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## HUNTING Regulations





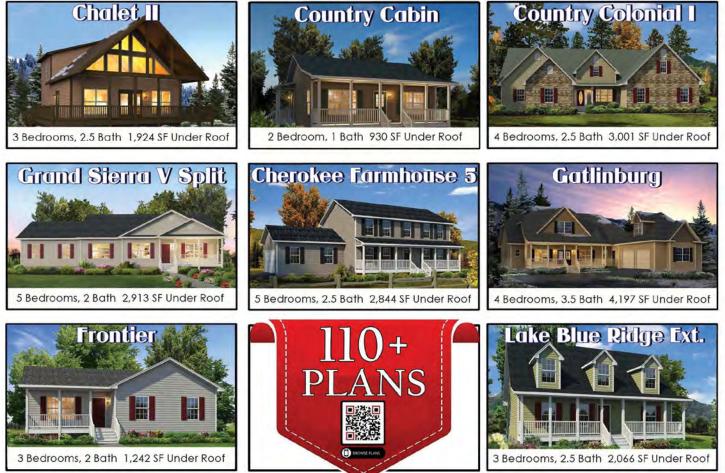
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#### 2022-2023 GEORGIA HUNTING SEASONS & REGULATIONS

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#### **ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION**

Welcome to Georgia's 2022-2023 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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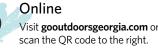
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Law Enforcement	912-264-7237

## **BUY A LICENSE**

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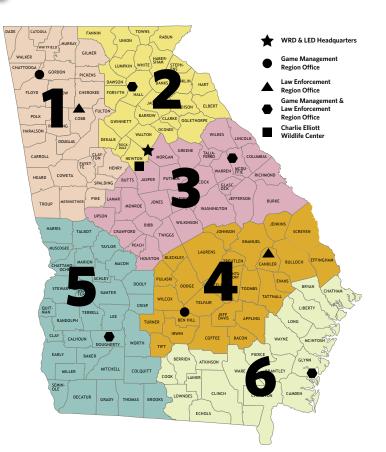
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### MAJOR CHANGES

	STATEWIDE CHANGES	
Chronic Wasting Disease Update	Changes to requirements for bringing deer harvested out-of- state into Georgia.	See page 23
Raccoon & Opossum	On private land, no closed season and no bag limit for hunting or trapping raccoon and opossum. Hunting season on National Forest lands and on most WMAs is Aug 15-last day of February. No bag limit for raccoon and opossum.	See page 35
Sea Ducks	Bag limit changes.	See page 36
20	023-2025 HUNTING REGULATIONS PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS	
January 17, 2023 7:00 PM	Georgia Technical College 900 S Ga Tech Pkwy, Americus, GA 31709 Central Georgia Technical College 54 GA-22, Milledgeville, GA 31061	
January 18, 2023 7:00 PM	Lumpkin County Library 56 Mechanicsville Rd, Dahlonega, GA 30533 Liberty County Performing Arts Center 2140 E Oglethorpe Hwy, Hinesville, GA 31313	
January 19, 2023 7:00 PM	Burnt Hickory Park 8650 Cartersville Highway, Dallas, GA 30132 Town's Bluff Park 45 Riverwood Trail, Hazlehurst, GA 31539	
January 16, 2023 7:00 PM	Members of the public will have the opportunity to participate in a meeting on the Georgia WRD Facebook Page (https://www.facebook WildlifeResourcesDivisionGADNR) to provide input for consideration development of hunting regulation proposals for the 2023-2025 hu Visit our website at georgiawildlife.com/regulations/meetings close date for more information.	ok.com/ on into the nting seasons.



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#### **COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE**



For as long as I can remember, hunting has played an important role in my life. My childhood growing up in the Georgia backwoods has shaped me and made me the person I am today. A hunting trip has always provided me with more than I could have ever imagined—it's provided an opportunity to to bond with friends new and old, to teach and preserve the hunting heritage, to unwind in the beauty of nature, and to put meat on the table.

As one of Georgia's half a million resident hunters, you play a significant role in supporting Georgia's conservation efforts. Each time you purchase a license, 100% of these funds are reinvested to support programming, education, law enforcement, conservation, and more. These funds are essential to ensure our children and their children can enjoy the same hunting and outdoor recreation opportunities we do today. Thank you for being as passionate about Georgia's hunting opportunities and wildlife resources as I am.

With recent discoveries of chronic wasting disease in several of our neighboring states and a declining turkey population, adhering to Georgia's hunting regulations is as important as ever. Without your dedication to protecting these resources, it would be impossible to ensure they remain plentiful and accessible for all people for decades to come.

I look forward to continuing to pass down my love for the outdoors to my grandchildren, as I have with my daughters. I have begun teaching archery to my grandchildren in our backyard, and I can not wait to get them in a tree stand with me. It's our collective responsibility to be good stewards of our resources to preserve priceless experiences like these for the next generation.

Doing your part is as easy as it is important—have fun and take someone new hunting this year.

Mark Williams **Commissioner,** *Georgia Department of Natural Resources* 

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LICENSE	TERM	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
сомво	HUNTING & FISHING LICENSI	S	
	Annual	\$30.00	\$150.00
Combo Hunting & Fishing License	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		
	Annual	\$15.00	\$100.00
lunting License (Residents 16-64; All non-residents)	One-Day	see combo	\$20.00
	+ Additional Day	see combo	\$6.00
enior Sportsman's License (65+); also see lifetime licenses	Annual	\$7.00	Not Offered
	Annual	\$25.00	\$225.00
lig Game License	One-Day	\$10.00	\$130.00
	+ Additional Day	\$2.00	\$8.00
larvest Record – Alligator, Bear (Northern Zone), Deer & Turkey	Annual (Mar Feb.)	FREE	FREE
Quota Alligator Harvest Permit <sup>1</sup>	Seasonal	\$75.00	\$250.00
rapping License <sup>2</sup>	Seasonal	\$40.00	\$325.00
Shooting Preserve License	Two-Year	\$12.00	\$12.00
A Waterfowl and Migratory Bird License <sup>3</sup>	Annual (Mar Feb.)	\$5.00	\$5.00
	Annual	\$3.00	Not Offered
Disability Hunting License	Three-Year	\$9.00	Not Offered
	FISHING LICENSES		
	Annual	\$15.00	\$50.00
ishing License (Residents 16-64; All non-residents)	One-Day	see combo	\$10.00
	+ Additional Day	see combo	\$3.50
Dptional Youth Fishing License (12-15)	Multi-Year <sup>4</sup>	\$10.00	Not Offered
enior Sportsman's License (65+); also see lifetime licenses	Annual	\$7.00	Not Offered
	Annual	\$10.00	\$25.00
rout License	One-Day	\$5.00	\$10.00
	+ Additional Day	\$1.00	\$2.00
IP Permit	Annual	FREE	FREE
commercial Fishing License	Seasonal	\$20.00	\$200.00
Noohilles Fishing License	Annual	\$3.00	Not Offered
Disability Fishing License	Three-Year	\$9.00	Not Offered
	PUBLIC LAND ACCESS		
Georgia Lands Pass	Annual	\$30	\$60
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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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#### 2022-2023 GEORGIA HUNTING SEASONS & REGULATIONS Purchase a License by phone 1-800-366-2661 or online at www.GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com

LICENSE	TERM	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
	SPORTSMAN'S LICENSES		
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Sportsman's License (Residents 16-64; All non-residents)	One-Day	\$25.00	\$170.00
	+ Additional Day	\$3.00	\$20.00
Optional Youth Sportsman's License (Residents 15 and under)	Multi-Year <sup>4</sup>	\$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 Coortemania Lisanaa	Annual	\$5.00	Not Offered
Disability Sportsman's License	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	

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

#### 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.

**Federal Duck Stamp: GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com, usps.com**, 1-800-STAMP24, or a local US Post Office

#### TOP 5 REASONS TO BUY A HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE

- 1.100% of your purchase is going to fund wildlife conservation in Georgia.
- 2. Your license purchase is an investment bringing \$50 back to Georgia wildlife in federal dollars.
- 3. You'll join a group of people that have funded conservation for the past 100 years.
- 4. It's a great value A \$15 annual hunting or fishing license allows you to hunt or fish for 4 cents a day.
- 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 2022–23 Harvest Record before going afield to hunt bears (northern zone), 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).

#### 2022-2023 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 46-70).

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 40 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 (Northern Zone only), 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 (Northern Zone only), deer and turkey. They are not required to possess any of the following: Hunting, Big Game or Georgia 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 (Northern Zone only), deer or turkey.

**GEORGIA 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 Georgia 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 Georgia Migratory Bird License. Saltwater anglers must obtain a Free SIP license. Alligator, bear (Northern Zone only), 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, 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, 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.



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Excluded from Lifetime Sportsman's License: Free Georgia Migratory Bird License, Federal Duck Stamp, Free SIP permit, and a Free Alligator Harvest Permit, Bear (Northern Zone only), Deer, and Turkey Harvest Record. 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, 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, arrow-length, and sights are not restricted.

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#### **PRIMITIVE WEAPONS**

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

#### **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 muzzleloading 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, air rifle, or any muzzleloading

firearm. For fox & bobcat, centerfire firearms of .17 caliber and larger may be used. 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 (only those harvested in the Northern Zone), 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 42.

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

#### **Cell Phone Handy?**

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



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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 71.

#### **CLOSED AREAS**

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. 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.

#### **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



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#### 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 taken 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 electronicallyamplified 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.
- Blinding wildlife with lights.

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 fire-

arms deer or bear hunts (see more information

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, opos-

sums, 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

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Legal hours for migratory bird are 30 minutes

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## YOUTH & NEW HUNTER PROGRAMS

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## Hunter Education Program georgiawildlife.com/education

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.

HUNT AND LEARN

#### S.H.A.R.P. Program https://georgiawildlife.com/sharp-program

Are you an adult hunter with limited experience or success? The new "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**

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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 georgiawildlife.com/sctp

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 georgiawildlife.com/NASP

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



#### Summer Camps georgiawildlife.com/camps

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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 74 for more information on applying for quota hunts.

#### **A 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.

ADEA	TYDE	DATE
Allatoona	Deer/Bear Deer/Bear	Oct. 22-23*, Oct. 24-31 Nov. 1-27
Arrowhead Balls Ferry State Park	Deer/Bear Deer	Oct. 15-21
Beaverdam	Deer	Sept. 17-23*
Berry College	Deer/Bear	<b>(</b> ) Jan. 7-8*
Big Lazer Creek	Deer	¥ Sept. 24-25, Nov. 18-20*
Blanton Creek	Deer	♀ Oct. 8-9*
Buck Shoals	Deer/Bear	Q12 <sup>(1)</sup> Nov. 19-20, Dec. 3-4
Bullard Creek	Deer	Oct. 28-30*
Carters Lake	Deer/Bear	<b>Q20 </b> Nov. 12
Cedar Creek	Deer	Nov. 22-27*
Cedar Creek -	Deer	Oct. 15-21
Little River Area		
Chattahoochee Fall Line-	Deer	Q35 Sept. 24-25
Fort Perry Tract		
Chattahoochee Fall Line- Hilliard	Deer	Q50 Nov. 12-13
Chickasawhatchee	Deer	Nov. 20-26, Dec. 23-28
Clarks Hill	Deer	Oct. 28-30*
Clayhole Swamp	Deer	
		<b>③</b> Sept. 16-18
Clybel	Deer Deer	Oct. 1-6, Nov. 22-27*
Coopers Creek	Deer/Bear	<b>(</b> ) Oct. 7-9
Coosawattee	Deer/Bear	<b>()</b> Oct. 21-23*
Crockford-Pigeon Mtn	Deer/Bear	<b>()</b> Oct. 22-23*
Dawson Forest	Deer/Bear	¥ ❸ Oct. 14-16*
Dukes Creek- SWSP	Deer/Bear	Oct. 14-16*
Flint River	Deer	¥ Oct. 8-16*
Gaither	Deer	Q25 Dec. 19-25
Grand Bay	Deer	Oct. 1-2
Griffin Ridge	Deer	Oct. 28-30
Horse Creek	Deer	Oct. 1-2*
J. L. Lester	Deer/Bear	<b>Q20</b> ③ Oct. 8-9, Jan. 7-8
John's Mountain	Deer/Bear	Oct. 29-30*
Lake Russell	Deer/Bear	Oct. 7-9*, O Nov. 4-6
Lanahassee	Deer	Dec. 25-31*
Oaky Woods	Deer	Oct. 8-14
Ocmulgee	Deer	Oct. 1-7
Ossabaw Island	Deer	Q75 <sup>(1)</sup> Nov. 24-26
Paulding Forest	Deer/Bear	<b>O</b> ct. 15-16*
Paulks Pasture	Deer	<b>B</b> Sept. 16-18
Penholoway Swamp	Deer	<b>B</b> Sept. 23-25
Pleasant Valley	Deer/Bear	Sept. 10-Oct. 14 (archery)
		Q4 Oct. 15-21, 22-28, Oct. 29-
Pleasant Valley	Deer/Bear	Nov. 4, 5-11
River Bend	Deer	Oct. 28-30*
River Creek	Deer	¥ Q35 Dec. 19-21
Rum Creek	Deer	Oct. 3-9*
Sansavilla	Deer	<b>B</b> Sept. 23-25
Sapelo Island	Deer	<b>(</b> ) Oct. 7-9
		<b>Q60 (D</b> Oct. 8-9, Nov. 26-27,
Tallapoosa	Deer/Bear	Jan. 7-8
Tuckahoe	Deer	Sept. 16-18
West Point	Deer	¥ Oct. 14-16*
		¥ UCL 14-16

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

#### **A 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	QI Nov. 19, Dec. 3
Altamaha- Butler Refuge	Rabbit	Jan. 21-22. Archery only.
Buck Shoals	Small Game	Q10 Jan. 7-15, 21-29
Chickasawhatchee	Quail	QI Nov. 12, Dec. 3, 31, Jan. 14, 21
Di-Lane Plantation	Quail	<b>Q8</b> Feb. 4
River Creek	Quail	Q3 Jan. 21, 28
Silver Lake	Quail	QI Nov. 5, Dec. 3, 10, Jan. 14, 21, 28

#### **A 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	QI Apr. 8-12, Apr. 22-26
Arrowhead	Apr. 15-May 15
B. F. Grant	Apr. 8-14
Balls Ferry State Park	Apr. 8-16
Buck Shoals	Q5 Apr. 22-23, May 6-7
Chattahoochee Fall Line - Fort Perry Area	Q15 Apr. 15-17
Clybel	Q25 Apr. 8-14, May 1-7
Di-Lane Plantation	Q20 Apr. 8-14
Dodge County	Q2 Apr. 21-22, Apr. 28-29
Doerun Pitcherplant Bog	QI Apr. 8-9, Apr. 15-16
Grand Bay	Apr. 8-9, Apr. 22-23
Griffin Ridge	Q25 Apr. 8-14
Hugh Gillis	<b>Q2</b> Apr. 14-15, Apr. 28-29
Moody Forest	Apr. 8-9
River Creek	<b>Q5</b> Apr. 8-10, Apr. 15-17
Rum Creek	Q25 Apr. 8-14, Apr. 22-28
Hum Greek	May 6-12
Silver Lake	Apr. 20-24
Standing Boy Creek	<b>Q10</b> Apr. 8-14, Apr. 15-21
Tallapoosa River	Apr. 8-May 15
West Point- Dixie Creek Tract	Apr. 8-14

#### **A 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. 3
Buck Shoals	Q25 Sept. 3 & 10
Chattahoochee Fall Line - Hilliard	Q35 Sept. 3 & 10
Di-Lane Plantation	Q75 Sept. 3, Field 2
Flat Creek	Sept. 3, 10, 17 & 24
Indian Ford Farm Dove Fields	Q50 Sept. 10
J. L. Lester	Sept. 3 & 10
Paradise	Sept. 3
Redlands	Q80 Sept. 3
River Creek	Q15 Sept. 3 & 10
Walton	Q80 Sept. 3
Wilson Shoals	Q15 Sept. 3
Wayne State Farm VPA	Q10 Sept. 3 & 10

#### **A 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	Q25 Nov. 19-20 (only Youth and Veterans may apply)
Cordele Fish Hatchery	Q3 Dec. 10, Jan. 14
Lula Bridge	Nov. 12-13
Mead Farm	Nov. 12, Nov. 19, Nov. 26
Oconee - Dan Denton	Q3 Pond 1 & Q2 Pond 3 Nov. 12, 26
Phinizy Swamp	Nov. 12
Pleasant Valley VPA	Saturdays only during season
River Creek	Q3 Dec. 10, Jan. 7, 14
Rum Creek (MARSH Pond)	Q3 Dec. 17, Jan. 14
Tallapoosa	State Season, See page 66
West Point - Glovers Creek	Nov. 12

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#### DEER HUNTING 2022-2023 REGULATIONS

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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 OCGA §§ 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: Barrow, Bibb, Chatham, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Columbia, Decatur, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Muscogee, Paulding, Rockdale and Seminole 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 25 and 68-69 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 eithersex 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.

#### **HEAD OF DEER**

It is unlawful to remove the head of a deer until the deer is processed or surrendered to a storage facility for storage or processing.

#### TRANSPORTING DEER HARVESTED BY ANOTHER HUNTER

Persons transporting deer harvested by another hunter must possess, in writing, the complete



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name, address, telephone and hunting license number of the person who harvested the deer, and the Game Check confirmation number.

