynesboro Take HWY 56 north 3.5 miles, turn right on Cates Mead Rd.; go 3.8 miles, turn left on Seven Oaks Rd.; entrance is 0.8 mile on left.

MONTEZUMA BLUFFS WMA

500 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
Only bucks with at least 4 points (1-inch or longer) on either antler or a minimum 15-inch outside antler spread are legal.
» State seasons; archery only.

TURKEY
Apr. 6-May 15; archery only.

AREA NOTES
Montezuma Bluff WMA contains rare species and sensitive habitats. To protect these resources, vehicular access is limited to boat landing road. No ATVs or horses allowed. No camping. No fox/bobcat hunting. No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

LEGEND

Sign-in required for all bear, deer, and turkey hunts unless otherwise noted for a specific area.

- Sign-in
- Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 42)
- Youth Hunt (see pg. 20)
- Quota Hunt (see pg. 74)
- Archery Only Area
- Specialty Hunt (see pg. 72)
- Hunt & Learn
- Antler Restricted Area
- Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 73)
- Bird Dog Training
- Furbearer Dog Training
- Rabbit Dog Training
- Archery Range
- Firearms Shooting Range

DIRECTIONS

From Montezuma Take HWY 49 north 1 mile to Crook Landing Road; turn left; area lies along river bluff north and south of Boat Landing Road.

MOODY FOREST WMA

4,432 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER
Nov. 1-Dec. 15

TURKEY
 Apr. 6-7
Apr. 13-29

SMALL GAME
Squirrel Only; no fox squirrel hunting. Nov. 1-Jan. 20.

COYOTE
No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES
No ATVs. Check for prescribed burn info and sign in at kiosk on East River Road.

DIRECTIONS
From Baxley Take US Hwy 1 north 2.4 miles, right on Dunns Lake Rd. for 0.6 miles, left on Ben Carter Rd. for 5.8 miles, go straight on sharp curve onto Jake Moody Rd. (dirt), kiosk is 1.3 miles ahead on right.

MORGAN LAKE WMA

1,117 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER
State season.

TURKEY
Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE
May 16-31

AREA NOTES
Archery Only, No firearms. The operation of a Personal Watercraft (defined in GA Code 52-7-8.2 and commonly known as a "jet ski") on Morgan Lake and other water bodies within Morgan Lake WMA is prohibited.

DIRECTIONS
From Ludowici: Take U.S. Hwy 301 south approx. 4.5 miles. Make left on Fishing Road. Travel approx. 0.5 and make right. Boat ramp is 0.3 miles on the left.

OAKY WOODS WMA

12,750 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 9-Oct. 8, Nov. 11-17

FIREARMS
» Oct. 14-20
» **Buck Only:** Dec. 25-31
» **Either-Sex Last Day** Nov. 2-4, Nov. 30-Dec. 2

TURKEY
Q80 Apr. 6-12
Apr. 13-May 15

COYOTE
May 16-31

AREA NOTES

No bear hunting. Legal hours for waterfowl end at noon.

DIRECTIONS
From Perry Take HWY 127 east 8 miles to HWY 247; turn right; go 1 mile; turn left on Oaky Woods Rd. At fork veer right and go 1.7 miles to check station.

OCMULGEE WMA

15,000 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 9-29
» **West Lake Road Tract (Archery Only):** Sept. 9-Jan. 14

FIREARMS
» Sept. 30-Oct. 6
» **Buck Only:** Dec. 7-10
» **Either-sex Last Day:** Oct. 26-28, Nov. 16-18

TURKEY
Q100 Apr. 6-12
Apr. 13-May 15

ALLIGATOR
Alligator hunting on Ocmulgee PFA allowed Sept. 1-3, 6-8. No hunting during daylight hours.

COYOTE
May 16-31

AREA NOTES
No bear hunting. Waterfowl hunting on PFA lake only allowed on Wed., Dec 9-Jan 28; legal hours end at 12 noon.

DIRECTIONS
From Cochran Take U.S. 23 north, turn left on Red Dog Farm Road; go 4 miles to Magnolia Road. Turn right and follow signs to check station.

OCMULGEE WMA—GUM SWAMP CREEK

475 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER
State seasons; archery only.

TURKEY
Apr. 6-May 15; archery only.

BIRD DOG TRAINING
Aug. 15-Mar. 15

COYOTE
May 16-31

AREA NOTES
No camping. Legal hours for waterfowl end at noon.

DIRECTIONS
From Cochran Take HWY 26 to HWY 126 (Airport Rd.); go 5.9 miles; turn left onto Rebbe Rd.; go 0.3 miles; turn left onto Skipper-Jackson Rd.; go 0.5 miles, entrance on left.

OCONEE WMA

7,400 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» State season & Dec. 1-Jan. 14

PRIMITIVE
» State season.
FIREARMS
» Oct. 21-Nov. 30

TURKEY
Q30 Apr. 6-12, 13-19
Apr. 20-May 15

SMALL GAME
Sign-in required.

COYOTE
May 16-31

DOVE
Q60 Sept. 2
Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, Nov. 18-26, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

DIRECTIONS
From Greensboro: Turn south from HWY 278 onto Walnut St. (Veazey Rd.) at caution light; go 7.1 miles and turn right on Liberty Church Rd.; go 7.5 miles to check station.

From Eatonton: Go east 14.7 miles on GA HWY 16 to the Oconee River; continue 3.8 miles to Centennial Road; turn left and continue 4.8 miles to Centennial Church Road; turn left and continue 2.5 miles to Liberty Church Road; turn left and go south 0.8 miles to check station located on the right

OCONEE WMA—DAN DENTON WATERFOWL AREA

100 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
Sept. 9-Oct. 20; archery only.

WATERFOWL
 Q3 Pond 1 & **Q2** Pond 3: Nov. 11, 25
Q3 Pond 1 & **Q2** Pond 3: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27

COYOTE
No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES
No fishing or hunting (other than ducks & geese and archery deer hunting during statewide archery and primitive weapons season) on waterfowl impoundments. Waterfowl hunting on impoundment 1 & 3 open only to hunters selected in quota drawing. Waterfowl hunters are prohibited from entering impoundments before 5:00 a.m. on the day of the hunt and shooting hours end at noon except on the last hunt of the season when shooting hours end at legal sunset. Herndon Pond and Impoundment 2 are closed to hunting. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on the Oconee River between Wallace Dam and GA Hwy 16. Handicapped quota hunters may request assistance by calling (706) 595-4222.

DIRECTIONS
From Eatonton Go east 14.2 miles on GA Hwy 16, look for turn in for Impoundment 1 on left before you reach the bridge over the Oconee River. Sign-in kiosk is located in gravel parking lot.

OCONEE WMA—ROCK HAWK TRAILS & EFFIGY

430 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
State seasons; archery only.

TURKEY
Selected Oconee quota turkey hunters only may hunt with firearms during quota hunt dates in this area. Apr. 20-May 15; archery only.

SMALL GAME
Nov. 15-Feb. 29

COYOTE
No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

DIRECTIONS
From Eatonton: Go east 13.8 miles on GA Hwy 16 towards the Oconee River; turn left onto Wallace Dam Rd. then turn left onto Lawrence Shoals Rd.; go 1 mile; parking is on left.

OHOOPÉE DUNES NORTH WMA

5,675 acres • 229.426. 5267

DEER
ARCHERY
» State season & Dec. 3-Jan. 14
FIREARMS
» Oct. 26-28 | Nov. 30-Dec. 2

TURKEY
Q20 Apr. 6-12
Apr. 13-May 15

COYOTE
May 16-31

AREA NOTES
Ohoopée Dunes WMA contains rare species and sensitive habitats. To protect these resources vehicular access is limited. No ATVs or horses. No dogs from Mar. 1-Nov 1.

DIRECTIONS
From Swainsboro Take Highway 57 west 8.5 miles, turn left on Cow Ford Bridge Road and travel 2 miles; check station is on the left.

OHOOPÉE DUNES SOUTH WMA

3,596 acres • 229.426. 5267

DEER
State seasons; archery only.

TURKEY
Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE
May 16-31

AREA NOTES
Ohoopée Dunes WMA contains rare species and sensitive habitats. To protect these resources vehicular access is limited. No ATVs or horses. No dogs from Mar. 1-Nov. 1.

DIRECTIONS
Directions to Highway 80 Tract Kiosk: from Swainsboro, take Hwy 80 west 6 miles past intersection with Highway 1, kiosk is on the right.

OLIVER BRIDGE WMA

1,560 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER
State seasons.

TURKEY
Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE
May 16-31

AREA NOTES
No ATVs. No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Statesboro From Veteran's Memorial Pkwy. and GA 24 intersection go east on GA 24 toward Oliver for approximately 12.5 miles to the WMA entrance on right.

OSSABAW ISLAND WMA

9,000 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER
ARCHERY
» Q100 Oct. 12-14
PRIMITIVE
» Q100 Oct. 26-28
FIREARMS
» Q75 Nov. 23-25
» Q100 Nov. 9-11, Dec. 7-9

FERAL HOG
Q100 Jan. 18-20, Feb. 8-10

COYOTE
No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES
No small game hunting. Hunters on Ossabaw Island WMA will be required to furnish their own boat transportation to & from the island. Limited docking space is available; some boats may have to stream anchor. All hunter access to the Island will be over the dock facilities at Newell Creek on the south end of the Island. Hunters may not enter upon Ossabaw Island until 12:00 p.m. EST one day prior to check-in. Hunters may check in at 9:00 a.m. EST one day prior to hunt & camps must be removed by 12:00 p.m. EST on the day following the hunt. One person from each campsite must check in and upon leaving check out from the campsite at the check station. No motorized vehicles, e-bikes, or bicycles allowed. Only permitted activities allowed. No pets. Campfires restricted to provided fire rings. No access permitted to Ossabaw above high tide mark.

DIRECTIONS
Access only by boat; nearest ramp is at Ft. McAllister State Park, approximately 9 miles east of Richmond Hill.

OTTING TRACT WMA

700 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR
Archery only: Sept. 9-Jan. 1

TURKEY
Apr. 6-May 15

FURBEARER DOG TRAINING
Aug. 15-Mar. 19

COYOTE
May 16-31

AREA NOTES
No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS
From Cloudland: Take Hwy 157 north 2.1 miles to parking area on left.

PARADISE PFA

1,300 acres • 912.285.6094

DOVE
Dove hunting in designated fields only.
» Sept. 2
Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, Nov. 18-26, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

WATERFOWL
Hunting in designated areas only; legal hours end at noon.
Dec. 14, 28

COYOTE
No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

DIRECTIONS
From Tifton Take U.S. HWY 82 east for 8 miles to Brookfield. Turn right on Whitley Rd.; take first left on Brookfield-Nashville Rd. and go 1.5 miles to entrance on left.

PAULDING FOREST WMA

25,707 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 9-Oct. 13, Oct. 16-Nov. 8, Nov. 13-17
FIREARMS
» Q100 Oct. 14-15
» Either-Sex Last Day: Oct. 9-12 | Dec. 7-10

TURKEY
Q50 Apr. 6-14, Apr. 20-28
Apr. 29-May15

BIRD & RABBIT DOG TRAINING
Aug. 15-Mar. 19 except during firearms deer hunts.

COYOTE
May 16-31

AREA NOTES
No ATVs. Horse & bicycle trails and areas, except Silver Comet Trail, are closed all day during firearms deer hunts and before 10:00 a.m. during archery deer and turkey hunts.

DIRECTIONS
From Intersection of HW 278 and HW 61 travel west on HW 278 12.5 miles. Turn Right onto Coot's Lake Rd and go to the stop sign. Turn Right onto Braswell Mt. Rd. Go 2 miles to check-in station pull in on left side of road.

PAULKS PASTURE WMA

16,600 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 9-13, 18-26, Oct. 1-13

FIREARMS
» Sept. 15-17
» Sept. 28-30 | Nov. 18-22, Dec. 17-27
» Buck Only: Oct. 14-Nov. 5
» Q3 Dog Deer, Buckshot Only: Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16

Dog-deer hunting in designated area only. Dog-deer hunters must check in at check station prior to hunt. All dogs used in the hunt must be marked with the selected hunter's name & valid phone number. WMA is closed during hunts except to hunters with a valid quota permit.

TURKEY
Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE
May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

AREA NOTES
No furbearer hunting or dog training in Archery Only Areas. No camping. No horseback riding during deer hunts.

DIRECTIONS
From Brunswick Take U.S. HWY 341 north 8 miles to check station on left.

PENHOLOWAY SWAMP WMA

10,546 acres • 912.262.3173

This area includes the Boyles Island Tract. Access to Boyles Island is by river only. Road access may be provided during bonus deer hunts pending river and road conditions. Call Region Office for details at 912-262-3173.

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 9-20, Sept. 25-Oct. 3, Oct. 8-Nov. 17, Nov. 25-Jan. 14

FIREARMS
» Sept. 22-24
» Oct. 5-7 | Nov. 18-24

TURKEY
Apr. 6-May 15

BIRD DOG TRAINING AREA
Designated in the areas of Redman and Deadend Rds.

