

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
 DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W13 3466(I)

TO: The Honorable Delbert Hosemann
 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 2, 2008, under authority of Section 25-43-3.103, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2008-09 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 W12 3466 is hereby amended, and the following 2008-09 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

**2008-2009 Regulations for
 Stoneville Wildlife Management Area**

Washington County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see LEGAL BUCKS, SPECIAL BUCK TAGS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1	Nov. 21	Does and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Nov. 15	Nov. 21	Does and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Nov. 22	Jan. 1	Does and legal bucks.
Archery	Jan. 2	Jan. 31	Does and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 7	Mar. 13	
TURKEY - PERMIT ONLY	Mar. 14	Mar. 22	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMIT in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TURKEY	Mar. 23	May 1	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sep. 27	oct. 3	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 4	Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 4	Sep. 26	Friday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	

TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.	
RABBIT	Oct. 18	Feb. 28

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR STONEVILLE 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 Delta Branch Experiment Station hunting permit, the daily visitor use permit, and any required license.

HUNTING PERMITS: All hunters over 15 years of age must have a Delta Branch Experiment Station hunting permit in their possession while hunting on the area. All hunters 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult with a permit in their possession. Permits are available from the Delta Branch Experiment Station in Stoneville (686-9311).

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 self-service deer check station located near the west entrance of the WMA **by the hunter who harvested them** before leaving the WMA. 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 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 1/2" X 11" piece of paper with your name, address, social security number, and Stoneville WMA to Stoneville 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. 1, 2008 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail. Tags must be attached to deer immediately after harvest.

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 only from Oct. 13 - Nov. 16 and Feb. 1 - Feb. 28.

Turkey Hunting Permits: Turkey hunting from Mar. 14 - Mar. 22, 2009 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 Stoneville WMA Turkey Hunting Permits, 506 Hwy 43 South, Canton, MS 39046. **Hunters may apply for permitted turkey hunts on no more than 3 WMAs statewide during the Spring 2009 season.** Also, each hunter can apply for permitted turkey hunts on no more than 3 Wildlife Management Areas statewide during the Spring 2009 season. Completed applications must be received by Feb. 15, 2009 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who provide an e-mail address will be notified by e-mail if drawn. Hunters who are selected and do not provide an e-mail address 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 primitive weapons. Legal weapons for small game hunting (excluding waterfowl) during daylight hours are shotguns using #2 shot or smaller, muzzleloading rifles .40 caliber or smaller, and archery equipment using arrows with points other than broadheads. Only archery equipment and shotguns with #2 shot or smaller may be used for turkey hunting. **Only rimfire rifles .22 caliber or smaller or any caliber handgun with a six inch barrel or less may be used when hunting hogs with dogs.**

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: 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. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed on entire area during nighttime hunting hours.

CAMPING: No camping allowed.

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 2, 2008.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
John C Stanley IV, Chairman

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Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director