#### **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.

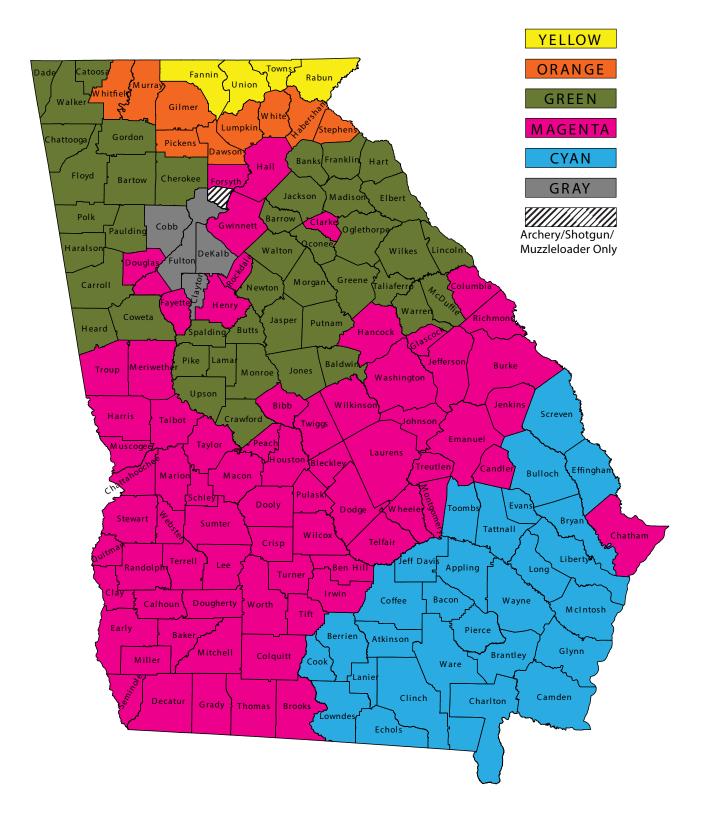
#### **LEARN MORE** ABOUT CWD AT:

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#### DEER HUNTING 2022-2023 DEER SEASONS & EITHER-SEX DAYS



#### **REFERENCE THE TABLES ON THE RIGHT TO SEE YOUR AREA'S EITHER-SEX DEER HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES ON PRIVATE LAND.**

YELLOW			
EQUIPMENT	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY
Archery	Sept. 10, 2022	Jan. 8, 2023	Either-Sex
Primitive Weapons	Oct. 15, 2022	Oct. 21, 2022	Either-Sex
	Oct. 22, 2022	Nov. 25, 2022	Antlered Bucks Only
	Nov. 26, 2022	Nov. 27, 2022	Either-Sex
Firearms	Nov. 28, 2022	Dec. 31, 2022	Antlered Bucks Only
	Jan. 1, 2023	Jan. 1, 2023	Either-Sex
	Jan. 2, 2023	Jan. 8, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only

ORANGE			
EQUIPMENT	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY
Archery	Sept. 10, 2022	Jan. 8, 2023	Either-Sex
Primitive Weapons	Oct. 15, 2022	Oct. 21, 2022	Either-Sex
	Oct. 22, 2022	Nov. 20, 2022	Antlered Bucks Only
	Nov. 21, 2022	Nov. 27, 2022	Either-Sex
Firearms	Nov. 28, 2022	Dec. 31, 2022	Antlered Bucks Only
	Jan. 1, 2023	Jan. 1, 2023	Either-Sex
	Jan. 2, 2023	Jan. 8, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only

GREEN					
EQUIPMENT	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY		
Archery	Sept. 10, 2022	Jan. 8, 2023	Either-Sex		
Primitive Weapons	Oct. 15, 2022	Oct. 21, 2022	Either-Sex		
Firearms	Oct. 22, 2022	Nov. 4, 2022	Antlered Bucks Only		
Tiledinis	Nov. 5, 2022	Jan. 8, 2023	Either-Sex		

GRAY			
EQUIPMENT	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY
Archery	Sept. 10, 2022	Jan. 8, 2023	Either-Sex

MAGENTA					
EQUIPMENT	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY		
Archery	Sept. 10, 2022	Jan. 8, 2023	Either-Sex		
Primitive Weapons	Oct. 15, 2022	Jan. 8, 2023	Either-Sex		
Firearms	Oct. 22, 2022	Jan. 8, 2023	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. 10, 2022	Jan. 8, 2023	Either-Sex		
Primitive Weapons	Oct. 15, 2022	Oct. 21, 2022	Either-Sex		
Firearms	Oct. 22, 2022	Oct. 23, 2022	Antlered Bucks Only		
Firearms	Oct. 24, 2022	Jan. 8, 2023	Either-Sex		

EXTENDED ARCHERY SEASON				
COUNTIES	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY	
Barrow, Bibb, Chatham, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Columbia, Decatur, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Muscogee, Paulding, Rockdale, and Seminole	Jan. 9, 2023	Jan. 31, 2023	Either-Sex	

#### CHATTAHOOCHEE & OCONEE NATIONAL FORESTS

- Chattahoochee National Forest (outside of WMAs) firearms deer season Oct. 22, 2022 - Jan. 1, 2023
   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.
- Oconee National Forest (outside of WMAs) firearms deer season Oct. 22, 2022 - Jan. 8, 2023 Buck Only except as noted below
- Oconee National Forest (outside of WMAs) firearms either-sex days Nov. 5-6, Nov. 26-27, Dec. 31 Jan. 1



Refer to pages 68 & 69 for 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 22, 2022. Applications are available at **gadnrle.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	BUCK ONLY	EITHER SEX
Atkinson (south of US Hwy 82), Jefferson, and Johnson (east of GA Hwy 15)		Nov. 24 - Jan. 8
Baker, Burke, Calhoun, Candler, Chatham, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Emanuel, Grady, Jenkins, Seminole, Thomas, and Washington (north of GA Hwy 24)		Oct. 22 - Jan. 8
Brantley, Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Charlton, Clinch, Echols, Effingham, Evans, Glynn (except Jekyll Island), 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), 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. 22-23	Oct. 24 - Jan. 8
Colquitt, Marion, Stewart, Terrell, and Webster		Dec. 3 - Jan. 8

#### **VIEW THIS POPULAR GUIDE** ONLINE

Information in this printed hunting regulations guide may become outdated. For the most up-to-date rules, regulations, and hunting information, please visit **eregulations.com/georgia/hunting** or scan the QR code to the right.







## Need advice on how to manage deer and turkeys on your property or hunt club?

Georgia's Deer Management Assistance Program has biologists dedicated to helping hunt clubs and landowners meet their objectives through habitat and herd management recommendations. Learn more at georgiawildlife.com/DMAP



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#### 2022-2023 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.



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The target shooting and hunting community prides itself on being safe and responsible with firearms in all situations—from using them outdoors to storing them safely at home. Sometimes, however, unusual conditions such as extremely dry environments require an extra level of awareness and safety on the part of shooters.

Wildfires have many possible causes. The National Shooting Sports Foundation, the trade association for the firearms and ammunition industry, reminds all shooters that during dry and hot weather conditions their use of certain ammunition and targets could accidentally ignite a wildfire. NSSF reminds all target shooters and hunters, as well as other outdoor enthusiasts, to consider the potential consequences of their activities in fireprone environments.



- Make it a point to know the regulations and rules related to shooting in areas experiencing dry and hot conditions, whether on public or private land or at shooting ranges. Many national forests, for example, do not allow recreational shooting when fire restrictions are in effect.
- Consider the type of ammunition and targets you are using. Minimize the risk of fires by not using steel-jacketed ammunition, ammunition with steel-core components, tracer rounds or exploding targets in fire-prone areas.
- Remember that equipment, such as cars and ATVs, can have extremely hot exhaust systems that could ignite dry vegetation, so park only in designated areas.
- Extinguish and dispose of smoking materials safely.
- Follow guidelines to extinguish campfires.
- Warn others of potential dangers and behaviors for starting wildfires.
- Report any wildfire you see to authorities.
- Spread this message to other target shooters, hunters and outdoor enthusiasts.



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#### **SHOOTING RANGE OPPORTUNITIES -ARCHERY & FIREARMS RANGES**

DNR provides recreational archery and target firearms shooting ranges around the state. For the convenience of range visitors, rules are posted at all ranges. Hearing and eye protection are required at all firearms ranges. Please visit GoHuntGeorgia.com or call at 706-557-3355 for hours, complete rules, and specific range information. We hope you will enjoy visiting one of our ranges soon.

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.

#### ONR FIREARMS RANGES

RANGE HOURS
Daylight hours
Thursday–Sunday: 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. CLOSED: Mondays–Wednesdays, Easter, Thanksgiving Day, & Christmas
TuesSat. 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Sunday 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm CLOSED: Mondays, Easter, Thanksgiving Day, & Christmas
Sunrise to sunset daily; \$5 per shooter. CLOSED: Tuesdays until noon.
Tuesday-Sunday: sunrise to sunset CLOSED: Mondays
May 1-Aug. 31: 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. Sept. 1-April 30: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. \$5 per shooter CLOSED: Sundays



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LOCATION		
Amicalola Falls State Park	McDuffie PFA	
Bullard Creek WMA	Ocmulgee WMA	
Chickasawhatchee WMA	Oconee WMA	
Clarks Hill WMA	Panola Mountain State Park	
Clybel WMA	Richmond Hill WMA	
Coosawattee Carters Lake WMA	Rich Mountain WMA-Cartecay Tract	
Dodge County PFA	River Bend WMA	
Evans County PFA	Rocky Mountain PFA	
Flat Creek PFA	Unicoi State Park	
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#### HUNTING REGULATIONS BEAR, TURKEY, FERAL HOG, ALLIGATOR & SMALL GAME

#### See Seasons and Bag Limits on pages 34-36

#### 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.

#### 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 49 & 50).

#### **Reporting:**

- Northern Zone bear hunters are required to have a Harvest Record for the current season.
- Harvested bear (Northern Zone only) must be reported through Georgia Game Check within 24 hours (see page 14).
- Bear killed during bonus deer hunts must be reported through Georgia Game Check and are to be taken on day of kill to the check station where agency staff will tag the bear.



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- Within 3 business days, bears (minimum of hide and skull) must be taken to any Game Management Office (except Fitzgerald) for tagging.
- 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

No hunting bears on WMAs.

Bibb, Bleckley, Houston, and Twiggs Counties. **Restrictions:** No hunting bears with dogs.

#### **Reporting:**

• Harvested bears must be checked and tagged at the Oaky Woods WMA check station between noon and 9 p.m. on the day of the hunt.

#### **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.

#### **Reporting:**

Bears (minimum of hide and skull) must be checked and tagged 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. 29-Oct. 1; 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- After hours, call 1-800-241-4113, or 912-262-3173 on the following business day to report harvested bears and 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 42)



#### **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 706-557-3264.

#### **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.

#### 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 71 for dog training seasons and rules. See pages 68-70 for federal lands.

#### **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 fielddressing 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 19 (sunset) - October 3 (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 35 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 35 & 43 for seasons.

#### FALCONRY

Valid falconry permit and hunting license required. For season dates and limits for waterfowl see page 37.

- 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.



#### **BIG GAME HUNTING -**2022-2023 SEASONS, DATES & LIMITS

Hunting seasons, dates, and bag limits on WMAs, PFAs, State Parks, and federal lands may differ from those below. See pages 46-70 for specific dates in the area specific listing.

	SPECIES	SEASON	DATES	LIMITS & RESTRICTIONS	
		Archery, Either Sex Statewide	Sept. 10 - Jan. 8		
	Deer	Extended Archery—Either Sex: Barrow, Bibb, Chatham, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Columbia, Decatur, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Muscogee, Paulding, Rockdale & Seminole Counties	Sept. 10 - Jan. 31	12 per season, Statewide. See pages 24-25 for either sex days. 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. *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	
		Primitive Weapons & Youth- Only Firearms (see page 22)	Oct. 15 - Jan. 8	(no other firearms allowed). See page 22 for requirements in counties with antler restrictions.	
ш		Firearms*	Oct. 22 - Jan. 8		
<b>BIG GAME</b>	Bear	Northern Zone	Archery: Sept. 10 - Jan. 8 Primitive Weapons & Youth Only Firearms: Oct. 15 - Jan. 8 Firearms: Oct. 22 - Jan. 8	Two per season, provided, however, <b>no more than one of</b> these may be taken from the Central or Southern Zones See pages 14 & 32 for bear harvest and reporting requirement	
		Central Zone	Firearms: Dec. 17	See page 42 for reporting requirements for bears harvested on	
		Southern Zone	Firearms: Sept. 22-24, Sept. 29- Oct. 1, Oct. 6-8, Oct. 13-15	WMAs.	
	Special Opportunity Season (Turkey)	Statewide	Mar. 25-26, 2023	Only for youth 16 years of age or younger and mobility impaired persons (see page 32). This season does not apply to public lands unless otherwise specified.	
		Private Lands	Apr. 1 - May 15, 2023	2 Gobblers per season; Daily bag limit of 1 (including Special	
	Turkey	WMAs, VPAs & National Forest	Apr. 8 - May 15, 2023	Opportunity season). On WMAs, VPAs, & National Forest lands: 1 gobbler per area per person. See individual WMA listings for specifics.	

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SMALL GAME 2022-2023 SEASONS, DATES & LIMITS

Hunting seasons, dates, and bag limits on WMAs, PFAs, State Parks, and federal lands may differ from those below. See pages 46-70 for specific dates in the area specific listing.

	SPECIES	SEASON	DATES	LIMIT
	Alligator	Zone & Quota Limited	Aug. 19 - Oct. 3	1 per quota permit holder
	Fox & Bobcat	Statewide	Dec. 1 - Feb. 28	No limit
ME	Grouse	Statewide	Oct. 15 - Feb. 28	3 per day
SMALL GAME	Quail	Statewide	Nov. 12 - Feb. 28	12 per day
SMA	Rabbit	Statewide	Nov. 12 - Feb. 28	12 per day
	Raccoon &	Private lands	No closed season	No limit
	Opossum	Public lands	Aug. 15 - Feb. 28	No limit
	Squirrel	Statewide	Aug. 15 - Feb. 28	12 per day
TRAPPING	Bobcat, Fox, Mink, Muskrat, Otter, Skunk, Weasel	Statewide	Dec. 1 - Feb. 28	No limit
TR	Raccoon, Opossum	Statewide	No closed season	No limit





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## MIGRATORY BIRDS -2022-2023 SPECIES, DATES & LIMITS

	SPECIES	SEASON	DATES	LIMIT*
	Canada Geese	Statewide	Sept. 3-25 Oct. 8-23 Nov. 19-27 Dec. 10 - Jan. 29	5 per day
	Common (Wilson's) Snipe	Statewide	Nov. 15 - Feb. 28	8 per day
	Coots	Statewide	Nov. 19-27 Dec. 10 - Jan. 29	15 per day
	Crows	Statewide	Nov. 5 - Feb. 28	No limit
	Doves	Statewide	Sept. 3 - Oct. 9 Nov. 19-27 Dec. 19 - Jan. 31	15 per day
IRDS	Ducks	Statewide	Nov. 19-27 Dec. 10 - Jan. 29	6 per day See Species Limits
MIGRATORY BIRDS	Gallinules	Statewide	Nov. 19-27 Dec. 10 - Jan. 29	15 per day
IGRAT	Mergansers	Statewide	Nov. 19-27 Dec. 10 - Jan. 29	5 per day
Z	Sea Ducks (Scoters, Eiders, Long-tailed Ducks)	Statewide	Nov. 19-27 Dec. 10 - Jan. 29	4 per day See Species Limits
	Snow & White-fronted Geese	Statewide	Oct. 8-23 Nov. 19-27 Dec. 10 - Jan. 29	5 per day
	Sora and Rails Statewide		Oct. 8-28	King & Clapper: 15 per day
		Statewide	Nov. 8 - Dec. 26	Sora and Virginia: 25 per day
	Teal	Statewide	Sept. 10 - 25	6 per day
	Woodcock	Statewide	Dec. 10 - Jan. 23	3 per day

	SPECIES	LIMIT*	
	Black or Mottled Duck	1 per day	
	Canvasback	2 per day	
	Fulvous Whistling Duck	1 per day	
DUCKS	Mallards	2 per day (only 1 may be a hen)	
2	Pintail	1 per day	
	Redheads	2 per day	
	Scaup	1 per day	
	Wood Ducks	3 per day	
	Duck Species Not Listed	6 per day	
CKS	Eiders	3 per day (only 1 may be a hen)	
SEA DUCKS	Long-tailed Duck	3 per day	
S	Scoters	3 per day	
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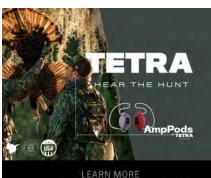
Possession limits are 3 times the daily bag limit.

	SPECIES	LIMIT*
CLOSED	Harlequin Ducks	Closed
G	Atlantic Brant	Closed

#### 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 proposes 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



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

View, download and print at: www.gpo.gov or www.GoHuntGeorgia.com

#### **GA WATERFOWL AND MIGRATORY BIRD LICENSE**

A Georgia 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 Georgia 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.

ALL MIGRATORY BIRDS: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

#### **FEDERAL YOUTH, ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY, & VETERANS** WATERFOWL DAYS Nov. 12-13, 2022

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**

May be taken at any time; no limit.

#### **NON-TOXIC SHOT**

Any 10-gauge or smaller loaded with federally approved nontoxic shot of size "F" or smaller. No lead shot may be in possession while hunting waterfowl.

#### 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. 3-25 Oct. 8-23 Nov. 12-13 Nov. 19 - Dec. 3 Dec. 10 - Jan. 29

**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 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 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, 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.



- GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS -

# CORRECTIONAL OFFICER SALARY INCREASE

# \$38,040 -\$41,844

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Advancement & Career Track Health & Dental Insurance • 401K Plan Paid Sick Leave • Paid Holidays • Paid Training

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Search by COUNTY to find available positions in your area.

## SUPPORT — GEORGIA

Share the Harvest

Venison is the ultimate high-protein, low-fat, organic meat. YOU CAN HELP get this quality protein from the woods, to a local foodbank, and onto the tables of those in your community that need it most by **donating deer at a participating processor from October 22, 2022 - January 8, 2023**.

Baxley: Hunters Processing, 454 Blexder Rd, 912-253-4074 Columbus: Daffin's Meat Processing, 914 Neil Dr, 706-322-8848 Covington: Steve Bishop Taxidermy & Deer Processing, 1814 Hwy 11 S, 770-787-0840 Dawson: Mossey Creek Outdoors, 2788 Americus Hwy, 229-995-4109 Eatonton: The Meat Shed, 235 New Phoenix Rd, 478-258-0019 Fort Valley: Georgia's Best Processing, 1562 Aultman Rd, 478-825-7664 Leesburg: Hart's Deer Processing, 1628 Philema Rd, 229-869-2295 Metter: Zerwig Processing, 35978 Hwy 23N, 912-682-7256 Portal: Billy and Son's Processing, 423 Johnson St, 912-531-5175 Roopville: Norths Deer Processing, 86 Victory Lane, 770-301-1562 Royston: Bond's Processing, 2741 Freeman Rd, 706-436-3335 Sparta: Garners Grinder, 18630 Hwy 16, 706-444-9228



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Learn more and donate at GWF.ORG info@gwf.org, 770-787-7887



Wildlife license plates fund wildlife work that benefits trout, bobwhite quail, marine habitat, conservation law enforcement and non-game animals and plants.

Upgrade your license plate at any county tag office, with mail-in registration, or online. Learn more about the conservation programs these plates support at <u>GeorgiaWildlife.com/LicensePlates</u>.





HOW WILDLIFE ~

Hunters and target shooters purchase guns and ammunition.

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Manufacturers pay federal excise taxes on guns and ammunition.



(3) Revenue from these excise taxes is distributed to state wildlife agencies. In turn, millions of acres of important habitat have been set aside to help ensure future wildlife abundance.

State wildlife agencies use these funds to purchase land for wildlife habitat and to manage wildlife populations.

## This System Has Provided MORE \$12.5 Billion

For Conservation So Far

## Where the Money Goes 3

Buy, develop, maintain and operate wildlife management areas

**Research projects** REREFER focused on wildlife conservation

Hunter safety and education programs

> **Construction and** maintenance of public target shooting ranges

## Quick History

Early 1900s

As many wildlife species are dwindling in numbers or disappearing, firearms industry steps forward and asks Congress to redirect excise tax on sale of guns and ammo to help fund wildlife conservation.

#### 1937

Congress passes and President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs the Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act into law.

1938 to today:

Revenue from this act has purchased millions of acres of prime habitat that is maintained by state wildlife agencies. These lands, where game and non-game species flourish, are purchased with sportsmen's dollars but used by all Americans.



## **OTHER WAYS** SPORTSMEN CONTRIBU

Excise taxes combined with revenue from hunting and fishing license sales fund the majority of state wildlife agency budgets.



**\$8** Million CONTRIBUTED ANNUALLY Duck stamp proceeds are used by the government to buy or lease wetland habitat for ducks. geese and hundreds of non-game birds and animals.

#### SOME HEROES OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL **CONSERVATION MODEL IN THE WORLD** ARE:







THE FIREARMS INDUSTRY TRADE ASSOCIATION NSSF.ORG in

# 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 offroad 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.

**ONNATIONAL 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.

#### 2022-2023 GEORGIA HUNTING SEASONS & REGULATIONS

Purchase a License by phone 1-800-366-2661 or online at www.GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com

# WARNING! COGONGRASS IS CREEPING INTO GEORGIA!

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.



FOR HELP WITH COGONGRASS IDENTIFICATION AND ERADICATION, REPORT SIGHTINGS ONLINE AT GATREES.ORG, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL GFC FORESTER OR CALL 229-869-8592.