COYOTE
May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

AREA NOTES
Archery only area is archery equipment for all species. Idle speed only on Cogden Lake. No furbearer hunting or dog training in Archery Only areas.

DIRECTIONS
From Mt. Pleasant Take HWY 341 north 2 miles to Akin Rd.; turn right; go to end of Akin Rd.; turn left onto River Rd. Entrance to WMA is 2.7 miles on right just before Paradise Park Rd.

PERRY DOVE FIELD

226 acres • 706.595.4222

- DEER**
State seasons, archery only.
- DOVE**
Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 23, 30, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27
- COYOTE**
No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.
- AREA NOTES**
No camping. No small game hunting.
- DIRECTIONS**
From I-75 take Exit 134 and head East approximately 1.6 miles and field is on the right.

PHINIZY SWAMP WMA

1,500 acres • 706.595.4222

- DEER**
State seasons; archery only.
- TURKEY**
Apr. 6-May 15
- WATERFOWL**
Legal hours end at noon.
Nov. 11
Wed. & Sat. during state seasons.
- COYOTE**
May 16-31
- AREA NOTES**
No camping.
- DIRECTIONS**
From Augusta From I-520 exit south on HWY 56 spur (Doug Barnard Pkwy.); go 0.5 mile to WMA entrance sign adjacent to Augusta Wastewater Treatment Facility; or from I-520, exit north on HWY 56 spur (D. Barnard Pkwy.); go 1.6 miles and turn right on Gravel Pit Rd. WMA at end of road.

LEGEND

Sign-in required for all bear, deer, and turkey hunts unless otherwise noted for a specific area.

- 👤 Sign-in
- 🏆 Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 42)
- 👦 Youth Hunt (see pg. 20)
- 📏 Quota Hunt (see pg. 74)
- 🏹 Archery Only Area
- 👨👩👦 Specialty Hunt (see pg. 72)
- 📖 Hunt & Learn
- 🦌 Antler Restricted Area
- ♿ Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 73)
- 🐕 Bird Dog Training
- 🐕 Furbearer Dog Training
- 🐕 Rabbit Dog Training
- 🏹 Archery Range
- 🔫 Firearms Shooting Range

RAYONIER CORRIDOR LANDS WMA

41 acres • 912.262.3173

- DEER & TURKEY**
Area closed to deer & turkey hunting.
- COYOTE**
No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.
- AREA NOTES**
WMA consists of 300 ft wide section of non-contiguous property on the Wayne County side of the Altamaha River, extending from mile 61 (Doe Eddy) to 1.2 miles down river.

REDLANDS WMA

37,500 acres • 770.535.5700

- DEER**
ARCHERY & PRIMITIVE
» State seasons.
- FIREARMS**
» Buck Only: Oct. 21-Nov. 3
» Nov. 4-30, Dec. 26-Jan. 1
- TURKEY**
Apr. 6-May 15
- DOVE**
Q80 🏹🏹 Sept. 2
Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 Oct. 7, Nov. 18-26, Dec. 19-Jan. 31
- COYOTE**
May 16-31
- AREA NOTES**
No hunting on Dyars Pasture MARSH pond. Furbearers may not be hunted during firearms deer hunt.
- DIRECTIONS**
From Greensboro Take GA HWY 15 north 9 miles; check station on left.

REDLANDS WMA—WATSONS SPRINGS AREA

770.535.5700

- DEER**
ARCHERY
Sept. 9-Nov. 30, Dec. 26-Jan. 1
- TURKEY**
Apr. 6-May 15
- COYOTE**
May 16-31
- DIRECTIONS**
From Greensboro Take GA HWY 15 north 9 miles; check station on left.

RICH MOUNTAIN WMA

19,955 acres • 706.295.6041

- DEER & BEAR**
ARCHERY
» Buck Only: Sept. 9-Nov. 22, Nov. 29-Jan. 1
- FIREARMS**
» Buck Only: 🏹 Nov. 21-26
- TURKEY**
Apr. 6-May 15
- COYOTE**
May 16-31
- AREA NOTES**
No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS

From Ellijay Take HWY 515 north 7 miles to Co. Road 151; turn right, go 4 miles to Stanley Creek check station.

RICH MOUNTAIN WMA—CARTECAY TRACT

2,142 acres • 706.295.6041

- DEER & BEAR**
Sept. 9-Jan. 1; archery only.
- TURKEY**
Apr. 6-May 15
- COYOTE**
May 16-31
- AREA NOTES**
No ATVs. Horse & bicycle trails and areas are closed before 10:00 a.m. during deer, bear & turkey seasons.
- DIRECTIONS**
From East Ellijay: Take Hwy 52E 2.7 miles. Turn right onto Canoe Launch Rd. Go approx 0.2 mile and turn left to archery range parking area and kiosk.

RICHMOND HILL WMA

7,400 acres • 912.262.3173

- DEER**
State seasons.
- TURKEY**
Apr. 6-May 15
- COYOTE**
May 16-31
- AREA NOTES**
No furbearer hunting or dog training in archery only areas.
- DIRECTIONS**
From Richmond Hill Take HWY 144 east to Oak Level Rd. or Kilkenny Rd. and follow signs.

RIVER BEND WMA

3,670 acres • 229.426.5267

- DEER**
ARCHERY
» Sept. 9-28, Oct. 2-19
- FIREARMS**
» 🏹 Sept. 30-Oct. 1
» 🏹 Oct. 20-22
» 🏹 Nov. 9-11 | 🏹 Nov. 30-Dec. 2
- TURKEY**
Q15 Apr. 6-12
Apr. 13-May 15
- SMALL GAME**
Aug. 15-Sept. 29, Oct. 2-Feb. 29
- DOVE**
Q30🏹 Sept. 2
Sept. 9, 16, 23, Oct. 7, Nov. 18-26, Dec. 19-Jan. 31
- WATERFOWL**
Waterfowl may be hunted on impoundment and its dikes/roads only on Wed., Sat., & Sun. during season. Legal hours end at noon.
- COYOTE**
May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone

number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

DIRECTIONS

From Dublin Take I-16 east to Exit 58 (HWY 199); turn south and go 0.3 miles; road to check station is on right.

RIVER CREEK, THE ROLF & ALEXANDRA KAUKA WMA

2,437 acres • 229.430.4254

- DEER**
Only bucks with at least 4 points (1-inch or longer) on either antler or a minimum 15-inch outside antler spread are legal. Youth hunt exempt from antler restriction.
- ARCHERY**
» Sept. 16-24 (Buck Only), Oct. 7-15
- FIREARMS**
» Q35 🏹 Nov. 1-4 | 🏹 Dec. 6-9
» Q35 🏹 Dec. 18-20
» Antlerless Only: Dec. 31-Jan. 3
- TURKEY**
• Q5 🏹 Apr. 6-9, 12-15
• Q5 🏹 Apr. 19-22

SMALL GAME

No fox squirrel, bobcat, or fox hunting. Jan. 22-Feb. 7

- DOVE**
Q15 🏹🏹 Sept. 2, 9.

QUAIL

Daily bag limit: 3/person. Quail hunting on designated dates only. Hunting party must report harvest at kiosk or online; one survey per party. Q2 🏹 Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 16, 30, Jan. 20
🏹 Nov. 28, Dec. 12, Jan. 16
Q2 🏹🏹 Jan. 27

WATERFOWL

Q3 🏹🏹🏹 Dec. 23, Jan. 6, 13

COYOTE

No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

DIRECTIONS

From Thomasville Take U.S. HWY 84 west approx. 4 miles. WMA entrance is on left approx. 0.9 mile after crossing the Ochlockonee River Bridge.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA & PFA

🏹 Archery Only Area, except waterfowl

3,000 acres • 706.802.5087

DEER & BEAR

State seasons.

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

WATERFOWL

Antioch Lake: Jan. 1-31, except no Sunday hunting.
Heath Lake: State season.

COYOTE

No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES

Daily use fee (per vehicle) required for all users. Waterfowl hunters only may use firearms. No ATVs. All activities prohibited on upper and lower reservoirs.

DIRECTIONS

From Rome Take U.S. 27 north 10.4 miles; turn left on Sikes Storey Rd.; go 0.4 miles; turn left on Big Texas Valley Rd.; go 5.4 miles to entrance.

ROGERS WMA

3,500 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER

State seasons.

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE

May 16-31

AREA NOTES

No camping.

DIRECTIONS

From Hortense Take HWY 301 north to McKinnon. Turn left at Rogers Tract sign and cross over railroad tracks.

ROGERS STATE PRISON FARM DOVE FIELDS

538 acres • 229-426-5267

DOVE

Sept. 2, 9, 16

AREA NOTES

Hunters must sign-in at the kiosks located at the entrance to each field prior to hunting. A map of the fields is located in the kiosks (and on our website) with designated parking areas marked on the maps. No ATVs or UTVs allowed on the fields. No hunting within 100 yards of residences or 50 yards of county roads. Hunters must use open gates to access fields; DO NOT climb fences. Please do not litter, including spent shotgun shells. Extra caution should be taken to ensure no live shells are left on the field. No small game or May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

DIRECTIONS

From Reidsville take GA Highway 147 approximately 6.5 miles to intersection with Hwy 178. Turn left on Hwy 178 and proceed 1.5 miles to dirt road on the right that leads to entrance of field 1 and the parking area.

RUM CREEK WMA

5,884 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER

ARCHERY

» Sept. 9-Oct. 1, Nov. 18-Dec. 1

FIREARMS

» Sept. 2-8

» **Q200** Oct. 26-28

» **Q200** Either-sex Last Day: Nov. 9-11

TURKEY

Q25 Apr. 6-10, 20-24

Q25 Apr. 13-17, 27-May 1

May 4-8

DOVE

Q75 Sept. 2, 9

Sept. 16, 23, 30, Nov. 18-26, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

WATERFOWL

Shooting hours end at noon for all areas. Area west of Juliette Rd. is only open for 2 youth quota hunts.

• **MARSH Project:** **Q3** Dec. 16, Jan. 13

• **East of Ebenezer Rd. (includes Lake Juliette):** Open for all hunters. Federal Youth Waterfowl Days & Wed.-Sun., during state season. No motor in excess of 25 hp may be operated on Lake Juliette.

• **Youth Area:** Between Juliette Rd. and Ebenezer Rd. only youth may hunt. Federal Youth Waterfowl Days & Wed.-Sun., during state season.

COYOTE

May 16 - 31

DIRECTIONS

From Forsyth Take Hwy 18 east 7 miles to Rum Creek Drive on your left then proceed to the check station on your right.

RUM CREEK WMA—BERRY CREEK AREA

Archery Only Area

161 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER & SMALL GAME

State seasons.

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE

May 16-31

AREA NOTES

No firearms hunting allowed. No camping. No hog dogs.

DIRECTIONS

From Forsyth Take Hwy 18 east 7 miles to Rum Creek Drive on your left then proceed to the check station on your right.

SANDHILLS WMA - EAST

892 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER

State seasons; archery only.

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

QUAIL

Wed. and Sat. during state season.

WATERFOWL

Federal Youth Waterfowl Days & State Season. Legal hours end at noon.

COYOTE

May 16-31

AREA NOTES

No camping. Bird dog training allowed Aug. 15-Mar. 15. No fox squirrel hunting.

DIRECTIONS

From Butler: From the intersection of HWY 96 and HWY 19, go west 2.6 miles to Taylor County Industrial Park; turn right; kiosk is immediately on the left side of the road.

SANDHILLS WMA - WEST

2,498 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER

State seasons.

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

QUAIL

Sat. & Wed. during state season.

WATERFOWL

Federal Youth Waterfowl Days & Sat. Only during state season. Legal hours end at noon.

BIRD DOG TRAINING

Aug. 15-Mar. 15.

COYOTE

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

AREA NOTES

Camping in designated areas only. No fox squirrel hunting.

DIRECTIONS

From Butler: From the intersection of HWY 96/HWY 19 in Butler, GA, take HWY 96 west 13.2 miles. Turn left on HWY 90 and go 2.2 miles, then left on Fox Run Rd. Continue 2.2 miles and the WMA entrance will be on your right.

SANSVILLA WMA

16,867 acres • 912.262.3173

WMA includes the Wire Road Tract.

DEER

ARCHERY

» Sept. 9-20, Sept. 25-Oct. 3, Oct. 8-20, Nov. 6-24

FIREARMS

» Sept. 22-24

» **Q** Oct. 5-7 | **Q** Nov. 25-Dec. 28,

Dec. 31-Jan. 14

» **Buck Only:** Oct. 21-Nov. 5

» **Q1 Buckshot Only/Dog Deer:** Dec. 29-30

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

AREA NOTES

No furbearer hunting or dog training in Archery Only areas. Archery only area is archery equipment for deer only. Dog-deer hunting allowed in designated areas only. All dogs must be marked with the selected hunter's name and phone number. All vehicles used in the dog-deer hunt must display DNR issued permit on vehicle dash. Hunting area is closed to all users during dog-deer hunts except to hunters with a valid quota permit.

