MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W11 3449

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in Utica, Mississippi on April 11, 2006, under authority of Section 25-43-3.103, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent and thirty days thereafter did adopt the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2006-07 hunting year. This was done under authority of Sections 49-1-29, 49-5-13 and 49-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W10 3449 is hereby amended, and the following 2006-07 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2006-2007 Regulations for
John W. Starr Memorial Forest Wildlife Management Area

Oktibbeha and Winston Counties

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMIT, DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, DEER WEIGHT LIMIT, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Sep. 30	Nov. 17	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth	Nov. 11	Nov. 17	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Nov. 18	Dec. 1	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2	Dec. 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16	Jan. 1	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Archery	Jan. 2	Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 8	Mar. 14	
TURKEY	Mar. 15	May 1	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Oct. 7	Oct. 13	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 14	Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 1	Sep. 30	Friday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28	
RABBIT	Oct. 14	Feb. 28	

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR JOHN W. STARR FOREST WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
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WMA USER PERMIT: All persons using this wildlife management area, except those exempt from purchasing an annual hunting or fishing license, must carry on their person an annual statewide Wildlife Management Area User Permit. This permit is required in addition to the MSU College of Forest Resources hunting permit, the daily visitor use permit, and any required license.

HUNTING PERMITS: All hunters must obtain a hunting permit from the College of Forest Resources, Forest Operations Office, 935 Blackjack Road, Starkville, MS, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. The fee for this permit shall be $15.00. Permits may be purchased by mail by writing to Starr Forest Permits, Box 9680, MSU, MS 39762. For information call (662) 325-2191. Deer tags will be provided for persons wishing to hunt deer on the area.

CLOSED AREA: Areas with boundaries marked with red paint around Dorman Lake, School Forest hunter check station, campground on St. Mark Road, and ranger residence are designated as NO SHOOTING/NO HUNTING AREAS and will be strictly enforced.

BAG LIMIT: Same as statewide bag limits EXCEPT:
Deer - two legal bucks and two antlerless deer per license year.

PERMIT STATIONS: All visitors must obtain a DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card from a self-service permit station. Parts A and B of this permit must be legibly filled out before using the WMA. Part A of the permit must be deposited in the return box at a permit station before using the WMA. Part B must be displayed on the dash of the vehicle so that the name, address, and date are visible from outside the vehicle. Permits are invalid if not properly dated or if date has been changed. Before leaving the WMA, visitors must complete the reverse side of Part B of the permit and deposit it in the return box at a permit station. It is the responsibility of the Area Manager and other Agency personnel to have permit cards completed.

DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA Headquarters located on Dorman Lake Road before leaving the Area. If WMA personnel are not available to check the deer, the hunter is responsible for collecting and legibly recording ALL biological data. Instructions and equipment will be provided.

LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with four or more antler points AND an inside spread of 12 inches or more. For hunters less than 16 years of age, one of the three buck bag limit may be any antlered buck.

DEER WEIGHT LIMIT: All antlerless deer must weigh a minimum of 65 pounds live weight to be legal for harvest. The average live weight of an adult doe on this WMA is 105 pounds. Any harvested antlerless deer less than 65 pounds live weight is an illegal deer.

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

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. Legal weapons for small game hunting (excluding waterfowl) during daylight hours are shotguns using #2 shot or smaller and rifles or handguns no larger than .22 rimfire magnum. When hunting with a handgun, no other gun may be in possession. Only archery equipment and shotguns with #2 shot or smaller may be used for turkey hunting.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs are allowed for the retrieval of harvested deer only. No loaded weapon may be in possession when retrieving harvested game.

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

CAMPING: Campers must obtain a permit from MSU Forest Operations (662-325-4720), Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Camping is allowed in designated campsites only.

FISHING: Fishing on Dorman Lake allowed by special permit only. Permits may be obtained by contacting Dr. Donald Jackson, MSU Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Mississippi State University. Phone (662) 325-7493.

BEARS: Black bears may occur on this WMA. They are federally protected as a threatened subspecies. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit.

This adopted public notice will become effective June 20, 2006. Witness my hand and seal this the 18th day of May 2006.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
William C. Deviney, Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director

I certify this to be a
true and correct copy.

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Executive Director

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Notary