## 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 (Northern Zone), 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 reported and tagged (See page 32 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, SNIPE, SORA, RAILS AND WOODCOCK** may be hunted during the statewide seasons (pages 36-37) 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 74 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 35) 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 33 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 23). 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**

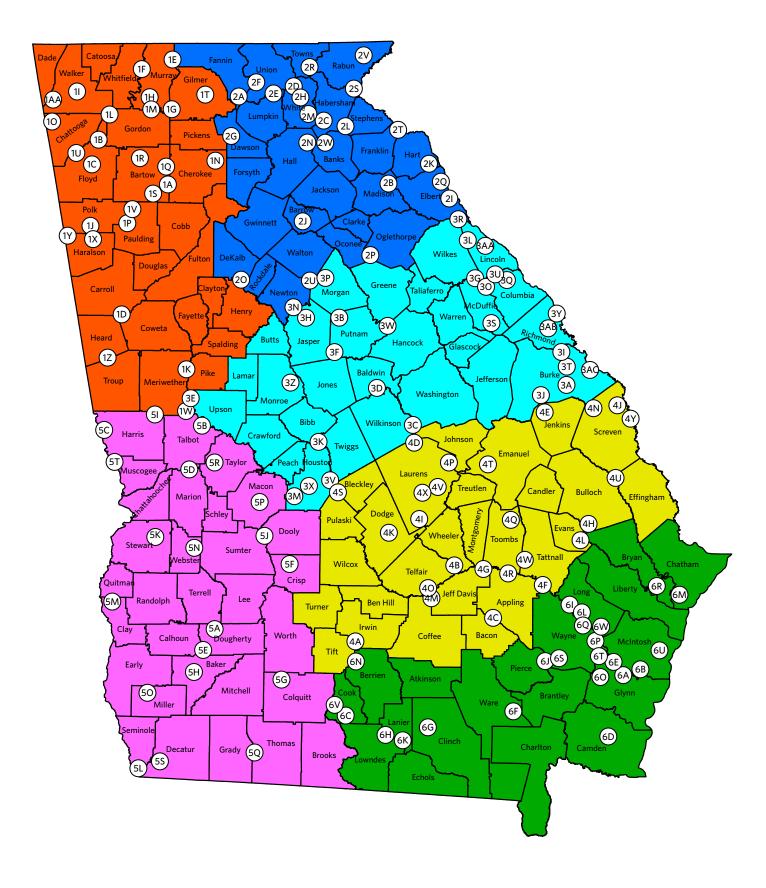
Since 2014, through a USDA grant, the DNR Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) has been able to enhance its WMA program through temporary agreements with private landowners for public hunting opportunities. Some of these VPA opportunities are listed on pages 65-66, but some may not be included due to deadlines. For an up-to-date list of properties, please visit **GoHuntGeorgia.com**.



## 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 (possession of a loaded firearm within 50 yards of a road opened for vehicular access is considered hunting). See pages 68 and 69 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 firearm other than a handgun during a closed hunting season for that area, except on designated shooting ranges, unless such firearm is unloaded and stored in a motor vehicle so as to not be readily accessible or to possess a handgun during a closed 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.
- Possessing a loaded firearm (a gun 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) other than a handgun in a motor vehicle during a legal open hunting season for that area or to possess a loaded handgun 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.



ID	NAME	COUNTY
1A	Allatoona WMA	Bartow, Cherokee
1B	Arrowhead WMA	Floyd
1C	Berry College WMA	Floyd
1D	Chattahoochee Bend SP	Coweta, Heard
1E	Cohutta WMA	Fannin, Gilmer, Murray
1F 1G	Conasauga River WMA Carters Lake WMA	Murray, Whitfield Gilmer, Gordon, Murray
1H	Coosawattee WMA	Murray
11	Crockford-Pigeon Mountain WMA	Walker
1J	J.L. Lester WMA	Polk
1K	Joe Kurz WMA	Meriwether
1L	John's Mountain WMA	Floyd, Gordon, Walker, Whitfield
1M 1N	McEntire Road VPA McGraw Ford WMA	Murray Cherokee
10		Chattooga
1P	Paulding Forest WMA	Paulding, Polk
1Q	Pine Log WMA	Bartow, Cherokee
1R	Pleasant Valley VPA	Bartow
1S	Red Top Mountain SP	Bartow
1T	Rich Mountain WMA Rocky Mountain Recreation Area	Fannin, Gilmer
1U	& PFA	Floyd
1V	Sheffield WMA	Paulding, Polk
1W	Sprewell Bluff WMA	Meriwether, Talbot, Upson
1X	Tallapoosa VPA	Haralson
1Y 1Z	Treat Mountain VPA West Point WMA	Haralson, Polk Heard, Troup
	Zahnd WMA	Walker
2A	Blue Ridge WMA	Fannin, Gilmer, Lumpkin, Union
2B		Madison
2C	Buck Shoals WMA	Habersham, White
2D	Chattahoochee WMA	Towns, Union, White
2E 2F	Chestatee WMA Coopers Creek WMA	Lumpkin, White Fannin, Union
2F 2G	Dawson Forest WMA	Dawson
2G 2H		White
21	Elbert County WMA	Elbert
2J	Fort Yargo SP	Barrow
2K	Hart County WMA	Hart
2L		Banks, Habersham, Stephens
2M 2N	London Farms VPA Lula Bridge WMA	White Hall
20	Panola Mountain SP	Rockdale
		Greene, Morgan, Oconee,
2P	Redlands WMA	Oglethorpe
2Q	Richard B. Russell SP	Elbert
2R 2S	Swallow Creek WMA	Towns, Union, White Habersham, Rabun
25 2T	Tallulah Gorge WMA Tugaloo SP	Habersham, Rabun Franklin
20	Walton WMA	Walton
2V	Warwoman WMA	Rabun
2W	Wilson Shoals WMA	Banks
3A	Alexander WMA	Burke
3B	B.F. Grant WMA	Morgan, Putnam
3C 3D	Balls Ferry SP Bartram Forest WMA	Wilkinson Baldwin, Wilkinson
3D 3E	Camp Thunder VPA	Upson
3F	Cedar Creek WMA	Jasper, Jones, Putnam
3G	Clarks Hill WMA	Lincoln, McDuffie, Warren,
3H	Clybel WMA	Wilkes Jasper, Newton
31	Collins Road VPA	Burke
3J	Di-Lane Plantation WMA	Burke
3K	Echeconnee Creek WMA	Bibb, Houston
3L	Fishing Creek WMA	Lincoln, Wilkes
3M	Flat Creek PFA	Houston
3N	Gaither WMA	Newton McDuffic
30 3P	Germany Creek WMA Hard Labor Creek SP	McDuffie Morgan, Walton
3P 3Q	Keg Creek WMA	Columbia
3R	Lower Broad River WMA	Elbert, Lincoln, Wilkes
3S	McDuffie PFA	McDuffie
3T	Mead Farm WMA	Burke
3U	Mistletoe SP	Columbia
3V 3W	Oaky Woods WMA Oconee WMA	Houston, Pulaski
377		Greene, Hancock, Putnam

ID	NAME Davas Field	COUNTY
3X 3Y	Perry Dove Field Phinizy Swamp WMA	Houston Richmond
3T 3Z	Rum Creek WMA	Monroe
	Soap Creek WMA	Lincoln
3AB	Spirit Creek Forest WMA	Richmond
3AC	Yuchi WMA	Burke
4A	Alapaha River WMA	Irwin
4B	<b>J</b>	Wheeler
4C 4D	Appling County Dove Field VPA Beaverdam WMA	Appling Laurens, Wilkinson
4E	Big Dukes Pond WMA	Jenkins
4F	Big Hammock WMA	Tattnall
4G	Bullard Creek WMA	Appling, Jeff Davis, Montgomery
4H		Bryan, Bulloch
41	Cedar Grove VPA	Laurens
4J 4K		Screven Dodge
4K 4L	Dodge County PFA Evans County PFA	Evans
4M	Flat Tub WMA	Coffee. Jeff Davis
	Hiltonia WMA	Screven
40	Horse Creek WMA	Telfair
	Hugh M. Gillis PFA	Laurens
4Q	Indian Ford Farm Dove Field	Toombs
4R 4S	Moody Forest WMA Ocmulgee WMA	Appling Bleckley, Pulaski, Twiggs
43 4T	Ohoopee Dunes WMA	Emanuel
4U	Oliver Bridge WMA	Bulloch
4V	River Bend WMA	Laurens
4W	Rogers State Prison Dove Fields	Tattnall
4X	Scotland Road VPA	Laurens
4Y 5A	Tuckahoe WMA Albany Nursery WMA	Screven
5A 5B	Big Lazer Creek WMA	Dougherty Talbot, Upson
5C	5	Harris
5D	Chattahoochee Fall Line WMA	Chattahoochee, Marion, Talbot
5E	Chickasawhatchee WMA	Baker, Calhoun, Dougherty
5F	Cordele Hatchery	Crisp
5G		Colquitt
5H 5I	Elmodel WMA F. D. Roosevelt SP	Baker Harris, Meriwether, Talbot
5J	Flint River WMA	Dooly
	Hannahatchee Creek WMA	Stewart
5L	Lake Seminole WMA	Decatur, Seminole
	Lake Walter F. George WMA	Clay, Quitman
5N	Lanahassee WMA	Webster
50 5P	Mayhaw WMA Montezuma Bluffs WMA	Miller Macon
	River Creek The Rolf and Alexandra	
5Q	Kauka WMA	Thomas
5R	Sandhills WMA	Taylor
5S	Silver Lake WMA	Decatur
5T	Standing Boy Creek Recreation Area	Muscogee
6A	Altama Plantation WMA Altamaha WMA	Glynn McIntosh
6B 6C	Altamaha WMA Cardinal Tract VPA	Mointosh Cook
6D	Ceylon WMA	Camden
6E	Clayhole Swamp WMA	Glynn
6F	Dixon Memorial WMA	Brantley, Ware
6G	Dupont Tract VPA	Clinch
6H	Grand Bay WMA	Lanier, Lowndes
61 6J	Griffin Ridge WMA Little Satilla WMA	Long Brantley, Pierce, Wayne
6J 6K	Little Satilla WMA Lola Tract VPA	Lanier, Lowndes
6L	Morgan Lake WMA	Long
6M	Ossabaw Island WMA	Chatham
6N	Paradise PFA	Berrien, Tift
60	Paulks Pasture WMA	Glynn
6P	Penholoway Swamp WMA	Wayne
6Q 6R	Rayonier Corridor Lands WMA Richmond Hill WMA	Wayne Bryan Liberty Molntosh
6S	Rogers WMA	Bryan, Liberty, McIntosh Wayne
6T	Sansavilla WMA	Glynn, Wayne
6U	Sapelo Island WMA	McIntosh
6V	Sparks Cut Off VPA	Cook
6W	Townsend WMA	Long, McIntosh

## PUBLIC HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES SPECIFIC WMA & PFA HUNTING REGULATIONS

This section of the 2022-2023 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 35) 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

georgiawildlife.com/ locations/hunting or scan the QR code below.



## LEGEND

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

- **9** Sign-in
- **③** Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 42)
- A Youth Hunt (see pg. 20)
- Q Quota Hunt (see pg. 74)
- Archery Only Area
- **\*ii** Specialty Hunt (see pg. 72)
- Hunt & Learn
- ¥ Quality Buck
- Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 73)
- Bird Dog Training
- Furbearer Dog Training
- 🐔 Rabbit Dog Training
- O Archery Range

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• Firearms Shooting Range

ALAPAHA RIVER WMA

6,870 acres • 229.426.5267

- DEER
- ARCHERY
- » Sept. 10-Oct. 23 FIREARMS
- » Buck Only: Oct. 29-30 » ③ Nov. 10-12 | ⑤ Nov. 23-27, Dec.
- 13-18

#### TURKEY

Q15: Apr. 8-14, 15-21 Apr. 22-May 15

**Q50 9** Sept. 3 Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, Nov. 19-27, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

#### СОҮОТЕ May 16 - 31

**DIRECTIONS** From Ocilla: Take Hwy 319 West towards Tifton for 10 miles. Entrance on left.

#### ALBANY NURSERY WMA Q 🔄 🏭 ल

300 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER ARCHERY » Dec. 4-Jan. 8 SHOTGUN ONLY » SOct. 27-30, Nov. 24-27

**TURKEY** QI Mobility Impaired: Apr. 15-19, Apr. 29-May 3

4 QI Apr. 8-12, 22-26

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. a QI S Nov. 19, Dec. 3 QI S Jan. 14

#### DOVE

Quota on designated fields only. All other areas open to the public. Q35 **9** Sept. 3 Sept. 10-Oct. 9, Nov. 20-23, Dec.

19-Jan. 13, Jan. 15-31

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 74 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

**Q** /f. Fil

1,300 acres • 706.595.4222

ARCHERY » Sept. 10-Oct. 21, Dec. 1-Jan. 8 FIREARMS » Oct. 22-Nov. 30

TURKEY Apr. 8-May 15

#### No dove hunting outside of dove field. Q50 Sept. 3, 10. Shooting hours end at noon. Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, Nov. 19-27, Dec. 19-Jan. 31.

#### СОУОТЕ 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.

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6,818 acres • 706.295.6041

#### DEER & BEAR

ARCHERY » Sept. 10-Oct. 21 FIREARMS » \*: Oct. 22-23

» 🟜 Oct. 24-31 » Nov. 1-Jan. 1

#### TURKEY

Apr. 8-May 15

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. 8-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

2022-2023 GEORGIA HUNTING SEASONS & REGULATIONS

Purchase a License by phone 1-800-366-2661 or online at www.GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com

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

#### ALTAMA PLANTATION WMA ତୁ ଓ

3,986 acres • 912.262.3173

#### DEER

ARCHERY » Sept. 10-Nov. 9, Dec. 30-Jan. 8 FIREARMS » Q50 Nov. 10-12, Dec. 1-3 » © Dec. 27-29

TURKEY Apr. 8-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 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. 8-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

ALTAMAHA WMA-

MANAGEMENT AREA

11.402 acres • 912.262.3173

Area includes Broughton, Butler,

Butler Island opens after the last

Aug. 15-Nov. 15, Feb. 1-Feb. 28. No

Saturday of waterfowl season.

Champney, and Rhetts Islands.

WATERFOWL

DEER

ARCHERY

Sept. 10-Nov. 15

furbearer season.

SMALL GAME

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. Mc-Gowan 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.

- Rabbits: Daily bag Limit: 6/ | person. 👪 Archery Only, Butler Refuge Area: Jan. 21-22.
- Snipe: Wed.-Sun. & state holidays during season.

#### DOVE

Sept. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25

#### 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
- Q25 Butler Island: Saturday Only; see Page 75. 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.
- Q25 Champney Island: Saturday & Sunday Only; see Page 75. 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 (located on Butler Island east of Hwy 17 on Champney Island) and Ansley Hodges MARSH Project (located west of Hwy 17 on Champney Island) are closed to firearms at all times but open to archerv 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 Rhetts Island at designated crossover sites only. Boats are restricted to one motor of 25hp or less. Rhetts 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** 1 6

400 acres • 706.295.6041

#### **DEER & BEAR**

ARCHERY » ∔ Nov. 1-27

» 🔄 Nov. 28-Dec. 4 » Dec. 5-Jan. 8

TURKEY **5** Apr. 8-14

#### 🔒 Apr. 15-May 15

SMALL GAME 🔒 Aug. 15-Oct. 31, Feb. 1-28

#### WATERFOWL

Saturdays during statewide season. COYOTE

Small game weapons only. May 16-31

#### 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**

👪 🔾 Y 🚯 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. 10-18, Dec. 1-4

PRIMITIVE » Dec. 16-18

FIREARMS

» Q300 <sup>(3)</sup> Nov. 3-5, 17-19

#### TURKEY

∔ Apr. 8-14 Q80 Apr. 15-21 Apr. 22-May 15

DOVE Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1-9, Nov.

20-27, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

#### WATERFOWL

MARSH Pond Q3 9: Dec. 10, Jan. 21 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.

## <u>COYOTE</u>

## 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** H 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. 8-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** ★ 詀 🛈 🕂 🔍

5,500 acres • 229.426.5267

#### DEER

ARCHERY » Sept. 10-16, Sept. 24-Oct. 21 FIREARMS

- » \*1: Sept. 17-23
- » <sup>®</sup> Nov. 3-5
- » Buck Only: Nov. 24-26, Dec. 14-17

#### TURKEY

Apr. 8-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 Toomsboro Rd., go 7.5 miles to WMA sign; turn right on Oconee Church Rd., turn at WMA sign.

#### **BERRY COLLEGE WMA** Q ★👪 🛈 🕂 🥂

15,029 acres • 706.295.6041

#### **DEER & BEAR**

ARCHERY » Sept. 10-Nov. 1, Nov. 6-11

- **FIREARMS**
- » Q1000 <sup>(i)</sup> Either-Sex Deer Last Day: Nov. 2-5
- » Q1000 <sup>(3)</sup> Nov. 30-Dec. 3 » 🖈 🔒 🕑 Jan. 7-8
- TURKEY

#### Apr. 8-May 15

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

Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8-9, Nov. 19-27, Dec. 19-Jan. 6, Jan. 9-31

#### 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

WWW.GOHUNTGEORGIA.COM

Ranger Hotline 1-800-241-4113

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 » Sept. 10-Oct. 14 PRIMITIVE » Oct. 15-21 FIREARMS » Oct. 22-Nov. 30

TURKEY Apr. 8-May 15

## WATERFOWL

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

prohibited between Feb. 1-July 15.

From Millen Take HWY 17 North 0.9

miles; turn right on Old Louisville

Rd. Go 7.9 miles to entrance on left.

» Sept.10-Oct.5,Oct.9-21,Dec.1-Jan.8

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunt-

ed 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.

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

From Glennville Take HWY 144

south 12 miles to Altamaha River.

Area lies on both sides of HWY 144.

Only bucks with at least 4 points

(1-inch or longer) on either antler or

à minimum 15-inch outside antler

» 👪 Sept. 24-25. Youth are exempt

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**BIG LAZER CREEK WMA** 

7,200 acres • 229.430.4254

» Sept. 10-23, Oct. 16-30

from antler restrictions.

trail off Mack Phillips Rd.

**BIG HAMMOCK WMA** 

7,221 acres • 229.426.5267

SPECIFIC WMA REGULATIONS

COYOTE May 16 - 31

## AREA NOTES Camping, ATVs & horses prohibited. Note Safety Zone on map - access

DIRECTIONS

DEER

ARCHERY

PRIMITIVE

FIREARMS

TURKEY

COYOTE

Apr. 8-May 15

AREA NOTES

DIRECTIONS

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spread are legal.

DEER

ARCHERY

FIREARMS

» Oct. 6-8

» Oct. 29-Nov. 13

» Quality Buck & Antlerless Last || Day : Oct. 13-15, Nov. 10-12

» 👬 Nov. 18-20

#### TURKEY

**Q50** Apr. 8-16, Apr. 22-30 May 1-15

COYOTE May 16 - 31

SMALL GAME

Aug. 15-Sept. 23, Sept. 26-Oct. 12, Oct. 16-Nov. 9, Nov. 21-Feb. 28

**DOVE** Sept. 3, 10, 17-23, Nov. 23-27, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

#### WATERFOWL

Legal hours end at noon. Big Lazer Creek PFA: Wed. & Sat. during small game dates concurrent with state season. WMA outside of PFA is open during small game dates concurrent with state season.

#### DIRECTIONS

From Talbotton take U.S. 80 east 4 miles; turn left on Po Biddy Rd. go 6.5 miles; turn left on Bunkham Rd. and go 1.2 miles to check station.

## BLANTON CREEK WMA

4,800 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. 10-Oct. 6, Oct. 10-16, Nov. 20-27

FIREARMS

» ★▲ Oct. 8-9 » Q200 <sup>©</sup> Oct. 20-22, Nov. 17-19

TURKEY

Q35 Apr. 8-14, 15-21 Apr. 22-May 15

## LEGEND

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

- **9** Sign-in
- **B** Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 42)
- Youth Hunt (see pg. 20)
- Q Quota Hunt (see pg. 74)
- 🚯 Archery Only Area
- **\*** Specialty Hunt (see pg. 72)
- Hunt & Learn
- ¥ Quality Buck
- Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 73)
- ✓ Bird Dog Training
- Furbearer Dog Training
- Rabbit Dog Training
- O Archery Range

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Firearms Shooting Range

**DOVE Q75 O** Sept. 3, 10

Sept. 17-30, Nov. 20-27, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

WATERFOWL State season. Legal hours end at noon. No hunting on MARSH Pond.

#### COYOTE May 16-31

From West Point take HWY 103 south 10 miles to mile marker 6, turn right to check station.

#### **BLUE RIDGE WMA**

**3** 

 20,900 acres • 770.535.5700

## DEER & BEAR

» Buck Only: Sept. 10-Oct. 12, Oct. 22-31

- PRIMITIVE » Buck Only: Oct. 15-21
- FIREARMS
- » Buck Only: <sup>(1)</sup> Nov. 2-6 | <sup>(2)</sup> Nov. 23-26

TURKEY

Apr. 8-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 60 north for 28 miles to jct. with USFS Road #69; turn left and go 1 mile to the check station.