DIRECTIONS

From Brunswick Take U.S. 341 north to Mt. Pleasant, south of Jesup; Turn right on Howard Rd.; Check Station is on left (17 miles from Brunswick).

SAPELO ISLAND WMA

9,000 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER

Maps of open hunting areas available at the Sapelo WMA sign-in kiosks, Brunswick DNR office, and georgiawildlife.com

ARCHERY

» Sept. 9-Oct. 4, Nov. 20-Jan. 14

PRIMITIVE

» **Q125** Oct. 19-21

FIREARMS

» **Q** Oct. 6-8

» **Q125** Nov. 2-4, Nov. 16-18

COYOTE

Mar 1-31. Feral hogs may be taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

AREA NOTES

Reservations for transportation on state boat for bonus youth and quota deer hunts must be made through the Sapelo Island Visitor Center (912) 437-3224. No reservations will be accepted until you receive your selection notice. Visitor Center Hours: Tues.-Fri. 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sat. 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Closed Sunday & Monday. Stream anchorage may be required for hunters using their own boats. Hunter access is allowed only at Moses Hammock Dock at head of Duplin River. No motorized vehicles allowed on island. Hunters may check in starting at 9:00 a.m. EST one day prior to hunt. Camps must be removed by noon on the day following each hunt. Departures and returns from deer hunting must be made from Moses Hammock campsite. Hunters are required to stay outside the boundaries of the safety zones.

Ferry Restrictions: There is limited space on the ferry, so please limit the amount and size of your gear; propane fuel only; guns must be unloaded and cased for transport on ferry; no folding chairs or tables, ladder stands, bicycles, or excessively large boxes; climbing stands are OK; coolers are limited to one 48 qt. per guest or one 96 qt. per two guests. Rolling garbage cans and carts are not allowed on the ferry. For information on local charter options or transportation to the Moses Hammock hunt camp, please contact the Sapelo Island Visitors Center (912) 437-3224. If you do not take the ferry to the island you may not return to the mainland via the ferry.

DIRECTIONS

From Savannah Take I-95 south to Exit 58; turn left on GA HWY 57; go 1 mile to flashing light; continue straight on HWY 99, go 9.1 mi. to Landing Rd. (in Meridian); turn left and proceed to Sapelo Island Visitors Center.

SHEFFIELD WMA

5,342 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR Sept. 9-Jan. 1; archery only.

TURKEY Q10 Apr. 6-14, Apr. 20-28 Apr. 29-May 15

FURBEARER DOG TRAINING Aug. 15-Mar. 19

COYOTE May 16-31

AREA NOTES No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS From Cartersville: Take HWY 61 south 13.2 miles to Braswell Mountain Rd.; turn right; go 2.4 miles to Lee Rd.; turn right and proceed 1.2 miles to area. From Dallas: Take HWY 61 north 6.2 miles to Braswell Mountain Rd.; turn left; go 2.4 miles to Lee Rd.; turn right and proceed 1.2 miles to area.

SILVER LAKE WMA

9,200 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER ARCHERY » Sept. 9-24 (Buck Only), Sept. 25-Oct. 13, Jan. 15-31

PRIMITIVE » Oct. 14-22

FIREARMS » Oct. 26-28 » Dec. 14-16 » Buck Only: Nov. 11-24, Dec. 30-Jan. 14

TURKEY Q35 Apr. 6-10, Apr. 25-29 Apr. 18-22 Apr. 30-May 15

LEGEND

Sign-in required for all bear, deer, and turkey hunts unless otherwise noted for a specific area.

- Sign-in
Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 42)
Youth Hunt (see pg. 20)
Quota Hunt (see pg. 74)
Archery Only Area
Specialty Hunt (see pg. 72)
Hunt & Learn
Antler Restricted Area
Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 73)
Bird Dog Training
Furbearer Dog Training
Rabbit Dog Training
Archery Range
Firearms Shooting Range

DOVE Sept. 2, 9, Sept. 16-Oct. 8, Nov. 15-26, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

QUAIL Daily bag limit: 3/person. Quail hunting on designated dates only. Hunting party must report harvest at the kiosk or online; one survey per party. Q2, Q3 & Q4 Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, Jan. 13, 20, 27 Nov. 28, Dec. 19

COYOTE No May 16-31 coyote & hog season. AREA NOTES No fox squirrel, bobcat, or fox hunting.

DIRECTIONS From Bainbridge Take HWY 253 south 2.7 miles; go left on Ten Mile Still Rd.; travel 6 miles; turn right on Silver Lake Rd.; travel 2.9 miles; turn left onto WMA access road. Check station is 0.8 miles on the right.

SOAP CREEK WMA

1,000 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER ARCHERY & PRIMITIVE » State seasons. FIREARMS » Oct. 21-Jan. 1

TURKEY Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE May 16-31

AREA NOTES No camping.

DIRECTIONS From Lincolnton Take HWY 79 north 2 miles. Turn right on New Petersburg Rd. Sign-in board is on left.

SPIRIT CREEK FOREST WMA

570 acres • 706.595.4222 Spirit Creek Forest is a multi-use forest; other users may be present during open hunting seasons. Gates may be open/closed at the discretion of Georgia Forestry Commission. Please see WMA maps for safety zones.

DEER & SMALL GAME State seasons. Shotguns may be used for small game; No furbearer dog hunting.

TURKEY Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES No camping. No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS From Augusta: take GA Hwy 56 (Mike Padgett Hwy) south, turn right onto Old Waynesboro Rd, travel 1.7 miles and turn right onto McDade Rd, travel 1.6 miles and turn right onto Smokey Rd, access road is approximately 0.4 miles on right.

SPREWELL BLUFF WMA - EAST

1,330 acres • 706.295.6041 The East Tract includes property east of the Flint River.

DEER & SMALL GAME State seasons. Archery only for deer. Shotgun & archery only for small game; No furbearer dog hunting; No night hunting. Legal waterfowl hours end at noon.

TURKEY Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE May 16-31

AREA NOTES No hunting in park day-use area. No camping.

DIRECTIONS From Thomaston to Sprewell Bluff Tract Take HWY 36 west 6 miles to Roland; turn right on Alabama Rd.; turn left and follow paved road to area.

SPREWELL BLUFF WMA - WEST

5,200 acres • 706.295.6041 The West Tract includes property west of the Flint River.

DEER Only bucks with at least four points (1-inch or longer) on either side or a 15-inch outside spread are legal.

ARCHERY » Sept. 9-Oct. 20 FIREARMS » Oct. 21-Jan. 1

TURKEY Apr. 6-May 15

FURBEARER DOG TRAINING Aug. 15-Mar. 19

COYOTE May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

AREA NOTES Legal waterfowl hours end at noon. Camping in designated areas only.

DIRECTIONS From Manchester at JCT of HWY 85 and Hill St (Chalybeate Springs Rd), go east 3.2 miles, turn left on Mitchell Cove Rd, go 0.7 miles and then turn right on Tom Brown Rd. Go 0.8 miles to WMA entrance and kiosk.

SWALLOW CREEK WMA

19,000 acres • 770.535.5700

DEER & BEAR ARCHERY » Buck Only: Sept. 9-22, Oct. 2-13 FIREARMS » Buck Only: Nov. 16-19, Dec. 7-10 Dec. 26-Jan. 1

BEAR FIREARMS Sept. 23-Oct. 1

TURKEY Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

DIRECTIONS From Cleveland Take HWY 75 north 20 miles to GA 180; continue on HWY 75 for 1 mile and turn left at check station sign.

TALLULAH GORGE WMA

2,689 acres • 706.754.7981

DEER & BEAR State seasons through Jan. 1. Buck only for deer.

TURKEY Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES Mandatory daily sign in. No furbearer hunting at night on north side of gorge. No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS From Tallulah Falls Take U.S. 441 north; turn right onto Jane Hurt Yarn Dr.; go 1/4 mile past campground, follow WMA signs.

TOWNSEND WMA - BUCK ISLAND TRACT

7,244 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER State seasons.

TURKEY Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

DIRECTIONS From Ludowici Entrance to Townsend WMA - Buck Island Tract is located off HWY 301 approximately 4.75 miles west of Ludowici.

TOWNSEND WMA - NORTH, SOUTH AND PINE ISLAND TRACTS

24,924 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER ARCHERY » Sept. 9-Oct. 3 FIREARMS » Oct. 5-7, Nov. 2-4 Nov. 18-24, Dec. 23-24 » Oct. 21-27 » Q3 Dog Deer/Buckshot Only: Nov. 29-30, Dec. 13-14, 27-28

TURKEY Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

AREA NOTES

Archery only area is archery equipment for all species. Dog-deer hunters must check in at check station. Dog-deer hunting allowed in designated areas only. All dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and phone number. All vehicles used in the dog-deer hunt must display DNR issued permit on vehicle dash. Hunting area will be closed to all users during dog-deer hunt except to hunters with a valid quota permit.

DIRECTIONS

North Tract from Ludowici Take HWY 57 East 4.2 miles; Turn right onto Old Barrington Rd; go 4.0 miles, kiosk is on the right at the junction of Middleton Lake Rd and Old Barrington Rd. **South Tract** from Darien Take HWY 251 West; in approx. 3 miles bear left onto Cox Hwy; follow Cox HWY through Cox for 8.5 miles; kiosk is on left. **Pine Island Tract** from Ludowici Take HWY 57 East 4.2 miles; Turn right onto Old Barrington Rd; go 0.75 miles; kiosk is on right at the junction of Pine Island Rd and Old Barrington Rd.

TUCKAHOE WMA

15,100 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER

ARCHERY

» Sept. 9-14, 18-27, Oct. 1-Nov. 1

PRIMITIVE

» Ⓞ Sept. 28-30

FIREARMS

» ★🏠 Sept. 15-17

» Ⓞ Nov. 2-4 | Ⓞ Nov. 21-25

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with hunter's name and a valid phone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

AREA NOTES

Camping in designated sites only.

DIRECTIONS

From Sylvania Take E. Ogeechee 2.2 miles to jct. of Buck Creek and Brannen's Bridge Rd., take Brannen's Bridge Rd. 3.4 miles to jct. of GA HWY 24, continue on Brannen's Bridge Rd. 5.2 miles to check station on left.

WALTON WMA

200 acres • 770.535.5700

DEER

State seasons; archery only.

SMALL GAME

Oct. 1-Feb. 29

DOVE

Q80 🏠 Ⓞ Sept. 2
Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, Nov. 18-26,
Dec. 19-Jan. 31

BIRD DOG TRAINING

Oct. 1-Jul. 15

COYOTE

May 16-31, Archery and shotgun only.

AREA NOTES

No unleashed dogs except for bird dog training and dove hunting purposes. Shotguns Only for hunting small game.

DIRECTIONS

From I-20 At Exit 101, take HWY 278 north 1.7 miles. Area is on left across from Wildlife Resources Headquarters adjacent to the Wildlife Resources Conservation Center. Additional parking on Willow Springs Church Rd.

WARWOMAN WMA

15,800 acres • 770.535.5700

DEER & BEAR

ARCHERY

» **Buck Only:** Sept. 9-22

FIREARMS

» **Buck Only:** Ⓞ Nov. 9-12, Nov. 30-Dec. 3

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE

May 16-31.

DIRECTIONS

From Clayton Take U.S. 441 north; turn right on Warwoman Rd.; go 3.5 miles to Finney Creek Rd.; turn left and go 0.2 miles to check station.

WEST POINT WMA

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8,952 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER

Only bucks with at least 4 points (1-inch or longer) on either antler or a minimum 15-inch outside antler spread are legal.

ARCHERY

» Sept. 9-Oct. 12, Oct. 16-25, Oct. 29-Nov. 17

PRIMITIVE

» Dec. 9-10

FIREARMS

» ★🏠 Oct. 13-15

» **Antlerless Last Day:** Ⓞ Oct. 26-28, Nov. 30-Dec. 2

TURKEY

Q80 Apr. 6-12
Apr. 13-May 15

FURBEARER DOG TRAINING

Aug. 15-Mar. 19 except during deer hunts.

DOVE

Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7-8, Nov. 18-26, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

WATERFOWL

Shooting hours end at noon. Daniels Pond and Pond 1 are only open for Youth Waterfowl Days & Saturdays during state season. The rest of the WMA is open during small game dates concurrent with state season.

COYOTE

May 16-31

AREA NOTES

No gasoline engines allowed on waterfowl ponds. No fishing in managed waterfowl impoundments. No fishing from bridges.

DIRECTIONS

From Lagrange Take GA HWY 219 north 0.5 miles past Chattahoochee River Bridge; turn right on Old Whitely Rd. Follow signs to check station and kiosk.

WEST POINT WMA—DIXIE CREEK AREA

711 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER

Only bucks with at least 4 points (1-inch or longer) on either antler or a minimum 15-inch outside antler spread are legal.

» State seasons; archery only.

