MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W12 3469(I)

TO: The Honorable Eric Clark
Secretary of State
Post Office Box 136
Jackson, MS 39205
AND
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in New Albany, Mississippi on April 12, 2007, under authority of Section 25-43-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2007-08 hunting year. This was done under authority of Sections 49-5-13 and 49-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W11 3469 is hereby amended, and the following 2007-08 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2007-2008 Regulations for
Twin Oaks Wildlife Management Area

Sharkey County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, SPECIAL BUCK TAGS, DEER WEIGHT LIMIT, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery - Permit Only	Oct. 1	Nov. 9	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Nov. 10	Nov. 11	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon - Permit Only	Nov. 12	Dec. 14	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Special Primitive Weapon Permit Only	Dec. 16 Dec. 26	Dec. 20 Dec. 30	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Archery	Dec. 31	Jan. 31	Legal bucks only.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 8	Mar. 14	
TURKEY - PERMIT ONLY	Mar. 15	May 1	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Oct. 6	Oct. 6	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 13 Dec. 1	Nov. 3 Dec. 15	Saturdays only. Saturdays only.
	Nov. 15 Nov. 21 Dec. 21 Dec. 31	Nov. 17 Nov. 24 Dec. 25 Feb. 28	Daily. Daily. Daily. Daily.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 5	Nov. 9	Friday nights only.
	Nov. 20	Nov. 23	Daily.
	Nov. 30	Dec. 14	Friday nights only.
	Dec. 20	Dec. 24	Daily.
	Dec. 31	Feb. 28	Daily.
TRAPPING	Jan. 1	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
RABBIT	Oct. 13	Nov. 3	Saturdays only.
	Dec. 1	Dec. 15	Saturdays only.
	Nov. 15	Nov. 17	Daily.
	Nov. 21	Nov. 24	Daily.
	Dec. 21	Dec. 25	Daily.
	Dec. 31	Feb. 28	Daily.
QUAIL	Nov. 24	Dec. 22	Saturdays only.
	Dec. 31	Mar. 1	Daily.
DOVE	See Federal Regulations.		See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
WOODCOCK	See Federal Regulations.		Woodcock hunting is allowed on any small game hunting day during legal woodcock season.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR TWIN OAKS 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 daily visitor use permit and any required license.

BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits, EXCEPT during permit hunts on deer when the limit is one legal buck per hunt.

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. All deer hunters must check in and out at the permit station located at the WMA headquarters. 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 before leaving the WMA. 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.

DEER HUNTING PERMITS: Deer hunting, except for the youth gun hunt and the Jan. archery hunt, is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com, or to receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped, letter size envelope to Twin Oaks WMA Deer Hunts, 506 Hwy 43 South, Canton, MS 39046. Only one application per hunter will

be accepted. Completed applications must be received by Aug. 1, 2007 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail. Hunters who harvest a legal antlerless deer during their permitted hunt will be eligible for a drawing for the two Special Primitive Weapon hunts. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail.

LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 15 inches OR one main beam length of at least 18 inches. For hunters less than 16 years of age, one of the three buck bag limit may be any antlered buck.

SPECIAL BUCK TAGS: For research purposes, a limited number of special buck tags, which allow the harvest of bucks with at least one unforked antler, will be issued to hunters. A drawing will be conducted using the names of hunters selected for the permit only deer hunts. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail.

DEER WEIGHT LIMIT: All antlerless deer must weigh a minimum of 85 pounds live weight to be legal for harvest. The average live weight of an adult doe on this WMA is 125 pounds. Any harvested antlerless deer less than 85 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. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours from Feb. 1 - Feb. 28 only.

TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS: Turkey hunting from Mar. 15 - May 1 is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com, or to receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped, letter size envelope to Twin Oaks WMA Turkey Hunt, 506 Hwy 43 South, Canton, MS 39046. Completed applications must be received by Feb. 15, 2008 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting during the youth deer hunt. Other deer seasons are restricted to archery and primitive weapons. Legal weapons for small game hunting (excluding waterfowl) during daylight hours are shotguns using #2 shot or smaller, rifles or handguns no larger than .22 rimfire magnum, muzzleloading rifles of.40 caliber or smaller, and archery equipment using arrows with points other than broadheads. 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.

WATERFOWL: Prior to Dec. 30, waterfowl hunting will be allowed on Saturdays during the legal waterfowl season, except that the season will be closed on Dec. 29. After Dec. 30, waterfowl hunting is allowed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, during the legal waterfowl season. Shooting hours end at 12:00 noon. No person shall leave the main gravel road prior to 5:00 am.

DOVE: Dove hunting is allowed daily during legal dove season prior to Oct. 1. Dove hunting is allowed on any small game hunting day during the legal dove season after Oct. 1.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs is allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. No loaded weapon may be in possession when retrieving harvested game.

HORSES: Horseback riding is prohibited during WMA deer and turkey seasons. At all other times, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles and designated ATV trails. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed on entire area during nighttime hunting hours.

CAMPING: Camping is allowed in designated areas only (see map). In addition to the regular daily visitor use permit, campers must fill out the front side of another daily visitor use permit from a self-service permit station and display it so the name and address are visible from the outside of the camping unit. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

SCOUTING: Scouting is allowed daily prior to Oct. 1, and on Saturdays only during permitted deer hunts, EXCEPT on Nov. 10 and Dec. 29. Scouting will also be allowed on any small game hunting day. Only those persons drawn to hunt will be allowed on the area during permitted hunts.

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.

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 36, will be enforced. For additional information, contact the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at (662) 327-2142.

Anyone wishing to comment on the above proposed action may do so in writing to the Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, P. O. Box 451, Jackson, MS 39205, no later than May 14, 2007.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

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William C. Deviney, Chairman

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