#### **BROAD RIVER WMA**

440 acres • 770.535.5700

DEER & BEAR Sept. 10-Nov. 30; archery only

TURKEY Apr. 8-May 15

COYOTE

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

#### **DIRECTIONS** From Danielsville Go north on U.S. 29 for 2 miles; turn right on HWY 281; go 4 miles, cross Broad River; go 0.3 mile; area is on right.

## BUCK SHOALS WMA

582 acres • 770-535-5700

DEER & BEAR FIREARMS

Bag Limit: 1 deer » Q12 ♦ ④ Nov. 5-6 » Q12 ♣ ④ Nov. 19-20, Dec. 3-4

## TURKEY

Q3 ♦ Apr. 8-9 Q5 ♣ Apr. 22-23, May 6-7

SMALL GAME No night hunting. Q10 & Jan. 7-15, 21-29 **DOVE Q25 i** Sept. 3, 10

COYOTE No May 16-31 coyote & hog season. Montgomery County Tract: access

is limited to foot or boat travel only.

Ocmulgee Tract, From Hazlehurst:

Take U.S. 221 north 6 miles; turn

left on Towns Bluff Rd. 1 mile; turn

right on Rowland Rd.; go 1.5 miles

to kiosk.

DEER

ARCHERY

FIREARMS

TURKEY

COYOTE

season.

DOVE

Apr. 8-May 15

Dec. 19-Jan. 31

DIRECTIONS

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DEER & BEAR

» Q20 🔄 🕑 Nov. 4-6 » Q20 🟜 🕑 Nov. 12

RABBIT DOG TRAINING

during firearms deer hunts.

ARCHERY

**FIREARMS** 

TURKEY

COYOTE

16-31

Apr. 8-May 15

AREA NOTES

DIRECTIONS

check station.

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DEER

ARCHERY

» Sept. 10-Oct. 16

CANOOCHEE

SANDHILLS WMA

» Sept. 10-Oct. 8

6.324 acres • 229.426.5267

» Oct. 27-29, Nov. 10-12

» Buck Only: Dec. 15-17

Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, Nov. 19-27,

No May 16-31 coyote & feral hog

From Claxton: Take U.S. Hwy 280

East 9.5 miles to Groveland. Turn

left on Groveland-Nevils Road and

travel 3.5 miles to kiosk on the left.

» Sept. 10-Nov. 3, 7-11, Nov. 13-Jan. 1

Wed/Fri/Sat from Nov-Feb. except

Small game weapons only. May

No ATV's except by wheelchairbound hunters during the wheelchair

hunt. No camping. Quota hunters

must apply by letter to U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers, 975 Power-

house Rd., Chatsworth, GA 30705

From Chatsworth Go 11 miles south

on old U.S. 411; turn left at Carters

Lake Powerhouse sign; go 1 mile to

From Ellijay Take HWY 282 west

to old U.S. 411; go south 3.8 miles;

turn left at Carters Lake Powerhouse

sign; go 1 mile to check station.

CEDAR CREEK WMA

40.000 acres • 706.595.4222

between Aug. 15 and Sept. 10.

**CARTERS LAKE WMA** 

3,300 acres • 706.295.6041

#### AREA NOTES

Day use access is available on River Rd. Access for scheduled events is available on Cloverleaf Dr. and Buck Shoals Dr.

#### DIRECTIONS

From Cleveland: Take Hwy 115 east towards Clarkesville to Hwy 384 (Duncan Bridge Rd.), turn right, go 2.1 miles, entrance to area is on the left. From Baldwin: From Hwy 365, take Duncan Bridge Rd. (Hwy 384) towards Cleveland, go 5.4 miles, entrance to area is on the right.

#### BULLARD CREEK WMA ★▲ Q ଓ © ●

15,636 acres • 229.426.5267

#### DEER

ARCHERY » Sept. 10-21, Sept. 25-Oct. 14 PRIMITIVE

#### » Sept. 22-24

- FIREARMS
- » 🕑 Oct. 20-22
- » ★▲ Oct. 28-30 » Nov. 23-26 | Buck Only: Dec. 15-17

TURKEY Q80 Apr. 8-14 Apr. 15-May 15

#### COYOTE May 16-31

AREA NOTES

No firearms deer hunting within Towns Bluff archery only tract but legal firearms permitted for turkey and small game hunting.

#### DIRECTIONS

From Hazlehurst Take U.S. 221 north 7 miles; turn left at entrance sign; go to check station.

#### BULLARD CREEK WMA - BELL TELEPHONE, MONTGOMERY, AND OCMULGEE TRACTS

1,369 acres • 229.426.5267

#### DEER

Montgomery Tract: 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. 8-May 15

COYOTE May 16-31

#### AREA NOTES

No firearms deer hunting but legal firearms permitted for turkey and small game hunting.

#### DIRECTIONS

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Purchase a License by phone 1-800-366-2661 or online at www.GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com

Bell Telephone Tract, From Hazlehurst: From the Police station on Hwy 23, travel 0.1 mile east and turn south (right) on S Cromartie St. (S Cromartie St. becomes Bell Telephone Rd.) and travel approximately 11 miles to the area kiosk on the right.

#### FIREARMS

- » Buck Only: <sup>(1)</sup> Oct. 20-22 | <sup>(2)</sup> Nov. 28-Dec. 11
- » Either-sex Last Day: <sup>(1)</sup> Nov. 10-12 » \*\* Nov. 22-27

#### TURKEY

#### Apr. 8-May 15

DOVE

Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1-9, Nov. 19-21, 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. 10-Oct. 14, Oct. 22-Jan. 8 FIREARMS

» ∔ Oct. 15-21

#### TURKEY

Apr. 8-May 15

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** Q ¥ 🛛 🕂

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. 10-Oct. 16, Dec. 4-27 FIREARMS

» Q100 <sup>(1)</sup> Oct. 20-22, Nov. 10-12, Dec. 1-3

#### TURKEY

Q40 Apr. 8-14, 22-28, May 6-12

#### **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 00

25,150 acres • 770.535.5700

#### **DEER & BEAR**

ARCHERY » Buck Only: Sept. 10-16, Sept. 24-

- 30, Oct. 10-26 FIREARMS
- » Buck Only: 9 Nov. 19-27 Oct. 27-30, Dec. 8-11

#### BEAR

FIREARMS

» Q9 (Bag limit 2/person or 5/party) Dogs: Oct. 1-9 » Sept. 17-23

TURKEY

#### Apr. 8-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 Q ¥ 🚯 🔶

6,700 acres • 229.430.4254

#### DEER

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

ARCHERY » Sept. 10-Oct. 13, Nov. 19-27 **FIREARMS** 

» Q150 <sup>(1)</sup> Oct. 20-22, Nov. 10-12

#### TURKEY

Q50 Apr. 8-16, Apr. 29-May 7 Apr. 21-23 May 8-15

#### 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

Only bucks with at least 4 points

(1-inch or longer) on either antler or

à minimum 15-inch outside antler

spread are legal. Youth hunt; Hunt &

Learn exempt from antler restriction.

» Sept. 10-29, Nov. 20-Dec. 9

» Q50 3 Oct. 27-29, Nov. 17-19

» Antlerless Only: Sept. 30-Oct. 2

Wed. & Sat. during statewide season.

Waterfowl shooting hours end at noon.

» 👪 Q35 ᠪ: Sept. 3, 10 (Youth Field

» Sept. 3, 10, 17-29, Nov. 20-27, Dec.

Daily bag Limit: 3/person. Quail hunt-

ing on designated dates only.Hunting

party must report harvest at kiosk or

No fox squirrel hunting. No ATVs or

horses. Hunters must check kiosk

daily for prescribed burning schedule

From JCT Hwy 80 and 355, go south 8.1 miles. Take Hwy 352 6.0 miles

and entrance to check station is on

» Buck Only: Sept. 10-16, Sept. 24-

» Buck Only: <sup>(1)</sup> Nov. 16-20, Dec.

» Q6 (Bag limit 2/person or 5/party)

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunt-

ed 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.

Dog-bear hunters must check in at

the Chestatee WMA check station

prior to hunting and are required to

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19-30, Jan.1-13, 15-31

online; one survey per party

Dec. 10, Dec. 31, Jan. 14

Q40 Apr. 8-16, Apr. 29-May 7

DECIEIC WMA REGU

LINE WMA-HILLIARD

8,089 acres • 229.430.4254

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DEER

ARCHERY

FIREARMS

TURKEY

DOVE

QUAIL

COYOTE

May 16-31

AREA NOTES

and locations.

DIRECTIONS

**CHESTATEE WMA** 

**DEER & BEAR** 

30, Oct. 10-31

Dogs: Oct. 1-9

» Sept. 17-23

Apr. 8-May 15

AREA NOTES

ARCHERY

FIREARMS

FIREARMS

TURKEY

COYOTE

BEAR

27,123 acres • 770.535.5700

7-11 O Dec. 26-Jan. 1

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Only)

Apr. 21-23

WATERFOWL

» Nov. 4-6

» 👪 Q50 Nov. 12-13

## CHATTAHOOCHEE FALL LINE WMA-BLACKJACK CROSSING AREA

#### 🟶 Archery Only 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. 8-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

## Q Y 👪 🕲 🔶

2,100 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. 10-18, Oct. 3-9, Nov. 20-27 **FIREARMS**
- » Q35 👪 Sept. 24-25
- » Antlerless Only: Sept. 30-Oct. 2 » Q35 <sup>(1)</sup> Oct. 27-29, Nov. 10-12

## » Nov. 4-6

TURKEY Q15 Apr. 8-10, Apr. 22-24 Q15 Apr. 15-17 May 10-15

#### DOVE

Sept. 3, 10, 17-23, 26-30, Nov. 19-27, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

#### COYOTE May 16-31

#### AREA NOTES

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

#### DIRECTIONS

WWW.GOHUNTGEORGIA.COM

Ranger Hotline 1-800-241-4113

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.

attend a pre-hunt meeting as direct- | AREA NOTES ed in their draw notification email. All dogs used in the dog-bear hunt must be marked with the selected hunter's name and phone number.

#### DIRECTIONS

From Cleveland Take U.S. 129 north 10.5 miles to Turner's Corner; turn left on U.S. 19; go 0.5 mile; turn right on Dick's Creek Rd.; go 1 mile to check station driveway on left.

#### CHICKASAWHATCHEE WMA Q ∔ 🕑 🞢 🗟 🛛 🧿

19,700 acres • 229.430.4254

#### DEER

ARCHERY » Sept. 10-Oct. 14, Dec. 29-Jan. 8 PRIMITIVE » Oct. 15-21

FIREARMS » O350 <sup>(1)</sup> Nov. 3-5 <sup>(1)</sup> Dec. 8-10 » 👪 Nov. 20-26, Dec. 23-28

#### TURKEY

Q40 Apr. 8-14, 15-21, 22-28 Apr. 29-May 15

#### QUAIL

Daily bag limit is 3/person. Quail hunting on designated dates only. Hunting party must report harvest at kiosk or online; one survey per party. Q4 Nov. 12, Dec. 3, 31, Jan. 14, 21, 28 🛔 QI Nov. 12, Dec. 3, 31, Jan. 14, 21 General: Nov. 22, Nov. 29

#### DOVE

Quota on designated fields only. All other areas are open. Q40 O Sept. 3

Sept. 10-Oct. 9, Nov. 19-27, 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.

## LEGEND

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

- Θ Sign-in
- 0 Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 42)
- ... Youth Hunt (see pg. 20)
- 0 Quota Hunt (see pg. 74)
- Archery Only Area

**\*ii** Specialty Hunt (see pg. 72)

- Hunt & Learn
- Ŷ Quality Buck
- 6 Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 73)
- Æ. Bird Dog Training
- Furbearer Dog Training
- Rabbit Dog Training n.
- 0 Archery Range

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0 Firearms Shooting Range

No fox squirrel hunting. Bird dog training in designated area only.

#### DIRECTIONS

From Albany Take HWY 91 south 4 miles to jct. with HWY 62; turn right and go 15 miles; follow signs to check station.

#### **CLARKS HILL WMA** 🔾 ★ 👪 🚯 🎯

12,700 acres • 706.595.4222

#### DEER

- ARCHERY » Sept. 10-22, Sept. 26-Oct. 14 PRIMITIVE » Primitive: Oct. 15-21 FIREARMS » 3 Sept. 23-25 3 Nov. 7-27 » \*ii Oct. 28-30
- TURKEY Apr. 8-May 15

DOVE Quota on designated fields only. Q60 Sept. 3 Sept. 10, 17, Oct. 1, 8, Nov. 19-27, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE May 16-31

#### AREA NOTES

Areas west of U.S. HWY 78/GA HWY 17 are open for hunting during statewide seasons only, except turkey (see dates above). Camping in designated sites only.

#### DIRECTIONS

From Thomson Take U.S. 78 north 10 miles; turn right on Smith Mill Rd. at WMA sign; go 2.5 miles to check station.

#### **CLAYHOLE SWAMP WMA** ∔ 🕃 🗲

5,242 acres • 912.262.3173

#### DEER

- ARCHERY » Sept. 10-14, 19-27, Oct. 2-Nov. 25, Dec. 3-16
- FIREARMS
- » 👪 🕑 Sept. 16-18
- » 3 Sept. 29-Oct. 1 3 Nov. 26-Dec. 2, Dec. 17-Jan. 8

#### TURKEY

## Apr. 8-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. Horseback riding prohibited during ALL deer hunts. Area west of Cowpen Swamp is archery only for all species, open during their respective statewide seasons.

#### DIRECTIONS

From Sterling Take HWY 341 north 0.5 mile; turn right on Old Jesup Rd.; go 1 mile to Pennick Rd. on right; WMA is 6 miles down Pennick Rd. on right.

## **CLYBEL WMA**

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6,400 acres • 706.595.4222

#### DEER ARCHERY

- » Sept. 10-30, Nov. 11-13
- FIREARMS » 🔒 Oct. 1-6
  - » Youth & Adult: Oct. 7-9, Adult: Nov. 14-15

AREA NOTES

DIRECTIONS

trails.

No ATVs except on designated ATV

From Ellijay to Holly Creek Check

Station: Take Hwy 52 west 9.2 miles;

turn right at Conasauga Lake sign;

go 3.5 miles; turn right on USFS road

From Chatsworth to Holly Creek

Check Station: Take US Hwy 411

north to Eton; turn right at traffic

light and follow Holly Creek Rd 11.6

From Cisco to West Cowpen Check

Station: Take GA Hwy 2; go 3 miles east to junction with West Cowpen

Rd; check station at junction.

CONASAUGA RIVER WMA

Sept. 10-Dec. 9, 11-16, 18-23, Dec.

January - Sat. only through last day

From Eton to Hwy 286 Tract: Go

west on Hwy 282, 5.2 miles. After

crossing the Conasauga River, park-

From Eton to Bryant Rd South

Tract: Go west on Hwy 282, 4.2

miles to Fullers Chapel Rd. Go north

on Fullers Chapel 0.5 miles to Bryant

Rd. Turn left on Bryant and go 0.9

From Eton to Bryant Rd North

Tract: Go west on Hwy 282, 4.2

miles to Fullers Chapel Rd. Go north

on Fullers Chapel 0.5 miles to Bryant

Rd. Turn left on Bryant and go .25

» Buck Only: Sept. 10-Oct. 5, Nov.

» Buck Only: 10 Nov. 30-Dec. 4

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunt-

ed with dogs. Dogs must be marked

with hunter's name and a valid phone

miles to parking area on left

miles to parking area on left.

**COOPERS CREEK WMA** 

30,000 acres • 770.535.5700

» Buck Only: Oct. 26-30

» L Buck Only: 19 Oct. 7-9

| O Dec. 26-Jan. 1

**DEER & BEAR** 

ARCHERY

1-13

PRIMITIVE

FIREARMS

TURKEY

COYOTE

Apr. 8-May 15

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338 acres • 706.295.6041

Aug. 15-Sept. 9, Feb. 1-28

**DEER & BEAR** 

SMALL GAME

WATERFOWL

of season.

COYOTE

May 16-31

AREA NOTES

DIRECTIONS

No ATVs. No camping.

ing area will be on left.

Q3 O Dec 10, 17, 24.

ARCHERY

25-Jan. 1

TURKEY

Apr. 8-23

miles to check station.

#68; go 2 miles to check station.

» Q200 B Nov. 3-5, 17-19 » \*\*\* Nov. 22-27

#### TURKEY

Q25 🛔 Apr. 8-14, May 1-7 Q25 Apr. 15-21, May 8-14 Youth: Apr. 28-30

#### SMALL GAME

Daily bag limit: 3 rabbits/person. G Aug 15-Sept. 30, Oct. 10-Nov. 2, 6-13, 16, Nov. 20-Dec 9, Dec. 11-Jan.

- 5. Jan 9-Feb 28 Youth: (Falconry) Jan. 6-8; (Rabbit) Jan. 6-8
- Adult: (Rabbit) Dec. 10

#### DOVE

Georgia R3 Dove Field Adult & Youth: Sept. 3 Q200 Sept. 3

Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct, 1, 8, Nov. 20-27, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

#### QUAIL

Daily bag limit: 6/person or 12/party. Quail hunting on designated dates only O Dec. 3, Dec. 17, Jan. 21

WATERFOWL Legal hours end at noon. Youth only on Youth Waterfowl Days. State season during small game dates.

#### COYOTE May 16-31

#### AREA NOTES

Multi-use trail and areas are closed all day during firearms deer hunts and before 10:00 a.m. during archery and turkey seasons. Rules posted at trailhead. Excluding deer quota hunt dates, campground available by reservation through www. georgiawildlife.com/charlie-elliottwildlife-center.

#### DIRECTIONS

From Mansfield Take HWY 11 south 5.7 miles to Shepherd Rd. turn left and follow signs 1.1 miles.

#### **COHUTTA WMA**

96,503 acres • 706.295.6041

#### DEER & BEAR

ARCHERY » Buck only: Sept. 10-Oct. 5, Oct.

- 10-Nov. 29, Dec. 5-Jan. 1 FIREARMS
- » Buck Only: 10 Oct. 6-9, Nov. 30-Dec. 4

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunt-

ed 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.

#### TURKEY

2022-2023 GEORGIA HUNTING SEASONS & REGULATIONS

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#### Apr. 8-May 15 COYOTE

number; no night hunting; hogs must | TURKEY 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** Q 👬 🚯

2,040 acres • 706.295.6041

#### DEER & BEAR

#### ARCHERY

» Sept. 10-Oct. 20, Oct. 24-Nov. 9, Nov. 13-Jan. 1 FIREARMS

» \*1: Oct. 21-23

» Q35 <sup>(1)</sup> Nov. 10-12

#### TURKEY

Apr. 8-May 15

#### DOVE

Sept. 3-Oct. 9, Nov. 19-27, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

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** 0

40 acres • 229.430.4254

#### WATERFOWL

Designated pond only. Legal hours end at noon. Q3 👪 🔁 Dec. 10, Jan. 14 Q3 O Dec. 17, 31

#### 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**

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20,657 acres • 706.295.6041

#### DEER & BEAR

ARCHERY

- » Sept. 10-Oct. 21, Oct. 24-Nov. 9, Nov. 13-Dec. 6, Dec. 11-Jan. 1 FIREARMS
- » 🗚 🚯 Oct. 22-23
- » Either-Sex Last Day: <sup>(1)</sup> Nov. 10-12
- » Buck Only: 
  Dec. 7-10

**Q40 O** Apr. 8-14 Apr. 15-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. 3, 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8-9, Nov. 19-27, 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** Q ★👬 🖇 🕑

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. 10-Oct. 12, Dec. 12-25 **FIREARMS**
- » \*1 Oct. 14-16
- » Anterless Last Day: 10 Oct. 27-30
- » Quality Buck Only: O Nov. 9-13, Dec. 1-4
- TURKEY

Apr. 8-May 15

#### DOVE

Q40 Sept. 3 Sept. 5, 10, 17, 24, Nov. 19-27; 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** Q ∔ ¥ 🚯

#### 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. 10-Oct. 12

- **FIREARMS**
- » Q400 <sup>(1)</sup> Oct. 13-15, 27-29 » 🕑 Nov. 10-12

#### TURKEY

**Q20**  Apr. 8-14 Q30 Apr. 15-21, 22-28 Apr. 29-May 15

#### SMALL GAME

• Small game may be hunted during state seasons except during quota hunts. Rabbit, raccoon, and woodcock hunting permitted South of Rocky Creek only Jan. 1-31 during state season.