TURKEY

🏠 Apr. 6-12
Apr. 13-May 15

BIRD DOG TRAINING

Aug. 15-Mar. 19

COYOTE

May 16-31

AREA NOTES

No camping.

DIRECTIONS

From Lagrange take Hwy 219 north 4.8 miles. Go left on Cameron Mill Rd., and area is 0.6 miles on the left.

WEST POINT WMA—GLOVERS CREEK AREA

337 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER

Only bucks with at least 4 points (1-inch or longer) on either antler or

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a minimum 15-inch outside antler spread are legal.

» State seasons; archery only.

TURKEY

👤 Apr. 6-12
Apr. 13-May 15

WATERFOWL

👤 Nov. 11
Q7 Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23
General: Dec. 30, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27

COYOTE

No May 16-31 hog & coyote season.

AREA NOTES

No gasoline motors on waterfowl impoundment. No fishing on Glovers Creek Area.

DIRECTIONS

From Franklin take Hwy 100 west 0.75 miles then bear left on Lagrange St. Take immediate left on Mary Johnson Dr. (turns to Beavis Rd.) and go approximately 2 miles to entrance on right just past bridge.

WILSON SHOALS WMA

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2,800 acres • 770.535.5700

DEER & BEAR

ARCHERY
» Sept. 9-Oct. 27

PRIMITIVE
» Dec. 23-31

FIREARMS
» **Either-Sex Last Day:** Oct. 28-Nov. 12

TURKEY

Q15 Apr. 6-13, 20-27, May 4-11

DOVE

👤 Q15 Sept. 2
Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, Nov. 18-26,
Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE

May 16-31

DIRECTIONS

From Gainesville Take HWY 365 north 11 miles; turn right on Mud Creed Rd.; go 1 mile, turn left; go 0.1 mile, turn right on Yonah Rd.; go 2.1 miles, area on left.

YUCHI WMA

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7,800 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER

ARCHERY

» State season.

PRIMITIVE

» Oct. 14-18

FIREARMS

» 📍 Oct. 19-21 | 📍 Oct. 22-28, Nov. 24-26

» **Buck Only:** Oct. 29-Nov. 23, Nov. 27-Dec. 3, Dec. 26-Jan. 1

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

DOVE

📍 Sept. 2-Oct. 8, Nov. 18-26, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE

May 16-31

AREA NOTES

Camping in designated sites only.

DIRECTIONS

From Waynesboro Take HWY 80 east 8 miles to Shell Bluff Community; turn right on HWY 23; travel 7 miles south; turn left on Ebenezer Church Rd.; go 1 mile to Check Station on right.

ZAHND WMA

1,642 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR

Sept. 9-Jan. 1; archery only.

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE

May 16-31

AREA NOTES

No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS



From Cloudland Take HWY 157 north 8.2 miles; turn right on Dougherty Gap Rd. and go 3.5 miles; Dougherty Gap Rd. becomes West Cove Rd.; Continue straight for 3.5 miles; Turn left on S. Cedar Lane to end of road.



LEGEND

Sign-in required for all bear, deer, and turkey hunts unless otherwise noted for a specific area.

- 📍 Sign-in
- 📍 Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 42)
- 👤 Youth Hunt (see pg. 20)
- 📍 Quota Hunt (see pg. 74)
- 🏹 Archery Only Area
- 👤 Specialty Hunt (see pg. 72)
- 📍 Hunt & Learn
- 📍 Antler Restricted Area
- 📍 Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 73)
- 🐕 Bird Dog Training
- 🐕 Furbearer Dog Training
- 🐕 Rabbit Dog Training
- 📍 Archery Range
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STATE PARK HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

State laws and regulations and WMA Rules (pages 36-39) apply except as otherwise specified. Hunting opportunities are limited to only those species and dates specified for each State Park property.

BALLS FERRY STATE PARK

525 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER ARCHERY

» Sept. 9-Oct. 13, Oct. 21-Jan. 14
FIREARMS
» Oct. 14-20

TURKEY

» Apr. 6-14
Archery Only: Apr. 15-May 15

WATERFOWL

State season. Shooting hours end at noon.

AREA NOTES

No camping. On youth hunts, only youth may hunt.

DIRECTIONS

From Toombsboro Take Hwy 57 east 7.5 miles. Park on the left before the Oconee River Bridge.

CHATTAHOOCHEE BEND STATE PARK

2,910 acres • 770.254.7271

DEER

Bag limit: 5, no more than 2 antlered
FIREARMS
Q110 Nov. 28-29. NOTE: Archery option for up to 10 selected hunters.

AREA NOTES

Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check-in Station for site specific information, or attend a pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day before the hunt. Hunt participants are charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass is required. Cabins and campsites may be reserved by calling the Park office at (770) 254-7271. All park access is closed to the public during the hunt. No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS

From Newnan Take U.S. 27 Alt north 1.2 miles to Franklin Rd.; turn left, go 1.2 miles to Welcome Rd.; turn right, go 8.6 miles to Hewlette South Rd.; turn right, go 0.9 miles and continue 1.9 miles on Bud Davis Rd. to Flat Rock Rd.; turn right and continue to park entrance.

DON CARTER STATE PARK

1,316 acres • 678.450.7726

DEER

Bag limit: 5, no more than 2 antlered
FIREARMS
Q55 Nov. 14-16. NOTE: Archery option for up to 5 selected hunters.

AREA NOTES

Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check-in Station for site specific information, or attend a pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day before the hunt. Hunt participants are charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass is required. Cabins and campsites may be reserved by calling the Park office at (678) 450-7726. All park access is closed to the public during the hunt. No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS

From Gainesville: Take I-985 to Exit 24; take Jesse Jewell Pkwy. 0.4 mi. to Limestone Pkwy. turn right, go 1.6 mi. to Clarks Bridge Rd. turn right, go 6.2 mi. to N. Browning Bridge Rd. turn right, go 1.8 mi. to park.

DUKES CREEK—SMITHGALL WOODS STATE PARK

4,500 acres • 706.878.3087

DEER & BEAR ARCHERY

» Buck Only: Sept. 15-17
PRIMITIVE

» Buck Only: Nov. 8-11

FIREARMS

» Buck Only: Oct. 13-15
» Buck Only: Nov. 29-Dec. 2

TURKEY

Q20 Apr. 13-14, 27-28, May 11-12

SMALL GAME

Hunting by reservation only. Maximum 10 furbearer hunters/25 small game hunters per hunt period. Reservations must be made beginning Nov. 1 by calling (706) 878-3087. Dec. 7-9, Jan. 4-6, Feb. 1-3

COYOTE

No May 16-31 coyote & feral hog season.

AREA NOTES

Main gate on Tsalaki Trail opens at 5:00AM for all hunts. All hunts are restricted to the area east of Alt75 (75A).

DIRECTIONS

From Helen Take HWY 75 north to Robertstown, turn left on Alt. GA 75; go 2.2 miles, turn left into Smithgall Woods at Stone Pillars; follow signs to check station.

F.D. ROOSEVELT STATE PARK

9,049 acres • 706.663.4858

DEER

No deer hunt scheduled this year.

DIRECTIONS

From Pine Mountain: Take Hwy. 27 South 1.0 mile to Hwy. 354; turn left, go 2.5 miles to Hwy. 190; turn right; follow signs.

FORT YARGO STATE PARK

1,816 acres • 770.867.3489

DEER

Bag limit: 5, no more than 2 antlered
FIREARMS
Q85 Nov. 28-29

AREA NOTES

Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check-in Station for site specific information, or attend a pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day before the hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass is required. Cabins and campsites may be reserved by calling the Park office at (770) 867-3489. All park access is closed to the public during the hunt. No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS

From Winder: Take HWY 81 Southwest, travel 1.2 miles, follow signs.

HARD LABOR CREEK STATE PARK

5,804 acres • 706.557.3001

DEER

Bag limit: 5, no more than 2 antlered
FIREARMS
Q250 Nov. 7-8

AREA NOTES

Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check-in Station for site specific information, or attend a pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day before the hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 ParkPass is required. Cabins and campsites may be reserved by calling the park office at (706) 557-3001. All park access is closed to the public during the hunt. No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS

From I-20 From Exit 105 turn north on Newborn Rd. Go 2.3 miles to Rutledge, follow signs.

LITTLE OCMULGEE STATE PARK

265 acres • 229.868.7474

ALLIGATOR

Hunting by special permit only. Interested hunters selected for Zone 5 must call (229) 868-7474 no later than close of business on July 31 to apply. Selected hunters will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass is required. Hunting is permitted Sun.-Thurs. during the state season only between 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise. Only one boating vessel per permit holder. Fishing and other non-permitted lake activities are prohibited after sunset to before sunrise.

DIRECTIONS

From McRae: Take Hwy. 280 East, turn left on Hwy. 441, travel one-half mile, turn left on Spanish Moss Dr.

MISTLETOE STATE PARK

1,920 acres • 706.541.0321

DEER

No deer hunt scheduled this year.

DIRECTIONS

From Thomson I-20: Travel East 3.0 miles to Exit 175, Hwy. 150; turn left, go 7.9 miles to Mistletoe Rd; turn left, go 3.0 miles to park entrance.

PANOLA MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

1,635 acres • 770.389.7801

DEER

FIREARMS
Bag limit: 5, no more than 2 antlered
Q60 Nov. 14-15. NOTE: Archery option for up to 4 selected hunters.

AREA NOTES

Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check-in Station for site specific information, or attend a pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day before the hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 ParkPass is required. Hunting within 50 yards of the PATH Trail is prohibited. All park access is closed to the public during the hunt. No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS

From Atlanta Take I-20 to Exit 71; turn right on Panola Rd; go 3.6 mi to Snapfinger Rd/GA Hwy 155; go left; go 1.5 mi to park entrance on left.

RED TOP MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

1,776 acres • 770.975.0055

DEER

FIREARMS
Bag limit: 5, no more than 2 antlered
Q50 Nov. 14-15

AREA NOTES

Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check-in Station for site specific information, or attend a pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day before the hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 ParkPass is required. Cabins and campsites (hunters only) are available and may be reserved through the park office at (770) 975-0055. All park access is closed to the public during the hunt. No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS

From Atlanta: Take I-75 North to Acworth exit 285, turn right on Red Top Mountain Rd, follow signs.

REED BINGHAM STATE PARK

375 acres • 229.896.3551

ALLIGATOR

No alligator hunt scheduled this year.

DIRECTIONS

From Tifton: Take I-75 South to Adel exit 39, turn right on HWY 37, follow signs.

RICHARD B. RUSSELL STATE PARK

Q 📍 📍

2,508 acres • 706.213.2045

DEER

FIREARMS

Bag limit: 5, no more than 2 antlered Q60 & 📍Q20 📍 Dec. 5-6

AREA NOTES

Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check-in Station for site specific information, or attend a pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day before the hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 ParkPass is required. Cabins and campsites (hunters only) may be reserved through the park office at (706) 213-2045. All park access is closed to the public during the hunt. No ATVs. Wheelchair hunters must apply by letter by Oct. 15 to: Wheelchair Hunt RBR State Park, 2650 Russell State Park Drive, Elberton, GA 30635.

DIRECTIONS

From Elberton: Take GA-77 North-east 1.2 miles, turn right on Ruckersville Rd, travel 7.9 miles, turn right on Russell State Park Rd.

STANDING BOY CREEK RECREATION AREA

Q 📍

1,580 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER

Archery only: Q20 Oct. 6-8, Nov. 3-5, 10-12, Dec. 1-3.

TURKEY

Q10 📍 Apr. 12-14, 19-21

Q10 Archery Only: Apr. 26-28, May 3-5

AREA NOTES

No camping. No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS

From Columbus Take HWY 219 north. Turn left on Old River Rd., go 1.5 miles. Tract on left.

TUGALOO STATE PARK

Q 📍 📍 Archery Only Area

393 acres • 706.356.4362

DEER

Bag limit: no more than 2 antlered, unlimited antlerless

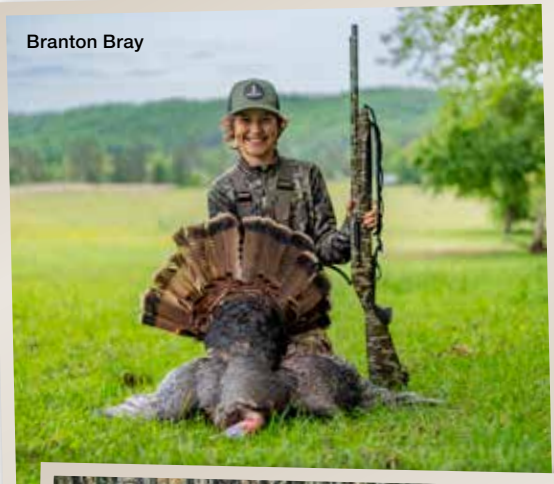
Q40 📍 Nov. 28-29

AREA NOTES

Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check-in Station for site specific information, or attend a pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day before the hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 non-refundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass is required. Cabins and campsites may be reserved by calling the Park office at (706) 356-4362. All park access is closed to the public during the hunt. No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS

From Lavonia: Take GA-328N/Gum-log Rd. 4.0 miles to Tugaloo SP Rd; turn right, go 1.9 miles to park entrance.



