MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W12 3452(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 3452 is hereby amended, and the following 2007-08 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2007-2008 Regulations for
Leroy Percy Wildlife Management Area

Washington County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, SPECIAL BUCK TAGS, DEER WEIGHT LIMIT, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1	Nov. 16	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Nov. 10	Nov. 16	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Nov. 17	Jan. 1	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Archery	Jan. 2	Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 8	Mar. 14	
TURKEY - PERMIT ONLY	Mar. 15	Mar. 23	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TURKEY	Mar. 24	May 1	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sep. 22	Sep. 28	
SQUIRREL	Sep. 29	Feb. 28	
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	

TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.		
RABBIT	Oct. 13	Feb. 28	
YOUTH DOVE	Sep. 1	Sep. 1	See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
DOVE	See Federal Regulations.		See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR LEROY PERCY 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.

CLOSED AREA: Primitive weapon deer hunting limited to south of Highway 12 and north of Highway 12 east of Black Bayou. Archery hunting allowed in any open hunting zone during deer seasons. No hunting allowed north of Hwy. 12, west of Black Bayou and east of the no hunting boundary signs that are west of the park lodge.

BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits.

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 Leroy Percy State Park lodge before leaving the WMA.

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. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com, or send an 8 ½" X 11" piece of paper with your name, address, social security number, and Leroy Percy WMA to Leroy Percy WMA Special Buck Tags, 506 Hwy 43 South, Canton, MS 39046. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Applications must be received by Sep. 15, 2007 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail. Tags must be attached to deer immediately after harvest.

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.

TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS: Turkey hunting from Mar. 15 - Mar. 23 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 Leroy Percy WMA Turkey Hunt, 506 Hwy 43 South, Canton, MS 39046. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. 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 Gun 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. Rifles or handguns may not be used in the small game and archery area west of the park lodge. 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.

DOVE: During the first season, hunting is allowed after the youth hunt (Sep. 1)on Wednesdays and Saturdays only. Hunting hours are from 2:00 pm until sunset only. Number of hunters on the dove field is limited to 25.

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

HORSES: No horses allowed.

CAMPING: Camping is allowed under State Park regulations.

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.

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

BY: _____
William C. Deviney, Chairman

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