#### DOVE

No dove hunting outside of dove fields.

Field 1, QI00 Sept. 3 Field 2, Q75 4 O Sept. 3 Field 1 & 2 **9** Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, Nov. 19-27

Field 2 Only G 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.

#### 08 👪 🛛 Feb. 4

Q89 Dec. 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 28, 31, Feb. 8

#### 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. 10-Nov. 11 PRIMITIVE » Nov. 12-Jan. 8

#### TURKEY

Apr. 8-May 15

COYOTE May 16-31

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Ranger Hotline 1-800-241-4113

#### AREA NOTES

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FIREARMS

TURKEY Apr. 8-May 15

COYOTE

AREA NOTES

State Park.

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DEER

TURKEY

COYOTE

ALLIGATOR

DIRECTIONS

DOVE

» Nov. 3-5

» Sept. 22-24

No camping. Furbearer and alligator hunting prohibited.

From Sylvania Take E. Ogeechee

2.2 miles to jct. of Buck Creek and

Brannen's Bridge Rd., take Bran-

nen'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.

» Sept. 10-27, Oct. 2-5, Oct. 9-14

» 3 Sept. 28-Oct. 1 3 Oct. 6-8

» <sup>(1)</sup> Nov. 3-5 <sup>(1)</sup> Nov. 23-27

Nov. 19, Dec. 3

» Buck Only: O Oct. 15-16, Oct. 22-25

» Q3 Dog Hunting/Buckshot Only:

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. Designat-

ed area is closed during hunts except

to hunters with a valid quota permit.

Bears may not be taken on the Fed-

Sept. 3-27, Nov. 19-22, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunt-

ed 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.

No airboats. Alligators may not

be taken on the Federal portion of

Cowhouse Island or Laura S. Walker

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

Archery only: Nov. 3-13

Q2 👪 Apr. 21-22, 28-29

• Sept. 9-11. Night hunting only.

No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

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eral portion of Cowhouse Island.

» Sept. 29-Oct. 1, Oct. 6-8

**DIXON MEMORIAL WMA** 

35,559 acres • 912.262.3173

C WMA REGULAT

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** QI & Apr. 8-9, 15-16

SMALL GAME No fox squirrel, fox, or bobcat hunting: Jan. 9-Feb. 28

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.

#### ECHECONNEE CREEK WMA Archery Only Area

750 acres • 706.595.4222
DEER State seasons
TURKEY Apr. 8-May 15
COYOTE May 16-31

## 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)
- A Youth Hunt (see pg. 20)
- Q Quota Hunt (see pg. 74)
- ✤ Archery Only Area
- **\*ii** Specialty Hunt (see pg. 72)
- Hunt & Learn
- ¥ Quality Buck
- Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 73)
- A Bird Dog Training
- R Furbearer Dog Training
- Rabbit Dog Training
- O Archery Range

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• Firearms Shooting Range

#### 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 ARCHERY
- » Sept. 10-Oct. 14
- PRIMITIVE
- » Oct. 15-21
- FIREARMS
- » Buck Only: Oct. 22-Nov. 4 » Nov. 5-Jan. 1
- TURKEY Apr. 8-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.

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1,600 acres • 229.430.4254

#### State seasons; archery only.

TURKEY

Apr. 8-May 15

DOVE Sept. 3-Oct. 9, Nov. 19-27, Dec. 19-Jan. 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. **9** Nov. 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29, Dec. 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 27, 31, Jan. 3, 7,

3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 27, 31, Jan. 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18

#### 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. 2-4. 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

- ARCHERY » Sept. 10-Oct. 14
- PRIMITIVE
- » Oct. 15-21
- FIREARMS
- » Buck Only: Oct. 22-Nov. 4 » Nov. 5-Jan. 1

#### TURKEY Apr. 8-May 15

#### DOVE

Sept. 3-Oct. 9, Nov. 19-27, 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

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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 Q ♣ af ⊚

850 acres • 706.595.4222

State seasons; archery only.

TURKEY Apr. 8-May 15

BIRD DOG TRAINING Aug. 15-Mar. 15

Lept. 3, 10, 17, 24

Oct. 1, 8, Nov. 19-27, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

Q3 O Nov. 19, 26. Legal hours end at

noon. Wed. & Sat during 2nd season.

No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

From Perry Take U.S. HWY 41 south

» Buck Only: Oct. 22-Nov. 19, Dec.

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunt-

ed 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.

From Douglas Take HWY 441 north

20 miles; turn right onto HWY 107;

Only bucks with at least 4 points

(1-inch or longer) on either antler or

à minimum 15-inch outside antler

» Q25 🛛 Nov. 3-5 🕒 Nov. 17-19

Sept. 3, 10, Sept. 17-30, Nov. 20-27,

go 8 miles to WMA sign on left.

FLINT RIVER WMA

2,300 acres • 229.430.4254

» Sept. 10- 19, Nov. 20-29

across Flat Creek. Park is on left.

#### ALLIGATOR Sept. 9-11. Night hunting only.

WATERFOWL

AREA NOTES

No camping.

DIRECTIONS

DEER

ARCHERY

PRIMITIVE

FIREARMS

TURKEY

COYOTE

» Oct 15-21

26-Jan. 8

» Nov. 20-30

Apr. 8-May 15

AREA NOTES

DIRECTIONS

No ATVs.

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spread are legal.

» 🖈 🟜 Oct. 8-16

DEER

ARCHERY

**FIREARMS** 

TURKEY

DOVE

Apr. 8-May 15

Dec. 19-Jan. 31

FLAT TUB WMA

» Sept. 10-Oct. 14

7,141 acres • 229.426.5267

COYOTE

DOVE

#### 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**

#### Q 👪

2,129 acres • 706.595.4222

#### DEER

ARCHERY » Oct. 22-30, Nov. 14-16 FIREARMS

» Q25 👪 Dec. 19-25

» Q25 Nov. 4-6, Jan. 6-8 TURKEY

Q10 Apr. 8-14, 15-21, 22-28

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 » Sept. 10-Oct. 14 PRIMITIVE » Oct. 15-21 FIREARMS » Buck Only: Oct. 22-Nov. 4 » Nov. 5-Jan. 1

TURKEY Apr. 8-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 ARCHERY

- » Sept. 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, Nov. 19-20, Dec. 3-4, 17-18, 24-25, Dec. 31-Jan, 1
- PRIMITIVE
- » Oct. 8-9
- FIREARMS
- 🔒 Oct. 1-2
- » 🕑 Oct. 15-16 | 😏 Oct. 22-23, Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 26-27, Dec. 10-11

TURKEY 🔒 Apr. 8-9, 22-23

#### Apr. 29-30

#### 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. A valid Moody Air Force Base Hunting and Fishing Permit may be substituted for WMA license. 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 archeryonly 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** Q

5,600 acres • 912.262.3173

#### DEER

ARCHERY » Sept. 10-Oct. 14, Dec. 3-25 PRIMITIVE » Oct. 15-23 FIREARMS » 🔒 Oct. 28-30 » Nov. 4-13

#### TURKEY

Q25 👪 Apr. 8-14 Q25 Apr. 15-21, Apr. 29-May 5, May 6-12

#### 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. 8-May 15

DOVE

Sept. 3, 10, Sept. 17-Oct. 9, Nov. 19-27, 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 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**

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ARCHERY » Sept. 10-Oct. 14

PRIMITIVE

» Oct. 15-21 FIREARMS

» Buck Only: Oct. 22-Nov. 17

#### » Nov. 18-20

#### TURKEY Apr. 8-May 15

DOVE Sept. 3, 5, 10, 17, 24, Nov. 19-27, 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. 10-Nov. 11 PRIMITIVE

» Nov. 12-Jan. 8 TURKEY

Apr. 8-May 15

Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, Nov. 19-27, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE May 16-31

AREA NOTES No camping. No furbearer season.



#### **GATE CLOSURES -**A HUNTER'S BEST FRIEND?

Did you know that for every mile of road we open on a WMA hunters lose 36 acres of huntable habitat? WRD manages 1,150 miles of open roads resulting in hunters losing approximately 41,400 acres of hunting opportunity to roads. Road closures provide less disturbance to game and hunters, prevent dumping, result in fewer people accessing sensitive areas and require less time and money dedicated to road maintenance.

From Hiltonia Take GA HWY 24 west 2.7 miles to Hurst Church Rd.; turn left and go 0.7 mile to Sandy Church Rd. Take Sandy Ridge Rd. 1.2 miles to Mt. Pleasant Rd. to enter area.

#### HORSE CREEK WMA

#### ★ 🔒 🕑 🛋 🗟

8,100 acres • 229.426.5267

DIER ARCHERY » Sept. 10-14, Sept. 18-30, Oct. 3-25, Jan. 1-8 PRIMITIVE » Sept. 15-17 FIREARMS

» 👬 Oct. 1-2

» **Buck Only:** Oct. 26-29 » ❸ Nov. 17-19 | Dec. 8-10

TURKEY Apr. 8-May 15

COYOTE

May 16-31

#### DIRECTIONS

From Jacksonville Take HWY 117 east 6 miles; turn right at sign; then turn right at information board; follow road to check station.

## HUGH GILLIS PFA

700 acres • 912.285.6094

DEER Nov. 3-13; archery only.

**TURKEY** Q2 A Apr. 14-15, 28-29

AREA NOTES No small game or May 16-31 coyote season

## LEGEND

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- **9** Sign-in
- **B** Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 42)
- Youth Hunt (see pg. 20)
- **Q** Quota Hunt (see pg. 74)
- 🚯 Archery Only Area
- **\*ii** Specialty Hunt (see pg. 72)
- Hunt & Learn
- ¥ Quality Buck
- Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 73)
- M Bird Dog Training
- R Furbearer Dog Training
- Rabbit Dog Training
- O Archery Range

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Firearms Shooting Range

#### DIRECTIONS

From East Dublin Go east on U.S. Hwy 80 for 10 mi.; left on Keens Crossing Rd.; go 1.4 mi. to PFA entrance on right.

#### INDIAN FORD FARM DOVE FIELDS

Q iii 100 acres • 229.426.5267

**DOVE Q50 ii** Sept. 10

#### AREA NOTES

Hunters must sign-in at check station at 12:00 p.m. Maps and instructions will be provided at sign-in. Hunt is 12:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. No ATVs. Hunters must use open gates to access fields; DO NOT climb fences. It is of utmost importance to have no litter left behind, including expended shotgun shells. Extra caution should be taken to ensure absolutely no live shells are left behind. No small game or May 16-31 coyote season.

#### DIRECTIONS

From Lyons Take Hwy 152 North (New Cobbtown Rd.) approximately 2.9 miles and turn right on Indian Ford Farm Rd. Proceed approximately 0.7 miles to building on left to sign-in area for the hunt.

#### J. L. LESTER WMA ○ 🔒 ☺ ๙ ๙ ⊚

477 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR ARCHERY » Nov. 21-27, Dec. 24- Jan. 1 FIREARMS » Q20 & Oct. 8-9, Jan. 7-8

TURKEY Apr. 8-May 15

**RABBIT & QUAIL** Q5 Rabbit Hunts: **O** Jan. 1, Feb. 25 Q5 Quail Hunts: **O** Dec. 31, Feb. 26

#### BIRD & RABBIT DOG TRAINING Aug. 15-Mar. 19, except during deer hunts, quota hunts, and field trials.

**DOVE** Sept. 3, 10 Sept. 17, 24

#### WATERFOWL

State season except during deer hunts, quota hunts, and field trials.

COYOTE No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

#### AREA NOTES

No ATVs. No night hunting. Fishing prohibited during deer hunts, quota hunts and field trials.

#### DIRECTIONS

From Cedartown South of Cedartown at jct. of Bus. U.S. 27 and U.S. 27, go north ¼ mile on U.S. 27 to Cason Rd.; turn right and go 4.3 miles to check station.

## JOE KURZ WMA

#### Q ¥ 🛈 🕂

3,700 acres • 706.295.6041

#### 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. 10-18, Nov. 6-11

- FIREARMS
- » Q100 Antlerless Last Day: <sup>(1)</sup> Oct. 20-22, Nov. 3-5

#### TURKEY

Q25 Apr. 8-16, Apr. 29-May 7

#### SMALL GAME Rabbit daily bag limit: 3/person.

#### BIRD DOG TRAINING

Aug. 15-Mar. 15 in designated area only except during deer and quota quail hunts.

#### DOVE

Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8-9, Nov. 19-27, Dec. 19-Jan. 14, Jan. 16-31

#### QUAIL Bag limit: (

Bag limit: 6/person or 12/party. Quail hunting on designated dates only. Q3 Dec. 10, Jan. 15, Feb. 4

#### WATERFOWL

Federal Youth Waterfowl Days and Wed. & Sat. during small game dates. Legal hours end at noon.

COYOTE May 16-31

#### DIRECTIONS

From Woodbury Take HWY 85 north for 7.5 miles to Gay; turn right at red light; check station is 2.7 miles on left.

#### JOHN'S MOUNTAIN WMA ★▲ ⑬ ●

24,849 acres • 706.295.6041

#### **DEER & BEAR**

ARCHERY » Sept. 10-28, Oct. 31-Nov. 16, Nov.

- 20-Dec. 25 FIREARMS
- » **\*å:**  Oct. 29-30
- » Either-Sex Last Day: <sup>(1)</sup> Nov. 17-19 » Buck Only: Dec. 26-Jan. 1

## TURKEY

Apr. 8-May 15

#### COYOTE May 16-31

AREA NOTES No ATVs.

## DIRECTIONS

From Calhoun Take HWY 136C north 6 miles to Sugar Valley; turn left and go 6 miles to Lake Marvin; check station is at The Pocket.

#### **KEG CREEK WMA**

800 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER State seasons; archery only.

#### TURKEY Apr. 8-May 15

COYOTE

May 16-31

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#### AREA NOTES No camping.

DIRECTIONS

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COYOTE

**DEER & BEAR** 

» B Dec. 8-14

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» 👪 🕑 Nov. 4-6

Apr. 8-May 15

DIRECTIONS

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DEER

ARCHERY

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structure

COYOTE

AREA NOTES

DIRECTIONS

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DEER

TURKEY

Apr. 8-May 15

LAKE WALTER F.

923 acres • 229.430.4254

State seasons; archery only.

**GEORGE WMA** 

No camping.

Apr. 8-May 15

WATERFOWL

» State season.

» Oct. 22-Jan. 8

From Pollards Corner Take HWY 47 west 2 miles. Area is on left side of HWY.

LAKE RUSSELL WMA

17,300 acres • 770.535.5700

» Sept. 10-Oct. 6, Oct. 10-15

» Buck Only: 10 Nov. 23-26

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunt-

ed 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.

From Gainesville Take HWY 365

north; take Toccoa/Lavonia exit, stay

on HWY 365; go 1.8 miles, turn right

on Rock Rd.; go 0.7 mile, turn left on

Dicks Hill Pkwy.; go 2.4 miles, turn right on Ayersville Rd. by the Milliken

plant; go 0.9 mile, turn left on Check

Station Rd.; go 0.5 mile to check sta-

LAKE SEMINOLE WMA

8.635 acres • 229.430.4254

» State season & Jan. 9-31.

State season. No hunting within

300 yards of a developed recreation

area, house, dock, building or other

No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

This WMA consists of 9 tracts along

Lake Seminole and associated wa-

terways. Maps available at gohunt-

#### WATERFOWL

State season. Waterfowl hunting permitted on portions of lake in Georgia, except within 300 yards of a public park, road, cabin, or other developed areas. Areas within Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge have separate regulations.

#### COYOTE

No May 16-31 coyote & hog season. 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. 10-Oct. 14, Oct. 22-Nov. 6 PRIMITIVE

» Primitive: Oct. 15-21

FIREARMS

- » Q50 <sup>(1)</sup> Nov. 17-19, Dec. 1-3 » 👬 Dec. 25-31

#### 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. Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 11

#### 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 лĨ

18,920 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER State seasons.

TURKEY Apr. 8-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 fo

1,500 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER ARCHERY » Sept. 10-Oct. 14

- PRIMITIVE » Oct. 15-21
- FIREARMS » Buck Only: Oct. 22-Nov. 4 » Nov. 5-Jan. 1

TURKEY Apr. 8-May 15

#### DOVE

**Q30 O** Sept. 3 Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, Nov. 19-27, 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. 12-13

#### 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

#### **MAYHAW WMA**

boat ramp parking lot.

6,300 acres • 229.430.4254

#### DEER

**ARCHERY & PRIMITIVE** 

» State seasons. FIREARMS » Buck Only: Oct. 22-Nov. 30

» Dec. 1-Jan. 8

TURKEY Apr. 8-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** 00

600 acres • 706.595.1619

DOVE **Q25O** Sept. 3 Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8

WATERFOWL Designated ponds only. Legal hours end at noon. Dec. 17, 24, 31

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 El-lington Airline Rd.; go 2.8 miles and turn right on Fish Hatchery Rd.

#### **McGRAW FORD WMA** 0

2,255 acres • 706.295.6041

**DEER & BEAR** Sept. 10-Jan. 1; archery only.

TURKEY Q10 Apr. 8-14 Apr. 15-May 15

DOVE Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8-9, Nov. 19-27, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE May 16-31 AREA NOTES No ATVs.

## 2022 FORESTRY FOR WILDLIFE PARTNERS

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division honors our 2022 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.









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.

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200 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER Sept. 10-Jan. 1; archery only.

TURKEY Apr. 8-May 15

#### WATERFOWL

**a** Nov. 12, Nov. 19, Nov. 26 Sat. & Wed. during state season except Youth hunt dates.

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.

Apr. 8-May 15; archery only.

## LEGEND

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- R Furbearer Dog Training
- Rabbit Dog Training
- O Archery Range

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Firearms Shooting Range

#### 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.

#### DIRECTIONS

From Montezuma Take HWY 49 north 1 mile to boat 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. 8-9 Apr. 14-30

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

Archery Only Area
 1,117 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER State season.

TURKEY

Apr. 8-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.

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12,750 acres • 706.595.4222

- DEER ARCHERY
- » Sept. 10-Oct. 7
- FIREARMS
- » 🔒 Oct. 8-14
- » Buck Only: Oct. 27-29 Oct.
- 22-25 » Either-Sex Last Day: <sup>(3)</sup> Dec. 1-3

#### **TURKEY Q80** Apr. 8-14

Apr. 15-May 15 COYOTE May 16-31

## AREA NOTES

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

**OCONEE WMA** 

7.400 acres • 706.595.4222

» Primitive: Oct. 15-21

» Oct. 22-Nov. 13

Apr. 22-May 15

SMALL GAME

Sign-in required.

Q30 Apr. 8-14, 15-21

» Sept. 10-Oct. 14, Nov. 14-Jan. 8

Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, Nov. 19-27,

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

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

7.5 miles to check station.

located on the right

**OCONEE WMA**-

WATERFOWL AREA

100 acres • 706.595.4222

24, 31, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28

Sept. 10-Oct. 21; archery only.

44 Q3 Pond 1 & Q2 Pond 3: Nov. 12,

Q3 Pond 1 & Q2 Pond 3: Dec. 10, 17,

No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

No fishing or hunting (other than

ducks & geese and archery deer

hunting during statewide archery

and primitive weapons season) on

waterfowl impoundments. Water-

fowl 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 shoot-

ing 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.