Branton Bray

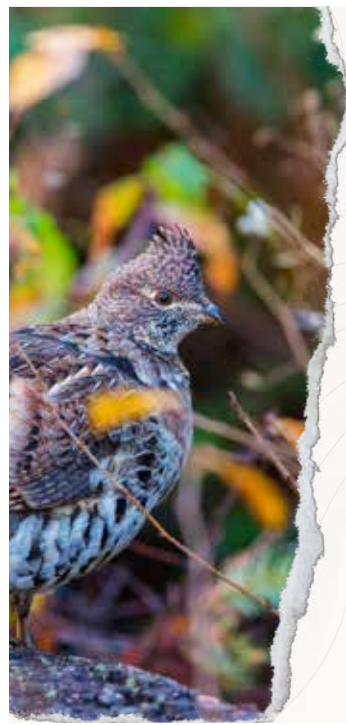


Ben Kersey with his Carroll County buck.

LEGEND

Sign-in required for all bear, deer, and turkey hunts unless otherwise noted for a specific area.

- 📍 Sign-in
- 📍 Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 42)
- 👤 Youth Hunt (see pg. 20)
- 📍 Quota Hunt (see pg. 74)
- 🏹 Archery Only Area
- 🌟 Specialty Hunt (see pg. 72)
- 📍 Hunt & Learn
- 📍 Antler Restricted Area
- 📍 Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 73)
- 🐕 Bird Dog Training
- 🐕 Furbearer Dog Training
- 🐕 Rabbit Dog Training
- 🎯 Archery Range
- 📍 Firearms Shooting Range



ATTENTION GROUSE HUNTERS:

The GAME Lab at UGA is seeking assistance from hunters, birdwatchers, and other outdoor enthusiasts to collect genetic materials from Ruffed Grouse. The research is examining genetics of grouse across the landscape to better understand the declining grouse population in Georgia.

Genetic materials Include:

- Feathers from harvested grouse.
- Small pieces of muscle from harvested grouse.
- Blood from harvested grouse.
- Fecal samples from grouse drumming logs OR letting UGA researchers know precise locations of drumming logs.
- Roadkill grouse.

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VOLUNTARY PUBLIC ACCESS (VPA) LANDS

Since 2014, through a USDA grant, the DNR Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) has been able to enhance its public land hunting program through temporary agreements with private landowners to provide public hunting opportunities. Some of these VPA opportunities are listed below, but some may not be included due to deadlines. For an up-to-date list of properties, please visit GoHuntGeorgia.com. State laws and regulations and WMA Rules (pages 36-39) apply. Hunting opportunities are limited to those species and dates specified for each VPA property.

APPLING COUNTY DOVE FIELD VPA

123 acres • 229.426.5267

DOVE

Sept. 2
Sept. 9, 16
See Hunting Structures, pages 38-39.

DIRECTIONS

From Alma: Take US 1 north to Pat Lewis Rd. on right (1st road on right after crossing over the Appling County line from Bacon County). Go 1 mile to dove fields.

From Baxley: Take US 1 south for 9 miles; turn left on Pat Lewis Rd. Go 1 mile to dove fields.

CAMP THUNDER VPA

Archery Only Area
1,527 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER & SMALL GAME

State seasons.

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

COYOTE

May 16-31

AREA NOTES

No firearms hunting allowed. No ATVs. No camping.

DIRECTIONS

From Thomaston take Hwy 74 west approximately 12 miles and go left on Thundering Springs Rd, in approximately 2.4 miles the sign-in kiosk will be on the right.

CEDAR GROVE VPA

294 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER & SMALL GAME

State seasons. Archery only for deer. No furbearer hunting.

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

DIRECTIONS

From Dublin take Hwy 441 South approx. 17 miles, continue straight after intersection with Hwy 46 for 0.5 miles, turn right on Clarence Chappell Road. Take dirt road approximately 0.5 miles and property entrances are on the right.

CHARLES B. HENSEN VPA

1,511 acres • 706.265.6041

DEER & BEAR

State seasons. Archery only.

TURKEY

Apr. 6-11, 12-18, 19-25, Apr. 26-May 2, 3-9

AREA NOTES

No ATV's. VPA is only open to the public for hunting during designated seasons. All other access is prohibited.

DIRECTIONS

From Trenton: Take Hwy 136 east past Clouland Canyon State Park to S. Moore Rd. Turn left (south) on S. Moore Rd to intersection of Plum Nelly Rd and Newsome Gap Rd. Continue straight on Newsome Gap Rd. 3.3 miles to kiosk on left.

CHATTAHOOCHEE FALL LINE WMA—VPA TRACTS

2,492 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER

Only bucks with at least 4 points (1-inch or longer) on either antler or a minimum 15-inch outside antler spread are legal
» State seasons; archery only.

SMALL GAME

State seasons. No fox squirrel hunting. Waterfowl shooting hours end at noon.

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

AREA NOTES

No ATVs or horses. Hunters must check kiosk on Brown Springs Tract daily for prescribed burning schedule and locations.

DIRECTIONS

From JCT Hwy 80 and 355, go south on 355. Tracts are located on Doctor Brooks Rd., Parker Mill Rd., and Hwy 355. Distance to tracts is between 4 and 10 miles from Hwy 80.

COLLINS ROAD VPA

356 acres • 706.595.4222

SMALL GAME

Rabbit: Wed. & Sat. during state season.

BIRD DOG TRAINING

Sun.-Tues. & Thur.-Fri., year round.

AREA NOTES

No ATVs. No camping.

DIRECTIONS

From Waynesboro: Take GA Hwy 56 North 11.5 miles and turn right onto Collins Rd; travel 0.4 miles and VPA entrance is on the right.

From Augusta: Take I-520 (Bobby Jones Expressway) to Exit 9 for GA Hwy 56 South/Mike Padgett Hwy; turn right onto GA Hwy 56 South and travel 13.3 miles; turn left onto Collins Rd; travel 0.4 miles and VPA entrance is on the right.

COCHRANS CREEK VPA

2,507 acres • 770.535.5700

This area has the same season dates and regulations as Dawson Forest WMA; see page 47.

DIRECTIONS

From Dawsonville GA: Take Shoal Creek Road, turn left on Highway 136, at the roundabout take the 1st exit to Highway 52 East, travel approximately 3 miles.

DUPONT TRACT VPA

349 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER

ARCHERY

» Sept. 9-Oct. 27, Nov. 13-Jan. 14

FIREARMS

» Oct. 28-Nov. 12

BEAR

ARCHERY

Sept. 21-23, 28-30, Oct. 5-7, 12-14

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

SMALL GAME

State seasons.

DIRECTIONS

From Dupont Take Hwy. 84 east for 1.8 miles, turn left on Harvest Time Church Rd. and the kiosk is 0.25 miles ahead.

LOLA TRACT VPA

391 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER

ARCHERY

» Sept. 9-Oct. 27, Nov. 13-Jan. 14

FIREARMS

» Oct. 28-Nov. 12

BEAR

ARCHERY

Sept. 21-23, 28-30, Oct. 5-7, 12-14

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

SMALL GAME

State seasons.

DIRECTIONS

From Stockton Take Hwy. 84 west for 1.4 miles. WMA kiosk is on the right. WMA is on both sides of the river.

LONDON FARMS VPA

111 acres • 770.535.5700

DOVE

Sept. 2, Sept. 9

AREA NOTES

Selected hunters may check in at 6:00 a.m. and hunt from 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset. No blinds, buckets, seats or other devices may be placed on the field until 6:30 a.m. and the hunter has checked in. Selected hunter may bring up to two guests. No stand-bys. All hunters must check out prior to leaving for the day.

DIRECTIONS

From Cleveland: Take Hwy 115 East 5.9 miles, turn right on Hwy 384 South, go 1.1 mile, turn right on Barrett Mill Rd., go 0.7 mile to dove field.

MCENTIRE ROAD VPA

95 acres • 706.295.6041

DOVE

Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, Sept. 30-Oct. 8

AREA NOTES

No ATVs. VPA is only open to the public for hunting during designated seasons. All other access is prohibited.

DIRECTIONS

From Calhoun, take Hwy 225 NE to Hwy 136. Turn right (east) on Hwy 136 (Nicklesville Rd). Go 5 miles and turn left (North) on Davis Rd (which turns into McEntire Rd when entering Murray Co). Kiosk is 0.7 miles on right.

PLEASANT VALLEY VPA

934 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR

ARCHERY

Sept. 9-Oct. 19

FIREARMS

Oct. 20-Nov. 10

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

WATERFOWL

Saturdays Only during season.

SMALL GAME

Aug. 15-Sept. 8, Feb. 1-29

COYOTE

May 16-31.

AREA NOTES

No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS

From Adairsville: Take Adairsville-Pleasant Valley Rd East out of town crossing under I-75. Turn right on East Pleasant Valley Rd. Go 0.5 miles and Sign-In kiosk will be on right.

SCOTLAND ROAD VPA

199 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER & SMALL GAME

State seasons. Archery only for deer. No furbearer hunting.

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

DIRECTIONS

From Dublin, take Hwy 441 south of I-16 for 2.6 miles to Scotland Road on the left. Proceed down Scotland Road approx. 6 miles and turn left on Anderson Road. Go 0.6 mile, take left on Fountain Drive and go another 0.5 mile to Rozier Lane on the left. Take Rozier Lane to end of road and follow roads around old homesite to property.

SPARKS CUT OFF VPA

340 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER & SMALL GAME

State seasons. Archery only for deer.

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

DIRECTIONS

From Adel Take Hwy. 76 west for 2.6 miles and turn right onto Sparks Cutoff Rd. Kiosk is 0.4 miles ahead on right. WMA is on both sides of the road.

TALLAPOOSA RIVER VPA



3,053 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR

ARCHERY

» Nov. 27-Jan. 1

FIREARMS

» Oct. 6-8, Nov. 24-26, Jan. 12-14

TURKEY

» Apr. 6-May 15

LEGEND

Sign-in required for all bear, deer, and turkey hunts unless otherwise noted for a specific area.

- 📍 Sign-in
- 🏠 Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 42)
- 👨‍👩‍👧 Youth Hunt (see pg. 20)
- 🎯 Quota Hunt (see pg. 74)
- 🏹 Archery Only Area
- 🌟 Specialty Hunt (see pg. 72)
- 📌 Hunt & Learn
- 🦌 Antler Restricted Area
- ♿ Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 73)
- 🐕 Bird Dog Training
- 🐕 Furbearer Dog Training
- 🐰 Rabbit Dog Training
- 🎯 Archery Range
- 🔫 Firearms Shooting Range

SMALL GAME

State season.

WATERFOWL

🏠 State season.

COYOTE

May 16-31

AREA NOTES

No ATVs. Small game and waterfowl hunting prohibited during youth deer hunts. Firearms restrictions apply to certain portions of VPA (see area map). Hunter sign-in available at J. L. Lester WMA.

DIRECTIONS

From Cedartown: Take U.S. Highway 27 south to Felton. In Felton, turn left onto Felton Rockmart Road. Go 0.9 miles and turn right onto Rainey Lake Road. The VPA property begins 0.7 miles down Rainey Lake Road.

TREAT MOUNTAIN VPA



5,087 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR

Deer & bear harvested during quota hunts must be checked out at J. Lester WMA.

ARCHERY

» Sept. 9-Oct. 5, Oct. 7-Nov. 23, Nov. 27-Jan. 11

FIREARMS

» Q200 🏠 Oct. 6-8, Nov. 24-26, Jan. 12-14

TURKEY

Q10 Apr. 6-14, Apr. 20-28
Apr. 29-May 15

SMALL GAME

State seasons except during quota hunts.

COYOTE

May 16-31.

AREA NOTES

No ATVs. Hunter sign-in available at J. L. Lester WMA.

DIRECTIONS

From Cedartown: Take U.S. Highway 27 south. Turn right onto GA Highway 100 south. Go 5.4 miles and turn right onto Treat Mountain Road. VPA property begins 0.2 miles down on the south side of the road.

WAYNE STATE FARM VPA



20 acres • 912.262.3173

DOVE

Q10 Sept. 2, 16, 30

AREA NOTES

Legal hours are 12:00pm until sunset. No ATVs. No camping. Hunters must use open gates to access fields. Do not climb fences. Please do not leave litter including expended shotshells and take precautions to ensure absolutely no live shells are left behind.

DIRECTIONS

From Odum, travel 6 miles west on Hwy 341. Turn left onto Shed Rd. Turn Right onto Blueberry Drive. Parking lot is located on Blueberry Lane.



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FEDERAL LANDS FEDERAL AREA REGULATIONS

All deer hunts or seasons are either-sex unless otherwise noted in the area listing.