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WATERFOWL

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COYOTE

AREA NOTES

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DEER

ARCHERY

PRIMITIVE

FIREARMS

TURKEY

COYOTE

May 16-31

**Q60 O** Sept. 3

Dec. 19-Jan. 31

DIRECTIONS

DOVE

#### 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.

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15,000 acres • 229.426.5267

#### **DEER** ARCHERY

» Sept. 10-30

» West Lake Road Tract (Archery Only): Sept. 10-Jan. 8

#### FIREARMS

» ♣ Oct. 1-7 » Buck Only: ⑧ Oct. 27-29 | ⑨ Dec. 8-11

» Either-sex Last Day: <sup>(3)</sup> Nov. 17-19 TURKEY

#### Q100 Apr. 8-14, 15-21

Apr. 22-May 15

#### ALLIGATOR

Alligator hunting on Ocmulgee PFA allowed Sept. 2-4. No hunting during daylight hours.

COYOTE

May 16-31

## AREA NOTES

No bear hunting. Legal hours for waterfowl end at 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. 8-May 15; archery only.

BIRD DOG TRAINING Aug. 15-Mar. 15

COYOTE May 16-31

DIRECTIONS

2022-2023 GEORGIA HUNTING SEASONS & REGULATIONS

Purchase a License by phone 1-800-366-2661 or online at www.GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com

AREA NOTES No camping. Legal hours for water-

fowl end at noon.

From Cochran Take HWY 26 to HWY

126 (Airport Rd.); go 5.9 miles; turn

left onto Rebie Rd.; go 0.3 miles; turn

left onto Skipper-Jackson Rd.; go

0.5 miles, entrance on left.

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. 22-May 15; archery only.

#### SMALL GAME

Nov. 15-Feb. 28

#### 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.

#### OHOOPEE DUNES NORTH WMA Q <sup>(3)</sup>

5,675 acres • 229.426. 5267

#### DEER

ARCHERY » Sept. 10-Oct. 14, Dec. 4-Jan. 8 FIREARMS » ③ Oct. 27-29 | ⑤ Dec. 1-3

## TURKEY

Q20 Apr. 8-14, 15-21 Apr. 22-May 15

#### COYOTE May 16-31

#### AREA NOTES

Ohoopee 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.

#### OHOOPEE DUNES SOUTH WMA

3,596 acres • 229.426. 5267

DEER State seasons; archery only.

TURKEY Apr. 8-May 15

COYOTE May 16-31

#### AREA NOTES

Ohoopee 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. 8-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 ଦୁ 🏜 ଓ

9,000 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER

ARCHERY » Q100 ③ Oct. 6-8 PRIMITIVE » Q100 ④ Oct. 20-22

FIREARMS » Q75 4 <sup>(1)</sup> Nov. 24-26

» Q100 <sup>(3)</sup> Nov. 3-5, Dec. 8-10 FERAL HOG

Q100 Jan. 19-21, Feb. 2-4

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 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. 10-Jan. 1

Apr. 8-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. 3

Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, Nov. 19-27, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

#### WATERFOWL

Hunting in designated areas only; legal hours end at noon. Dec. 15, 29

#### 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.

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25,707 acres • 706.295.6041

#### DEER

ARCHERY

» Sept. 10-Oct. 14, Oct. 17-Nov. 9 FIREARMS » ★▲ ❸ Oct. 15-16

» Either-Sex Last Day: ③ Nov. 10-13 | ④ Dec. 8-11

#### TURKEY

**Q40** Apr. 8-16, Apr. 22-30 May 1-15

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

WWW.GOHUNTGEORGIA.COM

Ranger Hotline 1-800-241-4113

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 checkin station pull in on left side of road.

## PAULKS PASTURE WMA

16,600 acres • 912.262.3173

#### DEER ARCHERY

» Sept. 10-14, 19-27, Oct. 3-Nov. 18 FIREARMS

- » 👪 🕃 Sept. 16-18
- » **③** Sept. 29-Oct. 1 | **④** Nov. 19-23, Dec. 18-28
- » Buck Only: Oct. 15-Nov. 1

» Q3 Dog Deer, Buckshot Only: <sup>(1)</sup> Nov. 25-26, Dec. 2-3, Dec. 16-17 SDECIEIC WMA REGU

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.

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 hunt-

ing; hogs must be killed immediately

No furbearer hunting or dog training

in Archery Only Areas. No camping.

No horseback riding during deer

From Brunswick Take U.S. HWY 341

north 8 miles to check station on left.

PENHOLOWAY SWAMP WMA

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-

» Sept. 10-21, Sept. 26-Oct. 4, Oct.

9-Nov. 18, Nov. 26-Jan. 8

» Oct. 6-8 ONov. 19-25

**BIRD DOG TRAINING AREA** 

Designated in the areas of Redman

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 hunt-

ing; hogs must be killed immediately

Archery only area is archery equip-

ment for all species. Idle speed only on Cogden Lake. No furbearer

hunting or dog training in Archery

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10,546 acres • 912.262.3173

## Apr. 8-May 15

COYOTE

upon capture.

AREA NOTES

DIRECTIONS

hunts.

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ARCHERY

FIREARMS

TURKEY

COYOTE

Apr. 8-May 15

upon capture.

AREA NOTES

Only areas.

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and Deadend Rds.

DEER

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

ARCHERY Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25, Jan. 1, 8

#### DOVE

Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24, Nov. 19, 26, Dec. 24, 31, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28

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

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DEER State seasons; archery only.

TURKEY Apr. 8-May 15

WATERFOWL Legal hours end at noon. Nov. 13 Wed. & Sat. during state seasons.

COYOTE May 16-31

## LEGEND

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

- **9** Sign-in
- **B** Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 42)
- A Youth Hunt (see pg. 20)
- Q Quota Hunt (see pg. 74)
- ✤ Archery Only Area
- **\*ii** Specialty Hunt (see pg. 72)
- Hunt & Learn
- ¥ Quality Buck
- Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 73)
- Bird Dog Training
- Furbearer Dog Training
- Rabbit Dog Training
- O Archery Range

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• Firearms Shooting Range

#### 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.

#### PINE LOG WMA

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14,134 acres • 706.295.6041

- DEER & BEAR
- ARCHERY » Sept. 10-Oct. 21
- FIREARMS
- » Either-Sex Last Day: <sup>(1)</sup> Nov. 16-19 » Buck Only: Dec. 14-17
- TURKEY

#### Apr. 8-May 15

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

#### DOVE

#### 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 night hunting. No ATVs. Horse and bicycle trails and areas are closed all day during firearms deer hunts and before 10:00 a.m. during archery deer and turkey hunts.

#### DIRECTIONS

From Cartersville Take U.S. 411 north to White; turn right on Stamp Creek Rd.; go 3.6 miles; check station on left.

#### 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.

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37,500 acres • 770.535.5700

#### DEER

ARCHERY » Sept. 10-Oct. 14 PRIMITIVE » Oct. 15-21

- FIREARMS » Buck Only: Oct. 22-Nov. 4 » Nov. 5-30, Dec. 26-Jan. 1
- TURKEY

#### Apr. 8-May 15

**DOVE** Q80 **4 9** Sept. 3 Sept. 10, 17, Nov. 19-27, Dec. 19-Jan.

COYOTE May 16-31

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#### 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. 10-Nov. 30, Dec. 26-Jan. 1

TURKEY Apr. 8-May 15

COYOTE May 16-31

#### DIRECTIONS

From Greensboro Take GA HWY 15 north 9 miles; check station on left.

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19,955 acres • 706.295.6041

#### **DEER & BEAR**

- ARCHERY » Buck Only: Sept. 10-Nov. 21, Nov. 28-Jan. 1
- FIREARMS » Buck Only: <sup>(3)</sup> Nov. 22-27

TURKEY

Apr. 8-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

2022-2023 GEORGIA HUNTING SEASONS & REGULATIONS

Purchase a License by phone 1-800-366-2661 or online at www.GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com

DEER & BEAR Sept. 10-Jan. 1; archery only. TURKEY Apr. 8-May 15

COYOTE May 16-31

#### AREA NOTES

DIRECTIONS

area and kiosk.

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FIREARMS

TURKEY

COYOTE

May 16-31

DEER

No ATVs. Horse & bicycle trails and areas are closed before 10:00 a.m. during deer, bear & turkey seasons.

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

**RICHMOND HILL WMA** 

7,400 acres • 912.262.3173

**ARCHERY & PRIMITIVE** 

» Buck Only: Oct. 22-23

No furbearer hunting or dog training

From Richmond Hill Take HWY 144

east to Oak Level Rd. or Kilkenny Rd.

» State seasons.

» Oct. 24-Jan. 8

Apr. 8-May 15

AREA NOTES

DIRECTIONS

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DEER

ARCHERY

**FIREARMS** 

TURKEY

DOVE

» 🗟 🕄 Oct. 1-2

Apr. 22-May 15

SMALL GAME

**Q30** Sept. 3

Dec. 19-Jan. 31

WATERFOWL

COYOTE

upon capture.

DIRECTIONS

on right.

» \*1: Oct. 28-30

and follow signs.

in archery only areas.

**RIVER BEND WMA** 

3.670 acres • 229.426.5267

» Sept. 10-29, Oct. 3-21

» <sup>®</sup>Nov. 10-12 <sup>9</sup>Dec. 1-3

Aug. 15-Sept. 30, Oct. 3-Feb. 28

Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 8, Nov. 19-27,

Waterfowl may be hunted on im-

poundment and its dikes/roads only

on Wed., Sat., & Sun. during season.

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 hunt-

ing; hogs must be killed immediately

From Dublin Take I-16 east to Exit

58 (HWY 199); turn south and go

0.3 miles; road to check station is

Legal hours end at noon.

Q15 Apr. 8-14, Apr. 15-21

## RIVER CREEK, THE ROLF & ALEXANDRA KAUKA WMA

**ROGERS WMA** 

» State seasons.

» Oct. 24-Jan. 8

FIREARMS

TURKEY

COYOTE

May 16-31

Apr. 8-May 15

AREA NOTES

No camping.

DIRECTIONS

tracks.

DOVE

DEER

3,500 acres • 912.262.3173

**ARCHERY & PRIMITIVE** 

» Buck Only: Oct. 22-23

From Hortense Take HWY 301 north

to McKinnon. Turn left at Rogers

Tract sign and cross over railroad

Dove hunters check in at the Rogers

State Prison office prior to entering

dove fields. In addition, hunters must

sign-in at the kiosks located at the

entrance to each field prior to hunt-

ing. 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 agme or May 16-31

From Reidsville take GA Highway 147

approximately 6.5 miles to intersec-

tion with Hwy 178. Turn left on Hwy

178 and proceed 1.5 miles to dirt

road on the right that leads to en-

trance of field 1 and the parking area.

» Sept. 10-Oct. 2, Nov. 19-Dec. 2

coyote & hog season.

**RUM CREEK WMA** 

5,884 acres • 706.595.4222

» Q200 <sup>(3)</sup> Oct. 27-29

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DEER

ARCHERY

FIREARMS

» ★ 🔒 Oct. 3-9

DIRECTIONS

**ROGERS STATE PRISON** 

FARM DOVE FIELDS

538 acres • 229-426-5267

**9**Sept. 3, 10, 17

AREA NOTES

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. ARCHERY

» Sept. 17-25, Oct. 8-16 FIREARMS

- » Q35 ONov. 2-5 ODec. 1-3
- » Q35 👪 Dec. 19-21
- » Antlerless Only: Jan. 1-3

#### TURKEY

• Q5 👪 Apr. 8-10, 15-17

## • Q5 Apr. 22-24

SMALL GAME

No fox squirrel, bobcat, or fox hunting. Jan. 23-Feb. 8

DOVE

Q15 👪 🛛 Sept. 3, 10.

#### 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. Q3 • Nov. 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 31 • Nov. 16, 23, Dec. 7, 14, 28 Q3 • • • Jan. 21, 28

WATERFOWL

**Q3** 🏜 🕒 Dec. 10, Jan. 7, 14

#### 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. 8-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.

#### » Q200 Either-sex Last Day: 3

Nov. 10-12

Q254 Apr. 8-14, 22-28 Q25 Apr. 15-21, Apr. 29-May 5 4 May 6-12

#### DOVE

**Q75 9** Sept. 3, 10 Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, Nov. 19-27, 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 & O Dec. 17,

- MARSH Project: Q3 11 9 Dec. 17, Jan. 14
- 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

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#### 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. 8-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

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State seasons; archery only.

TURKEY

## Apr. 8-May 15

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

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Ranger Hotline 1-800-241-4113

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

- ARCHERY » State season.
- PRIMITIVE
- » Oct.15-16 » Buck Only: Oct. 17-21
- FIREARMS
- » Buck Only: Oct. 22-Nov. 4, 7-25, Nov. 28-Dec. 23, Dec. 26-Jan. 8

SPECIFIC WMA REGULATI

» Nov. 5-6, 26-27, Dec. 24-25

#### TURKEY Apr. 8-May 15

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.

#### SANSAVILLA WMA Q 👪 🖟 🚯

## 16,867 acres • 912.262.3173

WMA includes the Wire Road Tract.

#### DEER ARCHERY

» Sept. 10-21, Sept. 26-Oct. 4, Oct. 9-21, Oct. 29-Nov. 25 FIREARMS

» 🟜 🕲 Sept. 23-25

Dec. 26-27

Apr. 8-May 15

upon capture.

AREA NOTES

TURKEY

COYOTE

Oct. 6-8 Over Solution
 Dec. 28-Jan. 8
 Buck Only: Oct. 22-28

» QI Buckshot Only/Dog Deer: O

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 hunt-

ing; hogs must be killed immediately

No furbearer hunting or dog train-

ing 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 per-

mit on vehicle dash. Hunting area is

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**PECIFIC WMA REGULATIONS** 

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. 10-Oct. 2, Nov. 21-Jan. 8 PRIMITIVE

» Q125 Oct. 20-22

FIREARMS

» 👪 🕃 Oct. 7-9

» Q125 <sup>®</sup> Nov. 3-5, Nov. 17-19

FERAL HOG Mar. 1-May 31

#### COYOTE

May 16-31. 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 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

## LEGEND

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

- **9** Sign-in
- **③** Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 42)
- A Youth Hunt (see pg. 20)
- Q Quota Hunt (see pg. 74)
- ✤ Archery Only Area
- **\*ii** Specialty Hunt (see pg. 72)
- Hunt & Learn
- ¥ Quality Buck
- Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 73)
- A Bird Dog Training
- R Furbearer Dog Training
- Rabbit Dog Training
- O Archery Range

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Firearms Shooting Range

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 gt. 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

**Q** (cil

5,342 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR

Sept. 10-Jan. 1; archery only. **TURKEY** Q10 Apr. 8-16, Apr. 22-30

May 1-15 FURBEARER DOG TRAINING

Aug. 15-Feb. 28

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. 10-Oct. 14, Jan. 9-31

PRIMITIVE » Oct. 15-23

- FIREARMS
- » Oct. 27-29 » **Ol60 (3)** Dec. 15-17
- » Buck Only: Nov. 12-25, Dec. 24-Jan. 8

#### TURKEY

**Q35** Apr. 8-12, Apr. 27-May 1 Apr. 20-24 May 4-15

## 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. Q3 O Nov. 5, Dec. 3, 10, Jan. 14, 21, 28

**Ql B** Nov. 5, Dec. 3, 10, Jan. 14, 21, 28

O Nov. 28, Dec. 19

COYOTE

No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

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 » Sept. 10-Oct. 14 PRIMITIVE

- » Oct. 15-21
- FIREARMS
- » Buck Only: Oct. 22-Nov. 4 » Nov. 5-Jan. 1

TURKEY Apr. 8-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

#### H Archery Only Area, except small game

#### 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. 8-May 15

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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. 8-May 15

#### COYOTE May 16-31

#### AREA NOTES

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

Tract Take HWY 36 west 6 miles to

Roland; turn right on Alabama Rd.;

turn left and follow paved road to area.

The West Tract includes property

Only bucks with at least four points

(1-inch or longer) on either side or

a 15-inch outside spread are legal.

» Nov. 5-6, Nov. 26-27, Dec. 24-25

FURBEARER DOG TRAINING

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 hunt-

ing; hogs must be killed immediately

Legal waterfowl hours end at noon.

Camping in designated areas only.

From Manchester at JCT of HWY 85

and Hill St (Chalybeate Springs Rd),

go east 3.2 miles, turn left on Mitchell

Čove Rd, go 0.7 miles and then turn

right on Tom Brown Rd. Go 0.8 miles to WMA entrance and kiosk.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

» Buck Only: Oct. 22-Nov. 4, Nov.

7-25, Nov. 28-Dec. 23, Dec. 26-

#### DIRECTIONS From Thomaston to Sprewell Bluff

SPREWELL BLUFF

west of the Flint River.

» Sept. 10-Oct. 14

» Buck Only: Oct. 17-21

5,200 acres • 706.295.6041

WMA - WEST

DEER

ARCHERY

PRIMITIVE

**FIREARMS** 

Jan. 8

TURKEY

COYOTE

Apr. 8-May 15

upon capture.

DIRECTIONS

Aug. 15-Mar. 15.

» Oct. 15-16

## SWALLOW CREEK WMA <sup>®</sup>

19,000 acres • 770.535.5700

#### **DEER & BEAR**

ARCHERY

» Buck Only: Sept. 10-Oct. 7 FIREARMS

» Buck Only: <sup>(1)</sup> Nov. 17-20, Dec. 8-11 <sup>(1)</sup> Dec. 26-Jan. 1

#### TURKEY

#### Apr. 8-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**

ARCHERY » Sept. 10-Oct. 14 PRIMITIVE » Buck Only: Oct. 15-21 FIREARMS » Buck Only: Oct. 22-Jan. 1

TURKEY

#### Apr. 8-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 ¼ mile past campground, follow WMA signs.

#### TOWNSEND WMA-BUCK ISLAND TRACT

7,244 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER

State seasons.

#### TURKEY Apr. 8-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

ARCHERY

- » Sept. 10-Oct. 4 FIREARMS
- » <sup>(1)</sup>Oct. 6-8, Nov. 3-5 | <sup>(2)</sup>Nov. 19-25, Dec. 24-25
  - » Buck Only: Oct. 22-28
  - » Q3 Dog Deer/Buckshot Only: <sup>(1)</sup>
  - Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 14-15, 28-29

TURKEY Apr. 8-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. 10-15, 19-28, Oct. 2-Nov. 2
- PRIMITIVE
- » <sup>(3)</sup> Sept. 29-Oct. 1 FIREARMS
- » 🔒 Sept. 16-18
- » 🕲 Nov. 3-5 | 😉 Nov. 22-26

TURKEY Apr. 8-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.

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200 acres • 770.535.5700

## DEER

State seasons; archery only.

#### SMALL GAME Oct. 1-Feb. 28

DOVE

**Q80 ♣ 9** Sept. 3 Sept. 10, 17, 24, Nov. 19-27, 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

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ARCHERY » Buck Only: Sept. 10-23

FIREARMS » Buck Only: <sup>(1)</sup> Nov. 10-13, Dec. 1-4

TURKEY Apr. 8-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

Q★ ♣ ♀ @ 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. 10-Oct. 5, Oct. 9-13, Oct. 17-Nov. 11

PRIMITIVE » Dec. 10-11

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#### Dec. 10-11

#### FIREARMS

» ★▲ Oct. 14-16

19-27, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

WATERFOWL

COYOTE

May 16-31

AREA NOTES

from bridges.

DIRECTIONS

and kiosk.

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DEER

TURKEY

COYOTE

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DEER

May 16-31

🔒 Apr. 8-14

Apr. 15-May 15

Aug. 15-Mar. 15.

AREA NOTES

No camping.

DIRECTIONS

**BIRD DOG TRAINING** 

WEST POINT WMA-

337 acres • 706.295.6041

spread are legal.

WATERFOWL

🔒 Nov. 12

**GLOVERS CREEK AREA** 

WEST POINT WMA-

**DIXIE CREEK AREA** 

711 acres • 706.295.6041

spread are legal.

» Antlerless Last Day: <sup>(1)</sup> Oct. 6-8, Dec. 1-3

Aug. 15-Mar. 19 except during deer

Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1-Oct. 5, Nov.

Shooting hours end at noon. Daniels Pond and Pond 1 are only open for Youth Waterfowl Days & Saturdays

only during small game dates con-

current with state season. The rest of

the WMA is open during small game

dates concurrent with state season.