■ BANKS LAKE NWR

912.496.7836

ALLIGATOR

Aug. 25-27

AREA NOTES

No commercial activities allowed. Open only to quota selected hunters in Alligator Hunt Zone 4. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/banks-lake for more information.

■ BLACKBEARD ISLAND NWR

843.784.2468

Archery hunting for deer and feral hogs is offered. All hunters 16 years of age or older must purchase a \$25 Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit at www.recreation.gov/activitypass/savannah-complex-hunt-permit. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/blackbeard-island for season dates, refuge regulations, and more information.

■ BOND SWAMP NWR



478.986.5441

DEER

ARCHERY

» Sept. 9 - Nov. 5

FIREARMS

» **Q50** Nov. 11-12

» **Q200** Nov. 17-18, Dec. 1-2

TURKEY

Bag Limit: 1 gobbler

Q40 Apr. 6-7, 19-20

SMALL GAME

Bag Limit: 1 fox squirrel/day

Squirrel: Aug. 15-Sept. 8

Squirrel/Rabbit/Quail: Dec. 3-Jan. 31

WATERFOWL

Legal hours end at noon.

Q20 Dec. 16-17, 29-30, Jan. 12-13, 26-27

AREA NOTES

Refuge permits are required for all hunts. Quota deer and waterfowl application deadline is September 20, 2023. Quota turkey application deadline is February 21, 2024. Sign-in required for youth deer hunt. Contact the Piedmont Refuge office to obtain applications, permits and refuge specific hunting regulations. Hunters are required to sign out harvested game at refuge check stations. Feral hogs may only be taken during refuge big game and small game hunts with applicable weapons restrictions. No May 16-31 coyote season. Baiting is prohibited. For more information call 478-986-5441 or email piedmont@fws.gov. Please check the refuge webpage or call the refuge office for updates.

■ CHATTAHOOCHEE NATIONAL FOREST (outside of WMAs)

770.297.3000

Hunting bears with dogs is prohibited on the Chattahoochee National Forest lands outside of designated WMAs.

DEER (EAST OF I-75) & BEAR ARCHERY

» Buck Only: Sept. 9-Oct. 13, Jan. 2-14

PRIMITIVE

» Buck Only: Oct. 14-20

FIREARMS

» Buck Only: Oct. 21-Jan. 1

DEER (WEST OF I-75) & BEAR ARCHERY

» Sept. 9-Oct. 13, Jan. 2-14

PRIMITIVE

» Oct. 14-20

FIREARMS

» Buck Only (except during county either-sex days): Oct. 21-Jan. 1

TURKEY

Bag Limit: 1 gobbler

Apr. 6-May 15

SMALL GAME

State seasons. The use of centerfire firearms at night is prohibited.

DOG TRAINING

Aug. 1-Sept. 7, Jan. 2-Mar. 17

Other requirements apply, see pg. 71.

AREA NOTES

On all National Forest lands, discharging a firearm or any other implement capable of taking human life, causing injury, or damaging property, is prohibited: within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site, or occupied area; across or on a National Forest Service road or across a water body; or, into or within a cave. Transportation of any loaded weapon in a motor vehicle or possession of alcohol when hunting are prohibited. Placing, leaving, or depositing any food, bait, or garbage in a manner likely to attract or concentrate any wildlife, whether for purposes of hunting or viewing animals, is prohibited. Failure to properly store food or garbage so as to prevent access by wildlife is prohibited. Baiting is prohibited. No night hunting. Hogs and coyotes may be taken with archery equipment during archery deer season, with deer weapons during firearms deer season, with turkey weapons during turkey season and with small game weapons during small game dates. Hogs may be hunted with dogs with appropriate weapons restrictions while training dogs during dates when training season coincides with small game or turkey season. No May 16-31 coyote season. NOTE: Be aware of hikers and campers.

■ CUMBERLAND ISLAND NS



912.882.4336 x258

DEER

ARCHERY

» **Q75** **Q** Oct. 3-5

PRIMITIVE

» **Q75** **Q** Nov. 7-9, Dec. 5-7

FIREARMS

» **Q50** **Q** Dec. 21-22

FERAL HOG

» **Q75** Firearms Hog Only: Jan. 9-11, 23-25

AREA NOTES

Registration opens July 1st at www.pay.gov. Hunting fee is \$35. No standby hunters. No non-hunters. Cumberland Island Ferry is available for access to & from the island for a fee. Mandatory check-in one day prior to hunt at Plum Orchard & Brickhill campgrounds. Children must be 10-17 for youth hunts, under age 16 must be accompanied by and under direct supervision of an adult at all times during the hunt. All NPS regulations apply to hunting areas. On primitive weapons hunts, modern centerfire handguns that meet state regulations may be used. Buckshot prohibited. Minimum age for participation in all park hunts 10 years old. No May 16-31 coyote & hog season. Baiting prohibited. All stands must be removed after the hunt. Visit www.nps.gov/cuis for detailed information.

■ EUFAULA NWR



334.687.4065

DEER

ARCHERY

» Sept. 9-Jan. 14, except Bradley Unit which opens Nov. 1

FIREARMS

» **Q** **Q** Oct. 7, 21

WATERFOWL

Q16 Wed. during state season. Shotgun limit of 25. Check with Refuge office for dates.

AREA NOTES

Closed to alligator hunting. Apply Aug. 1-Sept. 15 for all quota hunts. User fees must be prepaid. Eligible ages for youth hunts are 10-15 years. A waterfowl permit holder may bring up to 2 guests (no more than 3 individuals/blind). No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

■ FORT GORDON



706.791.6135 or 2397

All hunters must set up an account and acquire a permit at <https://ftgordon.isportsman.net>. Hunting and fishing permits are offered to the general public through a lottery system on the iSportsman website. Lottery winners can purchase any outdoor recreation permit, valid for one year from date of purchase or no later than Aug. 1 of the year following the drawing. Application period begins July 1 and ends July 15 each year. All hunters, regardless of age, must possess a Hunter Education Certificate. Mandatory daily check-in/ check-out. All hunting is subject to post regulations and hunting access is not guaranteed. For more information go to <https://ftgordon.isportsman.net>.

■ FORT STEWART & HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD



912.767.9040

All hunters must set up an account and acquire a permit at <https://ftstewart.isportsman.net>. All hunting is subject to post regulations and access for hunting is not guaranteed. Mandatory daily check-in/out via iSportsman system. For all information pertaining to seasons, bag limits, seasonal firearms restrictions, mandatory check stations, and post regulations go to <https://www.ftstewart.isportsman.net>.

■ HARRIS NECK NWR

843.784.2468

Hunting for deer and feral hogs is offered. All hunters 16 years of age or older must purchase a \$25 Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit at www.recreation.gov/activitypass/savannah-complex-hunt-permit. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/harris-neck for season dates, refuge regulations, and more information.

■ HARTWELL LAKE/ RICHARD B. RUSSELL LAKE/ J. STROM THURMOND LAKE (CLARKS HILL) (USACE)



Hunting opportunities vary by area. Please visit each project's website for information regarding hunting opportunities at: Hartwell — <https://bit.ly/3BnnipP> — Richard B. Russell — <https://bit.ly/3zp546r> — Clarks Hill — <https://bit.ly/3yIRHmp>. An online USACE hunting map application powered by ArcGIS Online is also available at <https://bit.ly/3zmNJeF>. Information is also available at each lake project office: Hartwell 1-888-893-0678; Richard B. Russell 1-800-944-7207; Clarks Hill 1-800-533-3478.

■ LAKE SEMINOLE/W.F. GEORGE LAKE/G.W. ANDREWS LAKE/ WEST POINT LAKE/ALLATOONA LAKE/CARTERS LAKE (USACE)

Hunting opportunity may vary by area so please contact the appropriate COE office as provided herein. Some COE properties require a special permit for species-specific hunting; please call or check online well before the season opens as some permits can only be obtained onsite or by US mail. Contact the Corps resource manager's office at the appropriate lake project for hunting areas: Allatoona 678-721-6700; Walter F. George 229-768-2516; Seminole 229-662-2001; Carters 706-334-2640; West Point 706-645-2937 OR visit the website <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Recreation/Hunting.aspx>.

LAKE SIDNEY LANIER (USACE)

DEER
ARCHERY

Buford Dam Unit — Nov. 14-16 (pre-hunt meeting Nov. 13)
Islands Unit — Nov. 10-13, Nov. 24-27, Dec. 8-11

AREA NOTES

For the dam hunts, hunters must apply by letter containing full name, address, phone number, email (if available) and hunt(s) selection to Operations Project Manager's Office, ATTN: Quota Hunts, 1050 Buford Dam Rd, Buford, GA, 30518 no later than 4:30 pm on October 10. One hunter per letter. For island hunt applications, see <https://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Recreation/Lake-Sidney-Lanier/Hunting/>. For information on harvest limits, maps, access and other details visit <http://go.usa.gov/SE85>. No May 16-31 hog & coyote season.

OCONEE NATIONAL FOREST (OUTSIDE OF WMAS)

706.485.1776

DEER
ARCHERY & PRIMITIVE

- » State season.
- FIREARMS**
- » **Buck Only:** Oct. 21-Nov. 3, Nov. 6-24, Nov. 27-Dec. 3, Dec. 26-29, Jan. 1-14
- » **Either sex:** Nov. 4-5, 25-26, Dec. 30-31

TURKEY

Bag Limit: 1 **gobbler**
Apr. 6-May 15

SMALL GAME

State seasons.

HITCHITI EXPERIMENTAL FOREST

Hitchiti Experimental Forest is only open during Piedmont Refuge hunting seasons with a valid Piedmont Refuge hunting permit and in accordance with Refuge regulations. See Piedmont NWR listing.

AREA NOTES

On all National Forest lands, discharging a firearm or any other implement capable of taking human life, causing injury, or damaging property, is prohibited: within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site, or occupied area; across or on a National Forest Service road or across a water body; or, into or within a cave. No dog training Mar. 20-July 31 and Sept. 9-Jan. 1. Pursuit of bears with dogs is prohibited. Hogs may be taken only during daylight hours consistent with regulations above. Coyotes may be taken during hunts; weapons are restricted to legal firearms and archery equipment for the game species specified for a particular hunt as indicated heretofore; electronic calls may be used; night hunting is prohibited. Placing, leaving, or depositing any food, bait or refuse in a manner likely to attract or concentrate any wildlife, whether for purposes of hunting or viewing animals, is prohibited. It is also prohibited

to fail to properly store food or refuse to prevent access by wildlife. For public health and safety, the transportation of a loaded long gun or cocked crossbow in a motor vehicle is prohibited. NOTE: A firearm is considered "loaded" if a round of ammunition is in the chamber or magazine, a percussion cap is on the nipple, or powder is present in the frizzen pan. A "Long gun" is a firearm with an extended barrel, usually designed to be fired braced against the shoulder. It shall include all rifles, shotguns, carbines, muzzleloaders, and/or other such weapons. For public health and safety, the possession of an alcoholic beverage as defined by state law, while hunting, is prohibited.

OKEFENOKEE - COWHOUSE UNIT

912.496.7836

DEER
ARCHERY

» Sept. 9-26, Oct. 1-4, 8-13

FIREARMS

- » **Q** Sept. 28-30, Nov. 2-4
- » **Q30** Oct. 5-7, Nov. 22-26
- » **Buck Only:** **Q** Oct. 14-29

TURKEY

Apr. 6-May 15

SMALL GAME

Squirrel Only: Aug. 15-Nov. 10
Squirrel/Rabbit/Quail: Nov. 11-17, Nov. 19-Dec. 1, Dec. 3-Feb. 29

Bears and alligators may not be taken. Foot travel only on ONWR portion of Cowhouse Island. No dogs allowed

except pointing dogs for hunting quail. Sign-in at Dixon Memorial WMA. Feral hogs may be taken May 16-31, no dogs allowed. No coyote hunting.

OKEFENOKEE - POCKET UNIT

912.496.7836

DEER
ARCHERY

» Sept. 16-Nov. 14

Sign-in/sign-out required. Bears and alligators may not be taken. Foot travel only off paved road. No dogs allowed. No May 16-31 coyote season, no coyote hunting.

OKEFENOKEE NWR - SUWANNEE CANAL UNIT

912.496.7836

DEER
FIREARMS

- » **Q** **Q30**
- » **Q10** **Q** Oct. 20-21

Quota applications accepted Aug. 15-Sept. 15 at <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee>. Youth are those 16 and under and supervised by an adult 21 or older. Hunter Education is required for youth hunters. Shooting hours close at noon; Shotguns and muzzleloaders only; hunters are charged a \$15.00 permit fee; check-out required; hunters are not required to tag deer prior to check out — special NWR tags provided for two harvested deer; hunt

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area zoned; Chesser Island zone is for wheelchair or youth hunters only. No dogs allowed. Feral hogs may be taken: no limit. No May 16-31 coyote season, no coyote hunting.

PIEDMONT NWR

478.986.5441

NOTE: The Hitchiti Experimental Forest is open for hunting only during refuge hunting seasons with a valid Piedmont Refuge hunting permit and in accordance with refuge regulations.

DEER

ARCHERY

» Sept. 9-Oct. 1

PRIMITIVE

» Q1250 Oct. 26-28

FIREARMS

» Q25 & Q50 Oct. 14-15

» Q1250 Nov. 2-4, 9-11

TURKEY

Bag Limit: 1 gobbler

Q300 Apr. 9-13, 23-27, May 7-11

SMALL GAME

Squirrel: Limit 1 fox squirrel/day Aug.

15-Sept. 8, Oct. 2-13, 16-25, Oct. 29-

Nov. 1, 5-8, Nov. 12-Jan. 31

• Quail & Rabbit: Nov. 18-Jan. 31

• Raccoon & Opossum: Dec. 1-2,

8-9, 15-16, 22-23, Dec. 29-30, Jan.

5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27

AREA NOTES

Refuge permits are required for all hunts. Applications for quota deer hunts must be received by August 30.

Quota turkey hunts applications must be received by February 28. Permit fee required for all quota hunts. Baiting is prohibited. No May 16-31 coyote season. Contact the refuge office to obtain applications, permits and refuge specific hunting regulations (478-986-5441) or email piedmont@fws.gov.

SAVANNAH NWR

843.784.2468

Hunting for deer, turkey, waterfowl, dove, squirrel, raccoon, rabbit, opossum, beaver, armadillo, alligator, feral hog, and coyote is offered. All hunters 16 years of age or older must purchase a \$25 Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit at www.recreation.gov/activitypass/savannah-complex-hunt-permit. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/savannah for season dates, refuge regulations, and more information.

WASSAW NWR

843.784.2468

Hunting for deer and feral hogs is offered. All hunters 16 years of age or older must purchase a \$25 Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit at www.recreation.gov/activitypass/savannah-complex-hunt-permit. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/wassaw for season dates, refuge regulations, and more information.



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- Metter:** Zerwig Processing, 35978 Hwy 23N, 912-682-7250
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TRAINING DOGS ON WMAS & NATIONAL FORESTS

Unless otherwise specified, training dogs for the purpose to pursue any small game or furbearer on a WMA is allowed when a WMA has an open season for small game.

Except for bears and hogs (dates provided under Training Dogs on Chattahoochee National Forest), the training season for dogs on the Chattahoochee National Forest is Aug. 1 - Sept. 7, Jan. 2 - Mar. 17, and the training season for dogs on the Oconee National Forest is Aug. 1 - Sept. 8, Jan. 2 - Mar. 19).

All dogs must be confined or kept on a leash except when hunting or training during designated seasons or on designated areas. Hunters must remove their dogs upon departure. Review specific area listing for seasons and restrictions.

Restrictions:

- It is unlawful to run deer with dogs unless otherwise specified (see Dixon Memorial, Paulks Pasture, Sansavilla, and Townsend WMAs). Hunters whose dogs are found chasing deer may be appropriately charged.
- Hunters are allowed to hunt raccoons with trail dogs only.
- Trail dogs for rabbits are limited to beagles, basset hounds and dachshunds.

BIRD DOG TRAINING ON WMAS

Some WMAs allow bird dog training year round during daylight hours (see list to right) except as otherwise noted in the area specific listing. All participants must have a hunting license.

- Pigeons and pen-raised quail may be used for the training of pointing, flushing and retrieving dogs in designated areas only.

- Dog trainer must maintain proof of purchase for pen-raised quail used in training.
- Shotguns may be used to harvest released birds during training with No. 6 or smaller shot only.

FURBEARER DOG TRAINING ON WMAS

Some WMAs allow furbearer dog training Aug. 1-14 and Mar. 1-19 (see list to right) except as otherwise noted in the area specific listing.

TRAINING BEAR & HOG DOGS ON CHATTAHOOCHEE NATIONAL FOREST

The pursuit of bears and hogs for the purpose of training dogs: Aug. 1 - Sept. 7 and Jan. 2 - Mar. 17 during legal daylight hours.

Requirements for all participants:

- Possess a valid Hunting license and Big Game license, and
- Sign-in once per season online at www.georgiawildlife.com

Requirements and restrictions for dogs:

- Each dog must be marked with hunter's name, address and telephone number, and
- All dogs must be removed from area upon departure, and
- It is unlawful to allow dogs to pursue bears onto lands not authorized for such activity.

LOOK FOR THESE SYMBOLS IN A SPECIFIC WMA LISTING:

- ☛ Bird dog training allowed
- ☛ Furbearer dog training allowed
- ☛ Rabbit dog training allowed

DOG TRAINING AREAS

	BIRD	RABBIT	FURBEARER
Albany Nursery WMA	✓		
Alexander WMA	✓		✓
Beaverdam WMA	✓		
Berry College WMA	✓	✓	
Carters Lake WMA		✓	
Cedar Creek - Little River Area	✓	✓	✓
Ceylon WMA	✓		
Chickasawhatchee WMA	✓		✓
Collins Road VPA	✓		
Crockford-Pigeon Mtn WMA	✓	✓	✓
Elbert County WMA			✓
Elmodel WMA	✓	✓	
Fishing Creek WMA			✓
Flat Creek PFA	✓	✓	
Germany Creek WMA			✓
Hart County WMA	✓		✓
Horse Creek WMA	✓		✓
J. L. Lester WMA	✓	✓	
Joe Kurz WMA	✓		
Little Satilla WMA			✓
Lower Broad River WMA			✓
Mead Farm WMA	✓		
Ocmulgee WMA—Gum Swamp Creek Tract	✓		
Otting WMA			✓
Paulding Forest WMA	✓	✓	
Penholoway Swamp WMA	✓		
Pine Log WMA	✓	✓	
Redlands WMA			✓
Redlands WMA-Watson's Spring Area			✓
Richmond Hill WMA	✓	✓	
Rogers WMA			✓
Sandhills WMA	✓		
Sansavilla WMA			✓
Sapelo Island WMA			✓
Sheffield WMA			✓
Soap Creek WMA			✓
Sprewell Bluff WMA - West			✓
Walton WMA	✓		
West Point WMA			✓
West Point - Dixie Creek Tract	✓		
Yuchi WMA			✓

Dogs are not allowed for pursuing, catching or killing bears or hogs on WMAs, unless specified otherwise.



Eathen Tumlin and Hank.

DOVE, SPECIALTY & MOBILITY-IMPAIRED HUNTS

The Specialty Hunt information listed below is for quick reference only. See Specific WMA Regulations for all details pertaining to the hunts listed below. **These hunts are not quota unless specified otherwise.**

DOVE HUNTS

For dove hunts designated as quota, hunters must apply and be selected to participate. See page 70 for quota hunt information. See page 20 for Youth dove hunts. See area listing at the referenced page(s).

AREA	DATES
Alapaha WMA	Q50 Sept. 2 & Page 42
Albany Nursery WMA	Q35 Sept. 2 & Page 42
Alexander WMA	Q50 Sept. 2 & Page 42
Altamaha WMA— Waterfowl Management Area	Page 42-43
Appling County Dove Field VPA	Sept. 9, 16 & Page 61
B. F. Grant WMA	Page 43
Berry College WMA	Page 43
Big Lazer Creek WMA	Page 43-44
Blanton Creek WMA	Q75 Sept. 2, 9 & Page 44
Canoochee Sandhills WMA	Page 44
Cedar Creek WMA	Page 45
Chattahoochee Fall Line — Ft. Perry Tract	Page 45
Chattahoochee Fall Line — Hilliard	Page 45
Chickasawhatchee WMA	Q40 Sept. 2 & Page 46
Clarks Hill WMA	Q60 Sept. 2 & Page 46
Clybel WMA	Q200 Sept. 2 & Page 46
Coosawattee WMA	Page 47
Crockford-Pigeon Mountain WMA	Page 47
Dawson Forest WMA	Q40 Sept. 2 & Page 47
Di-Lane Plantation WMA	Q100 Sept. 2 Field 1 & Page 47
Dixon Memorial WMA	Page 47
Elmodel WMA	Page 48
Fishing Creek WMA	Page 48
Flat Creek PFA	Page 48
Flint River WMA	Page 48-49
Hannahatchee WMA	Page 49
Hart County WMA	Page 49
Hiltonia WMA	Page 49 & 50
J. L. Lester WMA	Sept. 16, 23, 30 & Page 50
Joe Kurz WMA	Page 50
London Farms VPA	Q30 Sept. 2, 9 & Page 61
Lower Broad River WMA	Q30 Sept. 2 & Page 51
McDuffie PFA	Q25 Sept. 2 & Page 51
McEntire Rd. VPA	Page 61
McGraw Ford WMA	Page 51
Oconee WMA	Q60 Sept. 2 & Page 52
Paradise PFA	Page 53
Perry Dove Field	Page 54
Redlands WMA	Page 54
River Bend WMA	Q30 Sept. 2 & Page 54
Rogers State Prison Farm Dove Fields	Sept. 2, 9, 16 & Page 55
Rum Creek WMA	Q75 Sept. 2, 9 & Page 55
Silver Lake WMA	Page 56
Walton WMA	Page 57
West Point WMA	Page 57
Wilson Shoals WMA	Page 58
Yuchi WMA	Page 58

★ SPECIALTY HUNTS

A Specialty Hunt is only for Youth (16 years and younger), Ladies, Disability License holders, Returning Georgia Veterans, Honorary License holders, and hunters over the age of 65. Hunts are sign-in unless otherwise noted.

AREA	TYPE	DATES
Allatoona WMA	Deer/Bear	Oct. 21-22
Beaverdam WMA	Deer	Sept. 16-22
Berry College WMA	Deer/Bear	ⓑ Jan. 6-7
Big Lazer Creek WMA	Deer	¥ Nov. 17-19
Blanton Creek WMA	Deer	¥ Oct. 7-8
Bullard Creek WMA	Deer	Oct. 27-29
Cedar Creek WMA	Deer	Nov. 21-26
Clybel WMA	Deer	Nov. 21-26
Coosawattee WMA	Deer/Bear	ⓑ Oct. 20-22
Crockford-Pigeon Mtn WMA	Deer/Bear	ⓑ Oct. 21-22
Dawson Forest WMA	Deer/Bear	ⓑ Oct. 13-15
Dukes Creek - SWSP	Deer/Bear	Oct. 13-15
Flint River WMA	Deer	¥ Oct. 7-15
Horse Creek WMA	Deer	Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Lake Russell WMA	Deer/Bear	ⓑ Oct. 6-8
Lanahassee WMA	Deer	¥ Dec. 24-30
Paulding Forest WMA	Deer/Bear	ⓑ Oct. 14-15
River Bend WMA	Deer	Oct. 20-22
Rum Creek WMA	Deer	Oct. 2-8
Tallapoosa VPA	Turkey	Apr. 6-May 15
Tuckahoe WMA	Deer	Sept 15-17
West Point WMA	Deer	¥ Oct. 13-15

♿ MOBILITY-IMPAIRED HUNTS

AREA	TYPE	DATES
Albany Nursery WMA	Deer	Oct. 26-29, Nov. 23-26
Albany Nursery WMA	Turkey	Q1 Apr. 13-17 Q1 Apr. 27-May 1
Arrowhead WMA	Deer/Bear	Nov. 1-15
Arrowhead WMA	Turkey	Apr. 6-12
Carters Lake WMA	Deer/Bear	ⓑ Nov. 3-5
Okefenokee NWR— Suwanee Canal Unit	Deer	Q10 ⓑ Oct. 20-21
Piedmont NWR	Deer	Q25 Oct. 14-15
Richard B. Russell State Park	Deer	Q20 ⓑ Dec. 5-6
River Bend WMA	Deer	Sept. 30-Oct. 1



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PUBLIC HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

QUOTA HUNTS



QUOTA HUNT - A hunt that allows a predetermined number of hunters to participate. A quota is used to conserve the natural resources (wildlife and their habitats) and to provide a quality hunting experience. A list of Youth Quota Hunts is on page 20. A list of Mobility Impaired Quota Hunts is on page 68. A list of General Quota Hunts is on pages 71-72.

PRIORITY POINTS

An applicant is awarded one priority point if not selected for the quota hunt. Each person listed on a group application that is not selected is awarded a priority point. Priority points may be used on an application to increase the likelihood of selection. You may wager as many points as you have when applying for a quota hunt, not exceeding the lowest held by any group member. Only the number of points needed to win the hunt will be taken if you are selected. Visit the quota hunt webpage at GoHuntGeorgia.com to determine how many priority points may be required to get selected for your favorite hunt.

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The official application deadlines are 11:59 p.m. (EST) on the dates listed in the tables below. No applications are accepted after the deadline.