No gasoline engines allowed on wa-

terfowl ponds. No fishing in managed

waterfowl impoundments. No fishing

From Lagrange Take GA HWY 219

north 0.5 miles past Chattahoochee

River Bridge; turn right on Old Whit-

ley Rd. Follow signs to check station

Only bucks with at least 4 points

(1-inch or longer) on either antler or

a minimum 15-inch outside antler

From Lagrange take Hwy 219 north

4.8 miles. Go left on Cameron Mill

Rd., and area is 0.6 miles on the left.

Only bucks with at least 4 points

(1-inch or longer) on either antler or

a minimum 15-inch outside antler

**Q7** Nov. 19, 26, Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31 General: Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28

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» State seasons; archery only.

» State seasons; archery only.

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**TURKEY** Q80 Apr. 8-14

hunts.

DOVE

#### Apr. 15-May 15 FURBEARER DOG TRAINING

#### 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. 10-Oct. 28 PRIMITIVE

- » Dec. 17-25
- FIREARMS
- » Either-Sex Last Day: Oct. 29-Nov. 13

TURKEY QI5 Apr. 8-14

Q15 Apr. 8-14 Apr. 15-May 15

Q15 Sept. 3 Sept. 10, 17, 24, Nov. 19-27, 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.

## 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)
- Q Quota Hunt (see pg. 74)
- Archery Only Area
- **\*** Specialty Hunt (see pg. 72)
- Hunt & Learn
- ¥ Quality Buck
- Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 73)
- M Bird Dog Training
- R Furbearer Dog Training
- 🐔 Rabbit Dog Training
- O Archery Range
- Firearms Shooting Range

#### YUCHI WMA

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7,800 acres • 706.595.4222

- ARCHERY » Sept. 10-Oct. 14
- PRIMITIVE
- » Oct. 15-19
- FIREARMS » ❸ Oct. 20-22 | ❸ Oct. 23-29, Nov. 25-27
- » Buck Only: Oct. 30-Nov. 24, Nov. 28-Dec. 4, Dec. 26-Jan. 1

TURKEY Apr. 8-May 15

SMALL GAME SAug. 15-Feb. 28

**DOVE 9** Sept. 3-Oct. 9, Nov. 19-27, 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

1,400 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR Sept. 10-Jan. 1; archery only. TURKEY Apr. 8-May 15 COYOTE

May 16-31
AREA NOTES

## No ATVs.

#### DIRECTIONS

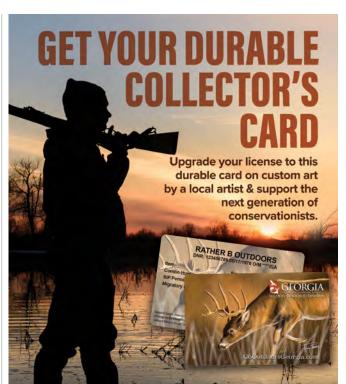
From Cloudland Take HWY 157 north 8.2 miles; turn right on Dougherty Gap Rd. and go 3.5 miles; Dougherty Gap Rd. becomes West Cove Rd.; Continue straight for 3.5 miles; Turn left on S. Cedar Lane to end of road.

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#### STATE PARK HUNTING **OPPORTUNITIES**

State laws and regulations and WMA Rules (pages 40-43) 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. 10-Oct. 14, Oct. 22-Jan. 8 FIREARMS » ∔ Oct. 15-21

#### TURKEY

∔ Apr. 8-16

Archery Only: Apr. 17-May 15

WATERFOWL State season. Shooting hours end at noon.

## AREA NOTES

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

#### DIRECTIONS

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

#### CHATTAHOOCHEE **BEND STATE PARK** 00

2,910 acres • 770. 254.7271

#### DEER

#### Bag limit: 5, no more than 2 antlered FIREARMS

Q100 <sup>(1)</sup> Nov. 29-30

Hunters must attend a pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 PM on Nov. 28. 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) 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.

#### DUKES CREEK-SMITHGALL WOODS STATE PARK 0 \*

4,500 acres • 706.878.3087

#### **DEER & BEAR**

ARCHERY » Buck Only: Sept. 16-18

- PRIMITIVE » Buck Only: Nov. 9-12
- FIREARMS
- » \* i Buck Only: Oct. 14-16
- » Buck Only: Nov. 30-Dec. 3

#### TURKEY

Q20 Apr. 14-16, Apr. 28-30, May 12-14 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. 8-10, Jan. 5-7, Feb. 2-4

#### 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 QB

9,049 acres • 706.663.4858

#### DEER Bag limit: 5, no more than 2 antlered Q100 G Jan. 3-4

Hunters must attend a pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 PM on Jan. 2. 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 (706) 663-4858. All park access is closed to the public during the hunt. No ATVs.

#### 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 00

1,816 acres • 770.867.3489

DEER Bag limit: 5. no more than 2 antlered FIREARMS

## 085 <sup>(C)</sup> Nov. 29-30

#### AREA NOTES

Hunters must attend a pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 PM on Nov. 28. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass isrequired. 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

QB 5,804 acres • 706.557.3001 DEER

Bag limit: 5, no more than 2 antlered

## **STATE PARK HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES** STATE PARK REGULATIONS

FIREARMS Q250 <sup>(1)</sup> Nov. 2-3

#### AREA NOTES

Hunters must attend pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Nov. 1. 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** 00

1,920 acres • 706.541.0321

#### DEER

FIREARMS Bag limit: 5, no more than 2 antlered Q75 <sup>(1)</sup> Nov. 15-16

#### AREA NOTES

Hunters must attend pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Nov. 14. 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) 541-0321. All park access is closed to the public during the hunt. No ATVs.

#### 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** Q 🕑 🎯

1,635 acres • 770.389.7801 DEER

FIREARMS Bag limit: 5, no more than 2 antlered Q54 <sup>(1)</sup> Nov. 8-9. NOTE: Archery option for up to 4 hunters.

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ATE PARK OPPORTUNITIES

#### AREA NOTES

Hunters must attend pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Nov. 7. 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 00

1,776 acres • 770.975.0055 DEER

FIREARMS

Bag limit: 5, no more than 2 antlered Q50 B Nov. 15-16

#### AREA NOTES

Hunters must attend pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Nov. 14. 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 small game or May 16-31 coyote season. 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

Alligator hunting by special permit only; open only to hunters selected for alligator zone #4 who apply and are selected for the park hunt. Interested hunters must call 229-896-3551 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. Only alligators between 48-96 inches are legal. Hunting is only allowed Sunday nights through Thursday nights (30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise) during state season. No ATVs. Fishing and other non-permitted lake activities are prohibited after sunset to before sunrise.

#### DIRECTIONS

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

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#### **RICHARD B. RUSSELL** STATE PARK o 🖪 🚯

2,508 acres • 706.213.2045

DEER

FIREARMS Bag limit: 5, no more than 2 antlered

## Q60 & Q20 3 Dec. 6-7

#### AREA NOTES

Hunters must attend pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Dec. 5. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransfer-able 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 small game or May 16-31 coyote season. 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 Northeast 1.2 miles, turn right on Ruckersville Rd, travel 7.9 miles, turn right on Russell State Park Rd.

**STANDING BOY CREEK RECREATION AREA** 

1,580 acres • 229.430.4254

**DEER & SMALL GAME** State seasons. Archery only for deer. TURKEY

QI0 👪 Apr. 8-14, 15-21 Q10 Archery Only: Apr. 22-28 COYOTE

No May 16-31 hog & coyote season. 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 B** H Archery Only Area

393 acres • 706.356.4362

DEER Bag limit: no more than 2 antlered, unlimited antlerless Q36 <sup>(3)</sup> Nov. 29-30

#### AREA NOTES

Hunters must attend a pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 PM on Nov. 28. 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 (706) 356-4362. All park access is closed to the public during the hunt. No small game or May 16-31 coyote season. No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS

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

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## LEGEND

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

- Θ Sign-in
- Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 42) 6
- ... Youth Hunt (see pg. 20)
- Quota Hunt (see pg. 74) 0
- Archery Only Area
- Specialty Hunt (see pg. 72) \*\*\*
- Hunt & Learn
- Ŷ Quality Buck
- Mobility-Impaired Hunt 9 (see pg. 73)
- Bird Dog Training Æ
- Furbearer Dog Training
- Rabbit Dog Training n l
- 0 Archery Range
- 0 Firearms Shooting Range



#### 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 40-43) 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.** 3 **O** Sept. 10, 17

AREA NOTES

See Hunting Structures, page 42.

#### 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. 8-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.

#### CARDINAL VPA

161 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER & SMALL GAME State season. Archery only for deer.

#### TURKEY

Apr. 8-May 15

From Adel Take Hwy. 76 west for 1.47 miles, turn left onto 10th Rd. and right onto Washington Post/S. Airport Rd. Kiosk is 0.6 miles ahead on right. WMA is on both sides of the dirt road.

CEDAR GROVE VPA

294 acres • 229.426.5267 DEER & SMALL GAME

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

TURKEY Apr. 8-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

750 acres • 706.265.6041

DEER & BEAR ARCHERY

» Sept. 10-Jan. 8

**TURKEY** Q10 Apr. 8-16, Apr. 29-May 7

#### 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. 8-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

No ATVs. No camping.

SMALL GAME Rabbit: Wed. & Sat. during state season.

BIRD DOG TRAINING Sun.-Tues. & Thur.-Fri., year round. AREA NOTES

#### 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.

#### DUPONT TRACT VPA

349 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER

ARCHERY » Sept. 10-Oct. 28. Nov. 14-Jan. 8 FIREARMS

» Oct. 29-Nov. 13

#### BEAR ARCHERY

Sept. 15-17, 22-24, Sept. 29-Oct. 1, Oct. 6-8

#### TURKEY Apr. 8-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. 10-Oct. 28, Nov. 14-Jan. 8 FIREARMS

» Oct. 29-Nov. 13

#### BEAR

ARCHERY Sept. 15-17, 22-24, Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 6-8

## TURKEY

Apr. 8-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

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Ranger Hotline 1-800-241-4113

Q30 Sept. 3, Sept. 10 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

- VOLUNTARY PUBLIC ACCESS OPPORTUNITIES

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.

VPA REGULATIONS

#### MCENTIRE ROAD VPA

95 acres • 706.295.6041

DOVE Sept. 3, 10, 17, Sept. 24-Oct. 2 AREA NOTES VPA REGULATIONS

No ATVs.

#### 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.

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934 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER (EITHER-SEX) & BEAR ABCHEBY

Alonethi Sept. 10-Oct. 14 FIREARMS Q4 & Oct. 15-21, 22-28, Oct. 29-Nov. 4, 5-11

TURKEY Apr. 8-May 15

SMALL GAME

AREA NOTES

DIRECTIONS

COYOTE

No ATVs.

May 16-31.

WATERFOWL Saturdays Only during season.

From Adairsville, take Adairsville-Pleasant Valley Rd East out of town

crossing under I-75. Turn right on

East Pleasant Valley Rd. If going to

East side sign-in kiosk, continue 0.4

miles and kiosk will be on right. If go-

ing to west side sign-in, go 0.25 miles and turn right onto Pleasant Valley

Rd. Cross over I-75 and then go 0.25

State seasons. Archery only for deer.

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 Bozier Lane on the left.

Take Rozier Lane to end of road and

follow roads around old homesite

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miles and kiosk will be on left.

SCOTLAND ROAD VPA

199 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER & SMALL GAME

No furbearer hunting.

TURKEY

Apr. 8-May 15

DIRECTIONS

to property.

Aug. 15-Sept. 9, Feb. 1-28

#### SPARKS CUT OFF VPA

340 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER & SMALL GAME State seasons. Archery only for deer.

TURKEY

the road.

Apr. 8-May 15

From Adel Take Hwy. 76 west for 2.6 miles and turn right onto Sparks Cutoff Rd. Kiosk is 0.4 miles ahead

## TALLAPOOSA RIVER VPA

on right. WMA is on both sides of

3,053 acres • 706.295.6041

#### DEER & BEAR

Deer & bear harvested during quota hunts must be checked out at J. L. Lester WMA. ARCHERY » Nov. 28-Jan. 1

FIREARMS

» **Q60 ii (b)** Oct. 8-9, Nov. 26-27, Jan. 7-8

TURKEY Apr. 8-May 15

SMALL GAME

State season except during quota hunts.

WATERFOWL

State season except during quota hunts.

COYOTE May 16-31

#### AREA NOTES

No ATVs. Firearms restrictions apply to certain portions of VPA (see area map). Hunter sign-in available at J. L. Lester WMA.

## LEGEND

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

- Sign-in
- **(b)** Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 42)
- Youth Hunt (see pg. 20)
- Q Quota Hunt (see pg. 74)
- 🚯 Archery Only Area
- **\*ii** Specialty Hunt (see pg. 72)
- Hunt & Learn
- ¥ Quality Buck
- Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 73)
- Bird Dog Training
- Furbearer Dog Training
- Rabbit Dog Training
- O Archery Range
- Firearms Shooting Range

#### 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. 10-Oct. 6, Oct. 10-Nov. 24, Nov. 28-Jan. 5 FIRFARMS

» Q200 <sup>(1)</sup> Oct. 7-9, Nov. 25-27, Jan. 6-8

**Q10** Apr. 8-16, Apr. 22-30 May 1-15

#### 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

Left 210 Sept. 3, 10 Sept. 17, 24

#### 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 in located on Blueberry Lane.

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## ROAD MAINTENANCE: IMPROVING WMA ACCESS

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# **VPA REGULATIOI**

ng quota It at J. L. Way 1-15

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## FEDERAL AREA REGULATIONS

All deer hunts or seasons are eithersex unless otherwise noted in the area listing.

#### BANKS LAKE NWR

912.496.7836

ALLIGATOR Aug. 26-28

#### 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

All hunters 16 years of age or older must purchase a \$25 Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit at savannahcoastal. recaccess.com. Visit www.fws.gov/ refuge/blackbeard-island for seasons, dates and more information.

#### BOND SWAMP NWR ∔ Q

478.986.5441

#### DEER

ARCHERY » Sept. 10 - Nov. 6 FIREARMS » 👪 Q50 Nov. 12-13 » Q200 Nov. 18-19, Dec. 2-3

#### TURKEY

Bag Limit: 1 gobbler Q40 Apr. 8-9, 21-22

#### SMALL GAME

Bag Limit: 1 fox squirrel/day Squirrel: Aug. 15-Sept. 9 Squirrel/Rabbit/Quail: Dec. 4-Jan. 31

#### WATERFOWL

Legal hours end at noon. Q20 Dec. 10-11, 23-24, Jan. 6-7, 20-21

#### AREA NOTES

Refuge permits are required for all hunts. Quota deer and waterfowl application deadline is September 21, 2022. Quota turkey application deadline is February 15, 2023. 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. 10-Oct. 14, Jan. 2-8 PRIMITIVE
- » Buck Only: Oct. 15-21
- FIREARMS
- » Buck Only: Oct. 22-Jan. 1

#### DEER (WEST OF I-75) & BEAR ARCHERY

» Sept. 10-Oct. 14

- » Buck Only: Jan. 2-8
- PRIMITIVE
- » Oct. 15-21
- FIREARMS
- » Buck Only (except during county either-sex days): Oct. 22-Jan. 1

#### TURKEY

Bag Limit: 1 gobbler Apr. 8-May 15 SMALL GAME

#### State seasons. The use of centerfire

firearms at night is prohibited.

#### DOG TRAINING

Aug. 1-Sept. 8, Jan. 2-Mar. 19 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 **ii** O

912.882.4336 x258

#### DEER

ARCHERY » Q125 Oct. 4-6

- PRIMITIVE Q100 O Nov. 8-10, Dec. 6-8
- FIRĚARMS

#### » 👬 Q50 🕑 Dec. 19-20

- FERAL HOG
- » Q100 Firearms Hog Only: Jan. 3-5, 24-26

#### 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 starts at 9:00 am EST one day prior to hunt at Plum Orchard Camp and Brickhill Campground. Children must be 12-17 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. Visit www. nps.gov/cuis for detailed information. No May 16-31 coyote & hog season. Baiting prohibited. All stands must be removed after the hunt.

#### **EUFAULA NWR**

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334.687.4065

#### DEER ARCHERY

- » Sept. 10-Jan. 8, except Bradley Unit which opens Nov. 1
- FIREARMS » ∔ 🕑 Oct. 1, 15

#### AREA NOTES

Closed to alligator hunting. Apply Aug. 1-Sept. 15 for all quota hunts. User fees must be prepaid (\$20 per hunter). 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

#### 706.791.2397

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All hunters must set up an account and acquire a permits at https://ftgordon.isportsman.net. Hunting and fishing permits are offered to the general public through a lottery system on the Sportsman 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 ο

912.767.9040

Alligator: Aug. 19-Oct. 3 Alligator may only be hunted by in-dividuals selected through the Fort Stewart iSportsman lottery system. Additional permits and restrictions apply for Zone 8A, visit https://www. ftstewart.isportsman.net for details on the lottery application. Zone 8A alligator tags count towards the statewide bag limit of 1 alligator.

#### FERAL HOG

Feral hogs may be hunted year round. Legal shooting hours are 30 minutes prior to sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. Additional permits, mandatory check-in/checkout, and seasonal firearms restrictions apply. For more information visit https://www.ftstewart.isportsman.net.

#### AREA NOTES

All hunters must set up an account and acquire the appropriate installation specific permits at https://www. ftstewart.isportsman.net. Hunting permits are offered to the general public. All hunters, regardless of age, must possess a valid Hunter Education Certificate and Georgia Hunting License. Mandatory daily check-in/ check-out via iSportsman system is required. All hunting is subject to post regulations and weekly/daily hunt-ing access is not guaranteed. 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

All hunters 16 years of age or older must purchase a \$25 Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit at savannahcoastal.recaccess.com. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/harris-neck for seasons, dates and more information.

#### HARTWELL LAKE/ **RICHARD B. RUSSELL LAKE/** J. STROM THURMOND LAKE (CLARKS HILL) (USACE) 🕯 Q

Hunting opportunity may varv by area so please visit each sites webpage for more information:

Clarks Hill - https://www.sas.usace. army.mil/About/Divisions-and-Offices/Operations-Division/J-Strom-Thurmond-Dam-and-Lake/Natural-Resources/: Hartwell - https://www. sas.usace.army.mil/About/Divisionsand-Offices/Operations-Division/ Hartwell-Dam-and-Lake/Natural-Resources/; and Russell - https:// www.sas.usace.army.mil/About/ Divisions-and-Offices/Operations-Division/Richard-B-Russell-Damand-Lake/Natural-Resources/. Or, contact the Corps resource manager's office at the appropriate lake project for hunting areas: Hartwell 1-888-893-0678; J. Štrom Thurmond/Clarks Hill 1-800-533-3478; Richard B. Russell 1-800-944-7207.

#### 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. 15-17 (prehunt meeting Nov. 14) Islands Unit – Nov. 11-14, Nov. 25-28, Dec. 9-12

#### AREA NOTES

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 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

- » Either sex: Sept. 10-Jan. 1 PRIMITIVE
- » Either sex: Oct. 15-21
- FIREARMS
- » Buck Only: Oct. 22-Nov. 4, Nov. 7-25, Nov. 28-Dec. 4, Dec. 26-30, Jan. 2-8
- » Either sex: Nov. 5-6, 26-27, Dec. 31-Jan. 1

#### TURKEY

Bag Limit: 1 gobbler Apr. 8-May 15

SMALL GAME State seasons

#### 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. 10-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. 10-27, Oct. 2-5, 9-14 PRIMITIVE

» ❸ Sept. 28-Oct. 1 | ᢒ Oct. 6-8 FIREARMS » Buck Only: ᢒ Oct. 15-16, 22-25

» **O**Nov. 3-5 | **O**Nov. 23-27

#### TURKEY Apr. 8-May 15

#### SMALL GAME

Squirrel Only: Aug. 15-Nov. 11 Quail/Rabbit/Squirrel Only: Nov. 12-Nov. 18, Nov. 20-Dec. 2, Dec. 4-Feb. 28

#### AREA NOTES

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. Visit



www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee for more information. Feral hogs may be taken May 16-31, no dogs allowed. No covote hunting.