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GENERAL QUOTA HUNT APPLICATIONS

APPLICATION DEADLINES	QUOTA HUNT	APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS
Feb. 15	Turkey	Application with up to three hunters allowed.
July 15	Alligator	Application with up to three hunters allowed.
Aug. 15	Dove	Application with up to five hunters allowed.
Aug. 15	Dog-Bear	Selected hunters may bring a hunting party totaling no more than 10 members, including the administrator and designated coadministrator. Participating hunters may not exceed their personal bag limit or a total of 5 bears per hunting party during the hunt
Sept. 1	Deer State Park Deer	Application with up to five hunters allowed.
Sept. 30	Dog-Deer	Applications with an administrator and assistant administrator only. Selected administrators may bring a hunting party totaling no more than twenty members including administrators.
Oct. 15	Waterfowl	No group applications. Selected hunters may bring up to two hunters.
	Quail	
	Rabbit	
	Feral Hog	Application with up to five hunters allowed.

NOTE: Youth may participate in general quota hunts provided that adult supervision restrictions are followed.

YOUTH HUNT QUOTA APPLICATIONS (see page 20 for a list of hunts)

APPLICATION DEADLINES	QUOTA HUNT	APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS
Feb. 15	Youth Hunt Turkey	Group applications with up to three children allowed. Selected children MUST bring supervising adults (one adult may supervise one child).
Aug. 15	Youth Hunt Dove	Group applications with up to three children allowed. Selected children MUST bring supervising adults (one adult may supervise up to two children).
Sept. 1	Youth Hunt Deer	Group applications with up to five children allowed. Selected children MUST bring supervising adults (one adult may supervise one child).
Oct. 15	Youth Hunt Waterfowl	Selected child may bring one other child and MUST bring only one supervising adult.
	Youth Hunt Quail	Selected child may bring one other child and MUST bring only one supervising adult.
	Youth Small Game	Group applications with up to three children allowed. Selected children MUST bring supervising adults (one adult may supervise up to two children).

Adult = Seventeen years or older / **Youth** = Sixteen years old and younger

NOTE: ONLY the youth (or youth when group applications are allowed) may submit an application for any Youth Hunt. ONLY youth can hunt on Youth Big Game Quota hunts.



2024 TURKEY QUOTA HUNTS

APPLICATION PERIOD: JUNE 1 - FEB. 15

WMA/VPA/STATE PARK	QUOTA	DATES
Alapaha River	Q15	Apr. 6-12
B. F. Grant	Q80	Apr. 13-19
Big Lazer Creek	Q50	Apr. 6-14 Apr. 20-28
Blanton Creek	Q35	Apr. 6-12 Apr. 13-19
Bullard Creek	Q80	Apr. 6-12
Ceylon	Q40	Apr. 6-12 Apr. 20-26 May 4-10
Charles B. Hensen VPA	Q10	Apr. 6-11 Apr. 12-18 Apr. 19-25 Apr. 26-May 2 May 3-9
Chattahoochee Fall Line - Almo Area	Q50	Apr. 13-21 May 4-12
Chattahoochee Fall Line - Fort Perry Area	Q15	Apr. 6-8 May 4-6
Chattahoochee Fall Line - Hilliard Tract	Q40	Apr. 13-21 May 4-12
Chickasawhatchee	Q40	Apr. 6-12 Apr. 13-19 Apr. 20-26
Clybel	Q25	Apr. 13-17 May 4-8
Crockford-Pigeon Mtn.	Q40	Apr. 6-12
Di-Lane Plantation	Q30	Apr. 13-19 Apr. 20-26
Dukes Creek—Smithgall Woods State Park	Q20	Apr. 13-14 Apr. 27-28 May 11-12
Gaither	Q10	Apr. 6-10 Apr. 13-17 Apr. 20-24
Griffin Ridge	Q25	Apr. 20-26 May 4-10 May 11-15
Hart County	Q5	Apr. 6-13 Apr. 27-May 4
Joe Kurz	Q25	Apr. 6-14 Apr. 27-May 5
McGraw Ford	Q10	Apr. 6-12
Oaky Woods	Q80	Apr. 6-12
Ocmulgee	Q100	Apr. 6-12
Oconee	Q30	Apr. 6-12 Apr. 13-19
Ohoopsee Dunes - North	Q20	Apr. 6-12
Paulding Forest	Q50	Apr. 6-14 Apr. 20-28
River Bend	Q15	Apr. 6-12
River Creek	Q5	Apr. 19-22
Rum Creek	Q25	Apr. 13-17 Apr. 27-May 1
Sheffield	Q10	Apr. 6-14 Apr. 20-28
Silver Lake	Q35	Apr. 6-10 Apr. 25-29
Standing Boy Creek	Q10	🏠 Apr. 26-28 May 3-5
Treat Mountain	Q10	Apr. 6-14 Apr. 20-28
West Point	Q80	Apr. 6-12
Wilson Shoals	Q15	Apr. 6-13 Apr. 20-27 May 4-11

DOG-BEAR QUOTA HUNTS

APPLICATION PERIOD: AUG. 1 - AUG. 15

AREA	TYPE	QUOTA	DATES
Chattahoochee / Chestatee WMAs	Dog Hunting	Q15	Sept. 30-Oct. 8

WATERFOWL QUOTA HUNTS

APPLICATION PERIOD: JUNE 1 - OCT. 15

AREA	QUOTA	DATES
Atlamaha WMA—Waterfowl Management Area, Butler	Q20	Nov. 18 Nov. 25 Dec. 9 Dec. 16 Dec. 23 Dec. 30 Jan. 6 Jan. 13 Jan. 20 Jan. 27
Atlamaha WMA—Waterfowl Management Area, Champney	Q20	Nov. 18-19* Nov. 25-26 Dec. 9-10 Dec. 16-17 Dec. 23-24 Dec. 30-31 Jan. 6-7 Jan. 13-14 Jan. 20-21 Jan. 27-28
B. F. Grant WMA	Q3	Dec. 9 Jan. 20
Conasauga River WMA	Q3	Dec. 9 Dec. 16 Dec. 23 Dec. 30
Cordele Fish Hatchery	Q3	Dec. 16 Dec. 30
Flat Creek PFA	Q3	Nov. 18 Nov. 25
Oconee WMA—Dan Denton Waterfowl Area	Q3 Pond 1 Q2 Pond 3	Dec. 9 Dec. 16 Dec. 23 Dec. 30 Jan. 6 Jan. 13 Jan. 20 Jan. 27
West Point WMA—Glovers Creek Area	Q7	Nov. 18 Nov. 25 Dec. 2 Dec. 9 Dec. 16 Dec. 23

* Hunt open only to youth and veteran applicants

QUAIL & RABBIT QUOTA HUNTS

APPLICATION PERIOD: SEPT. 1 - OCT. 15

WMA	TYPE	QUOTA	DATES
Albany Nursery	Quail	Q1	Jan. 20, 23
Chickasawhatchee	Quail	Q4	Nov. 18 Dec. 2 Dec. 30 Jan. 13 Jan. 20 Jan. 27
Di-Lane Plantation	Quail	Q8	Dec. 2 Dec. 6 Dec. 9 Dec. 13 Dec. 16 Dec. 20 Dec. 27 Dec. 30 Feb. 7
J. L. Lester	Quail	Q5	Jan. 6 Feb. 25
J. L. Lester	Rabbit	Q5	Jan. 7 Feb. 24
Joe Kurz	Quail	Q3	Dec. 2 Jan. 13 Feb. 3
River Creek	Quail	Q2	Nov. 18 Nov. 25 Dec. 16 Dec. 30 Jan. 20
Silver Lake	Quail	Q4	Nov. 25 Dec. 2 Dec. 9 Jan. 13 Jan. 20 Jan. 27

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DEER QUOTA HUNTS

APPLICATION PERIOD: JUNE 1 - SEPT. 1

WMA/VPA	WEAPON	TYPE	QUOTA	DATE
Altama Plantation	Firearms	Either Sex	Q50	Nov. 9-11, Nov. 30-Dec. 2
B. F. Grant	Firearms	Quality Buck/ Antlerless	Q300	Ⓟ Nov. 2-4, Nov. 16-18
Berry College	Firearms	Either Sex Last Day/Either Sex	Q1000	Ⓟ Nov. 1-4, Nov. 29-Dec. 2
Blanton Creek	Firearms	Quality Buck/ Antlerless	Q200	Ⓟ Oct. 19-21, Nov. 16-18
Ceylon	Firearms	Quality Buck/ Antlerless	Q100	Ⓟ Oct. 19-21, Nov. 9-11, Nov. 30-Dec. 2
Chattahoochee Fall Line - Almo Area	Firearms	Quality Buck/ Antlerless	Q150	Ⓟ Oct. 19-21, Nov. 9-11
Chattahoochee Fall Line - Fort Perry Area	Firearms	Quality Buck/ Antlerless	Q35	Ⓟ Oct. 26-28, Nov. 9-11
Chattahoochee Fall Line - Hilliard Tract	Firearms	Quality Buck/ Antlerless	Q50	Ⓟ Oct. 26-28, Nov. 16-18
Chickasawhatchee	Firearms	Either Sex	Q350	Ⓟ Nov. 9-11 Ⓟ Dec. 7-9
Clybel	Firearms	Either Sex	Q200	Ⓟ Nov. 2-4, Nov. 16-18
Coosawattee	Firearms	Either Sex	Q100	Ⓟ Nov. 10-12
Di-Lane Plantation	Firearms	Quality Buck/ Antlerless	Q400	Ⓟ Oct. 12-14, Oct. 26-28
Flint River	Firearms	Quality Buck/ Antlerless	Q25	Ⓟ Nov. 2-4 Ⓟ Nov. 16-18
Gaither	Firearms	Either Sex	Q25	Nov. 3-5, Jan. 12-14
Joe Kurz	Firearms	Quality Buck/ Antlerless Last Day	Q100	Ⓟ Oct. 19-21, Nov. 2-4
Lanahasee	Firearms	Quality Buck/ Antlerless	Q50	Ⓟ Nov. 16-18, Nov. 30-Dec. 2
Ossabaw Island	Archery	Either Sex	Q100	Ⓟ Oct. 12-14
Ossabaw Island	Primitive	Either Sex	Q100	Ⓟ Oct. 26-28
Ossabaw Island	Firearms	Either Sex	Q100	Ⓟ Nov. 9-11, Dec. 7-9
River Creek	Firearms	Quality Buck/ Antlerless	Q35	Ⓟ Nov. 1-4 Ⓟ Dec. 6-9
Rum Creek	Firearms	Either Sex/ Either Sex Last Day	Q200	Ⓟ Oct. 26-28 Ⓟ Nov. 9-11
Sapelo Island	Primitive	Either Sex	Q125	Ⓟ Oct. 19-21
Sapelo Island	Firearms	Either Sex	Q125	Ⓟ Nov. 2-4, Nov. 16-18
Treat Mountain	Firearms	Either Sex	Q200	Ⓟ Oct. 6-8, Nov. 24-26, Jan. 12-14

STATE PARK DEER QUOTA HUNTS

APPLICATION PERIOD: JUNE 1 - SEPT. 1

STATE PARK	WEAPON	TYPE	QUOTA	DATE
Chattahoochee Bend	Firearms	Either Sex	Q110	Ⓟ Nov. 28-29*
Don Carter	Firearms	Either Sex	Q55	Ⓟ Nov. 14-16*
F. D. Roosevelt	Firearms	Either Sex	Q100	No hunt scheduled
Fort Yargo	Firearms	Either Sex	Q85	Ⓟ Nov. 28-29
Hard Labor Creek	Firearms	Either Sex	Q250	Ⓟ Nov. 7-8
Mistletoe	Firearms	Either Sex	Q75	No hunt scheduled
Panola Mountain	Firearms	Either Sex	Q60	Ⓟ Nov. 14-15*
Red Top Mountain	Firearms	Either Sex	Q50	Ⓟ Nov. 14-15
Richard B. Russell	Firearms	Either Sex	Q60	Ⓟ Dec. 5-6
Standing Boy Creek	Archery	Either Sex	Q20	Oct. 6-8, Nov. 3-5, Nov. 10-12, Dec. 1-3
Tugaloo	Archery	Either Sex	Q40	Ⓟ Nov. 28-29

* Archery option for up to 10 (Chattahoochee Bend), 5 (Don Carter), and 4 (Panola Mountain) selected hunters.

DOG-DEER QUOTA HUNTS

APPLICATION PERIOD: SEPT. 1 - 30


LOCATIONS	WEAPON	TYPE	QUOTA	DATE
Dixon Memorial WMA	Shotguns (Buckshot Only)	Dog Hunting/ Either Sex	Q3	Ⓟ Nov. 17-18, Dec. 1-2
Paulks Pasture WMA	Shotguns (Buckshot Only)	Dog Hunting/ Either Sex	Q3	Ⓟ Dec. 1-2, Dec. 8-9, Dec. 15-16
Sansavilla WMA	Shotguns (Buckshot Only)	Dog Hunting/ Either Sex	Q1	Ⓟ Dec. 29-30
Townsend WMA - North, South, Pine Island Tracts	Shotguns (Buckshot Only)	Dog Hunting/ Either Sex	Q3	Ⓟ Nov. 29-30, Dec. 13-14, Dec. 27-28

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