OKEFENOKEE - POCKET UNIT

#### 912.496.7836

#### DEER

ARCHERY » Sept. 10-Nov. 6

#### AREA NOTES

Sign-in/sign-out required. Bears and alligators may not be taken. Foot travel only off paved road. No dogs allowed. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/ okefenokee for more information. No May 16-31 coyote season, no coyote hunting.

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912.496.7836

DEER

FIREARMS » Q30 & 🔄 👪 Q10 🔞 Oct. 21-22

#### AREA NOTES

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 - special NWR tags provided out for two harvested deer; hunt area zoned; Chesser Island zone is for wheelchair or youth hunters only. No dogs allowed. Feral hogs may be taken: no limit. Visit www.fws.gov/ refuge/okefenokee for more information. No May 16-31 coyote season, no coyote hunting.

#### PIEDMONT NWR

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478.986.5441

#### NOTE: Includes Hitchiti Experimental Forest

DEER ARCHERY » Sept. 10-Oct. 2 PRIMITIVE » O1250 <sup>(1)</sup> Oct. 27-29 FIREARMS » 🔄 Q25 & 👪 Q50 🚱 Oct. 14-15 » Q1250 <sup>(1)</sup> Nov. 3-5, 10-12 TURKEY Bag Limit: 1 gobbler

Q300 Apr. 11-15, 25-29, May 9-13 SMALL GAME

Squirrel: Limit 1 fox squirrel/day Aug. 15-Sept. 9, Oct. 3-13, 16-26, Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 6-9, Nov. 13-Jan. 31

• Rabbit: Nov. 15-Jan. 31 • Quail: Nov. 25-26, Dec. 9-10, 23-24, Jan. 6-7, 20-21

• Raccoon & Opossum: Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, Dec. 30-31, Jan. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28

#### AREA NOTES

Refuge permits are required for all hunts. Applications for quota deer hunts must be received by August 31. Quota turkey hunts applications must be received by February 22. Permit fee required for all quota hunts. 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. 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

All hunters 16 years of age or older must purchase a \$25 Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit at savannahcoastal. recaccess.com. Visit www.fws.gov/ refuge/savannah for seasons, dates and more information.

#### WASSAW NWR

#### 843.784.2468

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## PUBLIC HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES DOG TRAINING

#### 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. 15-May 31, 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. 8 and Jan. 2 - Mar. 19 during legal daylight hours.

#### **Requirements for all participants:**

- Possess a valid Hunting license and Big Game license, and
- Sign-in once per season at: Rich Mountain WMA, Swallow Creek WMA, or Warwoman WMA check station, and
- Possess a copy of check-in permit at all times when participating.

#### **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:

- A Bird dog training allowed
- Furbearer dog training allowed
- Rabbit dog training allowed



## **DOG TRAINING AREAS**

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Sapelo Island WMA
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Dogs are not allowed for pursuing, catching or killing bears or hogs on WMAs, unless specified otherwise.

## **PUBLIC HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES DOVE & SPECIALTY 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.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LANDOWNERS

The department would like to acknowledge the following private landowners, companies, and governmental agencies owning properties provided as Wildlife Management Areas:

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- **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	ТҮРЕ	DATES
Allatoona WMA	Deer/Bear	Oct. 22-23
Beaverdam WMA	Deer	Sept. 17-23
Berry College WMA	Deer/Bear	🕒 Jan. 7-8
Big Lazer Creek WMA	Deer	¥ Nov. 18-20
Blanton Creek WMA	Deer	¥ Oct. 8-9
Bullard Creek WMA	Deer	Oct. 28-30
Cedar Creek WMA	Deer	Nov. 22-27
Clarks Hill WMA	Deer	Oct. 28-30
Clybel WMA	Deer	Nov. 22-27
Coosawattee WMA	Deer/Bear	Oct. 21-23
Crockford-Pigeon Mtn WMA	Deer/Bear	<b>()</b> Oct. 22-23
Dawson Forest WMA	Deer/Bear	<b>B</b> Oct. 14-16
Dukes Creek - SWSP	Deer/Bear	Oct. 14-16
Flint River WMA	Deer	Oct. 8-16
Horse Creek WMA	Deer	Oct. 1-2
John's Mountain WMA	Deer/Bear	Oct. 29-30
Lake Russell WMA	Deer/Bear	<b>B</b> Oct. 7-9
Lanahassee WMA	Deer	Dec. 25-31
Paulding Forest WMA	Deer/Bear	<b>B</b> Oct. 15-16
River Bend WMA	Deer	Oct. 28-30
Rum Creek WMA	Deer	Oct. 3-9
West Point WMA	Deer	¥ Oct. 14-16

#### **DOVE HUNTS**

For dove hunts designated as quota, hunters must apply and be selected to participate. See page 74 for quota hunt information. See page 20 for Youth dove hunts. See area listing at the referenced page(s).

AREA	DATES
Alapaha WMA	<b>Q50</b> Sept. 3 & Page 46
Albany Nursery WMA	Q35 Sept. 3 & Page 46
Alexander WMA	Q50 Sept. 3, Sept. 10 & Page 46
Altamaha WMA—Waterfowl Management Area	Page 46-47
Appling County Dove Field VPA	Sept. 10, 17 & Page 65
B. F. Grant WMA	Page 47
Berry College WMA	Page 47
Big Lazer Creek WMA	Page 47-48
Blanton Creek WMA	Q75 Sept. 3, 10 & Page 48
Canoochee Sandhills WMA	Page 48
Cedar Creek WMA	Page 48-49
Chattahoochee Fall Line - Ft. Perry Tract	Page 49
Chattahoochee Fall Line – Hilliard	Page 49
Chickasawhatchee WMA	Q40 Sept. 3 & Page 50
Clarks Hill WMA	Q60 Sept. 3 & Page 50
Clybel WMA	Q200 Sept. 3 & Page 50
Coosawattee WMA	Page 51
Crockford-Pigeon Mountain WMA	Page 51
Dawson Forest WMA	Q40 Sept. 3 &Page 51
Di-Lane Plantation WMA	Q100 Sept. 3 Field 1 & Page 51
Dixon Memorial WMA	Page 51
Elmodel WMA	Page 52
Fishing Creek WMA	Page 52
Flat Creek PFA	Page 52
Flint River WMA	Page 52
Hannahatchee WMA	Page 53
Hart County WMA	Page 53
Hiltonia WMA	Page 53
J. L. Lester WMA	Sept. 17, 24 & Page 54
Joe Kurz WMA	Page 54
London Farms VPA	Q30 Sept. 3, 10 & Page 65
Lower Broad River WMA	Q30 Sept. 3 & Page 55
McDuffie PFA	Q25 Sept. 3 & Page 55
McEntire Rd. VPA	Page 65
McGraw Ford WMA	Page 55-56
Ocmulgee – Gum Swamp Creek	Page 56
Oconee WMA	Q60 Sept. 3 & Page 56
Paradise PFA	Page 57
Perry Dove Field	Page 58
Pine Log WMA	Q100 Sept. 3 & Page 58
Redlands WMA	Page 58
River Bend WMA	Q30 Sept. 3 & Page 58
Rogers State Prison Farm Dove Fields	Sept. 3, 10, 17 & Page 59
Rum Creek WMA	Q75 Sept. 3, 10 & Page 59
Walton WMA	Page 61
West Point WMA	Page 61
Wilson Shoals WMA	Page 62
Yuchi WMA	Page 62



## PUBLIC HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES -MOBILITY-IMPAIRED HUNTS

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AREA	TYPE	DATES
Albany Nursery WMA	Deer	Oct. 27-30, Nov. 24-27
Albany Nursery WMA	Turkey	QI Apr. 15-19 QI Apr. 29-May 3
Arrowhead WMA	Deer/Bear	Nov. 28-Dec. 4
Arrowhead WMA	Turkey	Apr. 8-14
Carters Lake WMA	Deer/Bear	O Nov. 4-6
Okefenokee NWR-Suwanee Canal Unit	Deer	Q10 <sup>(1)</sup> Oct. 21-22
Piedmont NWR	Deer	<b>Q25</b> Oct. 14-15
Richard B. Russell State Park	Deer	Q20 3 Dec. 6-7
River Bend WMA	Deer	Oct. 1-2

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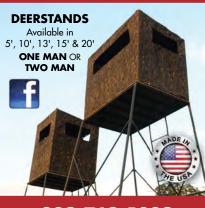
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Georgia, along with 48 other states, is a member of the Wildlife Violator Compact (WVC). This allows Wildlife Officers to treat non-residents hunting in WVC member states as if they were a resident of that state in regards to wildlife violations. All wildlife law violators will be held more responsible due to the fact that their illegal activities in one state can affect their hunting privileges in all WVC member states. For more information visit **gadnrle.org**.

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**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 73. A list of General Quota Hunts is on pages 75-76.

## **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.

## **APPLICATION DEADLINES**

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.

## SUBMIT QUOTA HUNT APPLICATIONS

#### GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com

Questions about quota hunt applications: 1-800-366-2661

## **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 co- administrator. Selected hunters may not exceed their personal bag limit or a total of 5 bears per hunting party during the hunt.				
Sept. 1	Deer	Application with up to five hunters allowed.				
0001.1	State Park Deer					
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.				
	Waterfowl	No group applications. Selected hunters may bring up to two				
Oct. 15	Quail	hunters.				
	Rabbit	nunters.				
	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).
	Youth Hunt Waterfowl	Selected child may bring one other child and MUST bring only one supervising adult.
Oct. 15	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.

#### **2023 TURKEY QUOTA HUNTS**

APPLICATION PERIOD: JUNE 1 - FEB. 15

WMA/VPA/STATE PARK		DATES
Alapaha River	Q15	Apr. 8-14   Apr. 15-21
B. F. Grant	Q80	Apr. 15-21
Big Lazer Creek	Q50	Apr. 8-16   Apr. 22-30
Blanton Creek	Q35	Apr. 8-14   Apr. 15-21
Bullard Creek	Q80	Apr. 8-14
Ceylon	Q40	Apr. 8-14   Apr. 22-28   May 6-12
Charles B. Hensen VPA	Q10	Apr. 8-16   Apr. 29-May 7
Chattahoochee Fall Line - Almo Area	Q50	Apr. 8-16   Apr. 29-May 7
Chattahoochee Fall Line - Fort Perry Area	Q15	Apr. 8-10   Apr. 22-24
Chattahooche Fall Line - Hilliard Tract	Q40	Apr. 8-16   Apr. 29-May 7
Chickasawhatchee	Q40	Apr. 8-14   Apr. 15-21   Apr. 22-28
Clybel	Q25	Apr. 15-21   May 8-14
Crockford-Pigeon Mtn.	Q40	Apr. 8-14
Di-Lane Plantation	Q30	Apr. 15-21   Apr. 22-28
Dukes Creek—Smithgall Woods State Park	Q20	Apr. 14-16   Apr. 28-30   May 12-14
Gaither	Q10	Apr. 8-14   Apr. 15-21   Apr. 22-28
Griffin Ridge	Q25	Apr. 15-21   Apr. 29-May 5   May 6-12
Joe Kurz	Q25	Apr. 8-16   Apr. 29-May 7
McGraw Ford	Q10	Apr. 8-14
Oaky Woods	Q80	Apr. 8-14
Ocmulgee	Q100	Apr. 8-14   Apr. 15-21
Oconee	Q30	Apr. 8-14   Apr. 15-21
Ohoopee Dunes - North	Q20	Apr. 8-14   Apr. 15-21
Paulding Forest	Q40	Apr. 8-16   Apr. 22-30
River Bend	Q15	Apr. 8-14   Apr. 15-21
River Creek	Q5	Apr. 22-24
Rum Creek	Q25	Apr. 15-21   Apr. 29-May 5
Sheffield	Q10	Apr. 8-16   Apr. 22-30
Silver Lake	Q35	Apr. 8-12   Apr. 27-May 1
Standing Boy Creek	Q10	Apr. 22-28
Treat Mountain	Q10	Apr. 8-16   Apr. 22-30
West Point	Q80	Apr. 8-14
Wilson Shoals	Q15	Apr. 8-14

## 2022 DOG-BEAR QUOTA HUNTS

#### APPLICATION PERIOD: AUG. 1 - AUG. 15

AREA	TYPE	QUOTA	DATES
Chattahoochee / Chestatee WMAs	Dog Hunting	Q15	Oct. 1-9

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#### 2022-2023 WATERFOWL QUOTA HUNTS

## APPLICATION PERIOD: JUNE 1 - OCT. 15

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AREA	QUOTA	DATES			
Atlamaha WMA— Waterfowl Management Area, Butler	Q25	Nov. 19   Nov. 26   Dec. 10   Dec. 17   Dec. 24   Dec. 31   Jan. 7   Jan. 14   Jan. 21   Jan. 28			
Atlamaha WMA— Waterfowl Management Area, Champney	Q25	Nov. 19-20*   Nov. 26-27   Dec. 10-11   Dec. 17-18   Dec. 24-25   Dec. 31-Jan. 1   Jan. 7-8   Jan. 14-15   Jan. 21-22   Jan. 28-29			
B. F. Grant WMA	Q3	Dec. 10   Jan. 21			
Conasauga River WMA	Q3	Dec. 10   Dec. 17   Dec. 24			
Cordele Fish Hatchery	Q3	Dec. 17   Dec. 31			
Flat Creek PFA	Q3	Nov. 19   Nov. 26			
Oconee WMA— Dan Denton Waterfowl Area	Q3 Pond 1 Q2 Pond 3	Dec. 10   Dec. 17   Dec. 24   Dec. 31   Jan. 7   Jan. 14   Jan. 21   Jan. 28			
West Point WMA— Glovers Creek Area	Q7	Nov. 19   Nov. 26   Dec. 10   Dec. 17   Dec. 24   Dec. 31			

\* Hunt open only to youth and veteran applicants

#### 2022-2023 QUAIL & RABBIT QUOTA HUNTS

#### APPLICATION PERIOD: SEPT. 1 - OCT. 15

WMA	TYPE	QUOTA	DATES
Albany Nursery	Quail	QI	Jan. 14
Chickasawhatchee	Quail	Q4	Nov. 12   Dec. 3   Dec. 31   Jan. 14   Jan. 21   Jan. 28
Di-Lane Plantation	Quail	Q8	Dec. 3   Dec. 7   Dec. 10   Dec. 14   Dec. 17   Dec. 21   Dec. 28   Dec. 31   Feb. 8
J. L. Lester	Quail	Q5	Dec. 31   Feb. 26
J. L. Lester	Rabbit	Q5	Jan. 1   Feb. 25
Joe Kurz	Quail	Q3	Dec. 10   Jan. 15   Feb. 4
River Creek	Quail	Q3	Nov. 12   Nov. 19   Nov. 26   Dec. 17   Dec. 31
Silver Lake	Quail	Q3	Nov. 5   Dec. 3   Dec. 10   Jan. 14   Jan. 21   Jan. 28

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## 2022-2023 DEER QUOTA HUNTS

APPLICATION PERIOD: JUNE 1 - SEPT. 1

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WMA/VPA	WEAPON	ТҮРЕ	QUOTA	DATE		
Altama Plantation	Firearms	Either Sex	Q50	Nov. 10-12, Dec. 1-3		
B. F. Grant	Firearms	Quality Buck/ Antlerless	Q300	❶ Nov. 3-5, Nov. 17-19		
Berry College	Firearms	Either Sex Last Day/Either Sex	Q1000	<b>()</b> Nov. 2-5, Nov. 30-Dec. 3		
Blanton Creek	Firearms	Quality Buck/ Anterless	Q200	<b>(</b> ) Oct. 20-22, Nov. 17-19		
Ceylon	Firearms	Quality Buck/ Antlerless	Q100	Oct. 20-22, Nov. 10-12, Dec. 1-3		
Chattahoochee Fall Line - Almo Area	Firearms	Quality Buck/ Antlerless	Q150	<b>(</b> ) Oct. 20-22, Nov. 10-12		
Chattahoochee Fall Line - Fort Perry Area	Firearms	Quality Buck/ Antlerless	Q35	<b>(</b> ) Oct. 27-29, Nov. 10-12		
Chattahoochee Fall Line - Hilliard Tract	Firearms	Quality Buck/ Antlerless	Q50	<b>(</b> ) Oct. 27-29, Nov. 17-19		
Chickasawhatchee	Firearms	Either Sex	Q350	3 Nov. 3-5   9 Dec. 8-10		
Clybel	Firearms	Either Sex	Q200	<b>B</b> Nov. 3-5, Nov. 17-19		
Coosawattee	Firearms	Either Sex	Q35	<b>()</b> Nov. 10-12		
Di-Lane Plantation	Firearms	Quality Buck/ Antlerless	Q400	<b>(</b> ) Oct. 13-15, Oct. 27-29		
Flint River	Firearms	Quality Buck/ Antlerless	Q25	<b>9</b> Nov. 3-5   <b>9</b> Nov. 17-19		
Gaither	Firearms	Either Sex	Q25	Nov. 4-6, Jan. 6-8		
Joe Kurz	Firearms	Quality Buck/ Antlerless Last Day	Q100	<b>O</b> Oct. 20-22, Nov. 3-5		
Lanahasee	Firearms	Quality Buck/ Antlerless	Q50	<b>(</b> ) Nov. 17-19, Dec. 1-3		
Ossabaw	Archery	Either Sex	Q100	<b>③</b> Oct. 6-8		
Ossabaw	Primitive	Either Sex	Q100	<b>③</b> Oct. 20-22		
Ossabaw	Firearms	Either Sex	Q100	O Nov. 3-5, Dec. 8-10		
River Creek	Firearms	Quality Buck/ Antlerless	Q35	<b>9</b> Nov. 2-5   <b>9</b> Dec. 1-3		
Rum Creek	Firearms	Either Sex/ Either Sex Last Day	Q200	<b>(</b> ) Oct. 27-29 <b>(</b> ) Nov. 10-12		
Sapelo	Primitive	Either Sex	Q125	<b>B</b> Oct. 20-22		
Sapelo	Firearms	Either Sex	Q125	<b>B</b> Nov. 3-5, Nov. 17-19		
Silver Lake	Firearms	Either Sex	Q160	<b>3</b> Dec. 15-17		
Treat Mountain	Firearms	Either Sex	Q200	<b>B</b> Oct. 7-9, Nov. 25-27, Jan. 6-8		

## 2022 STATE PARK DEER QUOTA HUNTS

APPLICATION PERIOD: JUNE 1 - SEPT. 1

STATE PARK	WEAPON	ТҮРЕ	QUOTA	DATE
Chattahoochee Bend	Firearms	Either Sex	Q100	<b>B</b> Nov. 29-30
F. D. Roosevelt	Firearms	Either Sex	Q100	<b>G</b> Jan. 3-4
Fort Yargo	Firearms	Either Sex	Q85	O Nov. 29-30
Hard Labor Creek	Firearms	Either Sex	Q250	O Nov. 2-3
Mistletoe	Firearms	Either Sex	Q75	<b>()</b> Nov. 15-16
Panola Mountain	Firearms	Either Sex	Q54	O Nov. 8-9
Red Top Mountain	Firearms	Either Sex	Q50	<b>(</b> ) Nov. 15-16
Richard B. Russell	Firearms	Either Sex	Q60	<b>B</b> Dec. 6-7
Tugaloo	Archery	Either Sex	Q36	O Nov. 29-30

## **2022 DOG-DEER QUOTA HUNTS**

APPLICATION PERIOD: SEPT. 1 - 30

LOCATIONS	WEAPON	ТҮРЕ	QUOTA	DATE
Dixon Memorial WMA	Shotguns (Buckshot Only)	Dog Hunting/ Either Sex	Q3	<b>9</b> Nov. 19, Dec. 3
Paulks Pasture WMA	Shotguns (Buckshot Only)	Dog Hunting/ Either Sex	Q3	O Nov. 25-26, Dec. 2-3, Dec. 16-17
Sansavilla WMA	Shotguns (Buckshot Only)	Dog Hunting/ Either Sex	QI	<b>9</b> Dec. 26-27
Townsend WMA	Shotguns (Buckshot Only)	Dog Hunting/ Either Sex	Q3	O Nov. 30-Dec. 1, Dec. 14-15, Dec. 28-29

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